

**RAC Cabrillo Format** (Version 3.2 November 2020)  
 (Updated to conform for V3.0 as of June 2020) - See notes below.

START-OF-LOG:  
 CREATED-BY:  
 CALLSIGN:  
 LOCATION:  
 CONTEST:  
 CATEGORY-OPERATOR:  
 CATEGORY-BAND:  
 CATEGORY-MODE:  
 CATEGORY-POWER:  
 CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER:  
**CATEGORY-OVERLAY:**  
 CLAIMED-SCORE:  
 CLUB:  
 NAME:  
 ADDRESS:  
 ADDRESS-CITY:  
 ADDRESS-STATE-PROVINCE:  
 ADDRESS-POSTALCODE:  
 ADDRESS-COUNTRY:  
 EMAIL:  
 OPERATORS:  
 SOAPBOX:

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-----info sent----- -----info rcvd-----
      freq mo   date      time call      rst exch  call      rst exch
0000000000111111111122222222223333333333344444444445555555555666666666677777777778
12345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890
QSO:  1825 CW 2003-07-01 1044 VE3KZ      599 ON      VE4EAR      599 MB
QSO:  3510 CW 2003-07-01 1044 VE3KZ      599 ON      K4BAI       599 103
QSO:  7155 PH 2003-07-01 1044 VE3KZ      599 ON      K5MM       599 005
QSO: 14205 PH 2003-07-01 1044 VE3KZ      599 ON      K4LTA      599 10
QSO: 21350 CW 2003-07-01 1044 VE3KZ      599 ON      K1EA       599 55
QSO: 28375 PH 2003-07-01 1050 VE3KZ       59 ON      VE5SF      59 SK
QSO: 50125 PH 2003-07-01 1055 VE3KZ       59 ON      VE3EJ      59 ON
QSO:146520 PH 2003-07-01 1055 VE3KZ       59 ON      VE3CZ      59 ON
  
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END-OF-LOG:

The RAC contest supports the use of 2 meters and 6 meters. In order to have the full 6 digits on 2 meters, you can use the normally reserved space between the : and start of frequency for the added character or drop the leftmost digit (1) from the frequency (e.g. instead of QSO:146520 write out QSO: 46520).

The log format above illustrates the layout of the RAC Cabrillo standard. There are several "tags" in the header plus QSO: tags in the main part of the log completed by an END-OF-LOG: tag. The four italic lines shown between SOAPBOX: and the first QSO: tag are there merely to indicate where the various columns of log data occur and what each column represents. **They do not appear in an actual Cabrillo log.**

**List of tags used in RAC Cabrillo.**

Please note, all tags should be in upper case characters.

START-OF-LOG: *version-number*  
 Must be the first line of the log submission. This structure is based on Cabrillo 3.0 and the RAC Cabrillo *version-number* should be 3.0.

END-OF-LOG:  
 Must be the last line of the log submission

CALLSIGN: *callsign*  
 The call sign used during the contest.

CATEGORY-BAND:

ALL, 160M, 80M, 40M, 20M, 15M, 10M, 6M, 2M

Must be one of the categories listed above

CATEGORY-MODE:

SSB, CW, MIXED

Must be one of the modes listed above

CATEGORY-OPERATOR:

SINGLE-OP, MULTI-OP, CHECKLOG

Must be one of the options listed above

CATEGORY-POWER:

HIGH, LOW, QRP

Must be one of the power levels listed above

CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER:

ONE, TWO, UNLIMITED

Must be one of the selections above

**CATEGORY-OVERLAY: ROOKIE**

**Only to be selected/used for those licensed within the last 36 months of the date of the contest who elect to enter the rookie subcategory. Prior rookie winners may not enter this category in any future event after they have won an award for this subcategory.**

CLAIMED-SCORE: *n*

The claimed-score of the log submission, in integer form such as 12345.

CLUB: *text*

Name of the radio club with which the score should be aggregated (optional)

CONTEST: *contest-name*

The *contest-name* must be: RAC CANADA DAY or RAC CANADA WINTER

CREATED-BY: *text*

Name and version of the logging program used to create the Cabrillo file.

EMAIL: *text*

A place to put an email address, if desired

LOCATION: *text*

Canadian Province or Territory (RAC Section), US State or Territory, DXCC entity (Country) [for those outside CA or US] where the contest was operated from.

NAME: *text*

ADDRESS: *text*

ADDRESS-CITY: *text*

ADDRESS-STATE-PROVINCE: *text*

ADDRESS-POSTALCODE: *text*

ADDRESS-COUNTRY: *text*

Name and address of participant. A maximum of four ADDRESS: lines is permitted in addition to or instead of the extended ADDRESS elements (i.e. ADDRESS-CITY:)

OPERATORS: *callsign1 [callsign2 callsign3...]*

A space-delimited list of operator callsign(s). You may also list the callsign of the host station by placing an "@" character in front of the callsign within the operator list, such as

OPERATORS: @VE6RAC VE6JY VE6AO VE6DX

SOAPBOX: *text*

Soapbox comments, as many as needed .

QSO: *qso-data*

QSO data as specified by the RAC Cabrillo QSO data format.

### **List of tags NOT used in RAC Cabrillo format.**

Please note, all tags should be in upper case characters.

*These additional tags can be present and will be ignored by our log checking software.*

CATEGORY-ASSISTED: text

CATEGORY-STATION: text

CATEGORY-TIME: text

CATEGORY-TIME: text

CATEGORY-STATION: text

CERTIFICATE: text

GRID-LOCATOR: text grid square text

OFFTIME: text begin-time end-time

X-<anything>: text

X-QSO: text qso-data

DEBUG: n

### **List of Column Abbreviations:**

- freq:  
For HF: integer frequency in kHz; if freq not known then 28000, 21000, 14000, 7000, 3500, 1800  
For VHF/UHF; numeric band representations as follows: 50 MHz=50000, 144 MHz=144000 or 44000
- mo:  
CW, PH, or FM
- date:  
UTC date in *yyyy-mm-dd* form
- time:  
UTC time in *nnnn* form
- call:  
callsign
- rst:  
RS(T)
- exch:  
contest exchange