

**Civil Air Patrol**  
**Marco Island Composite Squadron**  
**Florida Wing - Unit #SER-FL-376**  
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## Free “Ham” Radio Operator Courses Scheduled

The Marco Island Civil Air Patrol, in cooperation with the K5MI Marco Island Ham Club, will conduct an FCC Amateur Radio Technician License course in three sessions, free of tuition and open to the public. All three sessions will be held at the Marco Island CAP Hangar located at the Marco Island Airport - end of Main Sail Drive, off Collier Blvd Route 951 south of the Tamiami Trail East.

Technician is the first level of training. No prerequisite is required.

The first class session is Saturday, October 10 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

The second session is Saturday October 17 from 8:00 am -12:00pm.

The third session and FCC test is Saturday October 24 from 8:00am -12:00 pm. The FCC test for all classes of HAM licenses will begin at 10:30 am sharp.

The course is given at no cost by Marco Island Civil Air Patrol. Study guide for Technician Class is \$23.00 and can be purchased at check-in on October 10. FCC testing fee is \$14.00 per exam. Snacks and coffee are as consumed.

Applicants can be of any age but must have a Federally-acceptable ID and Social Security Number (SSN) to qualify for the testing session and licensing.

All training will include hands-on operation of VHF amateur radio equipment and actual radio contact with other seasoned “Hams” (licensed amateur radio operators). Present FCC regulations no longer require Morse Code proficiency.

Enrollment will be on a first-come-first-served basis. If over-subscribed, a waiting list will be maintained. Plans are to offer the General Class license course and testing later in the year.

To enroll for attendance in the Technician course, please contact Major Jim Carrender at **k3avr@comcast.net** or cell 239-595-6683 and give your name, mailing address including zip code, email address, and phone number.

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