

REGULATION

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1) The WAIL (Worked All Italian Lighthouses) is managed and released by the ARI Section of Genoa from 1 June 2013, in continuity with the previous management of ARI Nizza Monferrato. The Diploma has a permanent character and is established with the dual purpose of making Italian headlights known and valued and encouraging portable radiant activity.

2) The headlights valid for obtaining the WAIL diploma are only those listed on the References page of the WAIL website.

The references were mainly selected on the basis of information published by the Italian Navy.

They include:

a) all marine signaling devices referred to as "lighthouse";

b) all decommissioned marine signals and previously referred to as "lighthouse" (monumental lighthouse);

c) all marine signaling devices called "lights", of considerable architectural or historical-cultural interest, whose optical range is at least 10 nautical miles;

d) all the indicators called "lighthouse" or "lantern", of considerable architectural or historical-cultural interest, located near Italian lakes or rivers;

e) all the signaling devices called "lighthouse" or "votive light", of considerable architectural or historical-cultural interest, located on the Italian territory.

The addition and cancellation of a reference, also on the proposal of the OM / YL / SWL, is evaluated at the discretion of the Award Manager.

3) The references removed from the list in force until 31 May 2013, which however are confirmed / validated by the same date, continue to apply only for the purposes of the classifications ("principle of acquired right").

4) From 01/01/2020 the diploma is divided into two separate parts; the global ranking will remain untouched and another yearly ranking for activators and hunters will be implemented

Global Ranking:

Similarly to the past years the base Hunter diploma will be given to:

a) to all Italian, European and non-European OM / YL / SWLs who demonstrate that they have connected / listened to at least 30 Italian lighthouses;

b) to all the OM / YL / SWL of the remaining countries that demonstrate that they have connected / listened to at least 10 Italian lighthouses.

5) The Activator basic diploma will be issued to all OM / YL who demonstrate that they have activated at least 5 Italian lighthouses.

6) Advances ("Steps") and "Honor Roll" are expected. Advances, valid for both Activators and Hunters, consist of special diplomas awarded according to the following scheme:

Activator	WAIL diploma	Hunter (EU-Mediterranean area)	Hunter (Rest of the world)
10	Base	30	15
20	First Step	65	25
40	Second Step	100	35
60	Third Step	135	45
80	Fourth Step	170	55
100	Honor Roll	200	65

7) Diplomas are issued free of charge in pdf format. They can be downloaded at any time from the Electronic Diploma Activator or Hunter Electronic Diploma pages located within the "Diplomas" menu of the site. To obtain the diploma it is not necessary to send QSL cards. These will be requested only in case of inconsistency with the data in the database or for lack of knowledge, communication, or validation of an activation. SWLs will necessarily be required to extract their log in electronic format (Excel or ADIF file) or QSL cards.

Furthermore, at the end of each year we will hand out some prizes (assignation and contributions still have to be defined) to those who reached the last step of the "Honor Roll" diploma and are in the Hunter or Activators category

Yearly Ranking:

From 01/01/20, in order to increase the competitiveness of the diploma, a yearly ranking will be implemented. At the end of each years the three best Hunters and the 3 best Activators will be awarded.

8) Supporters of the diploma can freely affix the WAIL logo on their QSL cards, available from the Link page in the "Media" menu.

SECTION CONCERNING ACTIVATORS

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Activators must communicate at least 2 days in advance information regarding their activation (such as reference number, contact name, date, and other information) by using the form which can be found on the “Activator” menu on the website or by using the Wail Manager. The information will be automatically published on the Activations page and sent by e-mail to all the members of our Mailing List.

In order for an activation to be considered valid, it must meet the following criteria:

- The operations are allowed up to a maximum distance of 500 meters as the crow flies from the reference, also in maritime furniture, except for exceptions authorized by the Award Manager;
- Connections are allowed on all amateur radio bands, from 0.7 to 160m, and in any emission mode (SSB, CW, RTTY, digital, etc.) as long as in full compliance with the Band Plan. In no case will QSOs valid via repeater or transponder be considered valid;
- The QSO number
- The number of QSOs needed for validation is broken down by band, as follows:

HF	50MHz / VHF	UHF
minimo 50 QSO	minimo 16 QSO	minimo 6 QSO

- The total duration of activation must be greater than 1.5 hours (New-One) or 1 hour for reactivations;
- At least one band change must be made in HF activations;
- The log must be transcribed and sent exclusively in ADIF electronic format;
- **It is also necessary to send two photos of the activator next to the lighthouse, verifying to have the GPS localization of the smartphone turned on in order to confirm the veracity of the picture. If the user has an android device, using the “Diplomi Radio” app is highly recommended.**

c) The Activators will send the validation request (with personal data, ADIF files, photographs) via the electronic accreditation form, available from the site's "Activators" menu.

d) In the event of an activation, which took place on the same day, in which more than one operator participates, the reference will be credited to the holder of the first name, according to the criteria set out in point b). To obtain the accreditation of the same reference, the other operators must carry out with their respective names at least half of the QSOs envisaged in point b), without the band change constraint. Each operator will request accreditation independently, according to point c);

• In the case of activations with special and / or Association names, in which more than one operator (Team) participates, the reference will be credited to all team members, regardless of the number of QSOs carried out and in any case always according to the criteria set by the point b). The request for validation of the activation (provided with the personal data of the special name and all operators, ADIF files, photographs) will be made only by the holder of the special name and / or Association as described in point c).

e) Effective June 1, 2015, all Activators are credited with the reference also for the purposes of the Hunter ranking for the "Total ranking". **Only the annual activator point** will be credited instead as regards the "annual rankings".

f) It is not possible to activate more than one reference at a time and no more than two "New-One" activations per day using the same name are allowed, except in cases expressly authorized by the Award Manager for exceptional occasions.

g) The Award Manager has valid and effective electronic tools to verify the veracity of the connections made. Direct contacts between the Hunters and the Award Manager will be possible for any cross-checks. If an appropriate number of QSOs are not confirmed or are not considered valid, the Award Manager may refrain from crediting the reference to the Activator and his accomplices. This judgment is final.

h) Each Activator automatically receives an Activation Certificate upon validation request. The Certificate, personalized and specific for each reference, represents exclusively an immediate recognition for the practice carried out. It does not certify the automatic crediting of the reference for the purposes of the various rankings.

i) The final courtesy of a QSO is always the QSL. The Activator is recommended to send the QSL via bureau or electronically (LoTW, eQSL, online log), or in any case to disclose the QSL shipping methods on his QRZ.com profile, equivalent sites or on his personal site. It is allowed to simultaneously report on the QSL multiple connections made from multiple references.

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