

## Using Winlink Express for Retrieving Bulletins

Winlink Express can be utilized to provide retrieve bulletin information stored in catalogs. This allows you to “pull” information from Winlink. A Florida AUXCOMM bulletin has been setup that will allow you to pull information from Winlink about any activation details. This capability is very useful in the event traditional communication methods are lost and there’s no ability to broadcast information to impacted areas. This document describes specifically how to retrieve the “Florida AUXCOMM Status” but there are many other useful bulletins available for use.

*This document assumes that you already have Winlink Express installed and configured on your computer.*

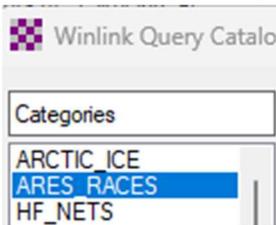
1. Launch Winlink Express on your computer by double clicking the desktop icon



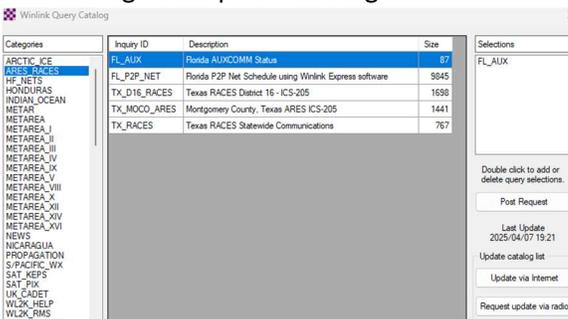
2. Click the catalog request button in the toolbar



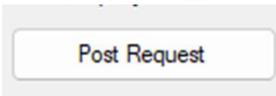
3. In the window that pops up, select “ARES\_RACES” in the categories column on the left



4. Double click the “FL\_AUX” listing in the window. This will add it to your selections on the far right. If you don’t see “FL\_AUX”, click the “Update via Internet” or “Request update via radio” button to get an updated listing.



5. Verify that “FL\_AUX” is in your selections on the right and then select “Post Request”



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6. A new message will be created in your "Outbox." You must now initiate a Winlink session (via Telnet or Radio) to send this message.
7. Wait approximately 2-5 minutes and re-connect to your Winlink session (via Telnet or Radio)
8. A new message should appear in your inbox with the current Florida AUXCOMM Status

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Date: 2025/04/09 16:03 (UTC)
From: SERVICE
To: W4CPD
Source: SYSTEM
Downloaded-from: Telnet:cms.winlink.org
Subject: INQUIRY - https://floridaemergency.net/wp-content/uploads/flauxstat.txt
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**FL AUXCOMM STATUS**
04/07/2025 1519 ET/1419 CT
NOT CURRENTLY ACTIVE
NO ACTIVE NETS
Statewide Exercise 4/12/25 0900
floridaemergency.net/exercise
**FL AUXCOMM STATUS**
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