



Mount Paul SOTA ZS/FS-012



Sterkfontein Dam ZSFF-0369

# HF Happenings 1126

<https://sarlnewsbulletin.wordpress.com/hfhappenings/>  
<https://mysarl.org.za/hf/>

Carina and I wish you and yours, a Blessed Christmas and to our Jewish readers, Happy Chanukah

### The third leg of the YOTA Contest

The third leg of the Youth on the Air contest runs from 10:00 to 21:59 UTC on Monday 30 December with CW and SSB activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. You can participate as a Single Op All Band Open, a Single Op All Band YOTA (25 and younger), a Single Op All Band YOTA 6 Hours, a Single Op 3-Band Open, a Single Op 3-Band YOTA or a Multi-Single YOTA (2:1 younger to older ops).

The exchange for Single Ops is a RS or RST report and the operators age on 1 January 2024. For multi-operators it is a RS or RST report and the average age of operators on 1 January 2024. Submit your log by 21:59 UTC on Saturday 4 January 2025 to <https://www.ham-yota.com/contest/>. Find the rules at <https://www.ham-yota.com/contest/>

### The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party

Celebrating one hundred years of organised amateur radio in South Africa. <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/>

On Tuesday 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League celebrates its 100th anniversary. In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the SARL, the SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating event starting from 00:00 UTC on Wednesday 1 January 2025 and ending at 23:59 UTC on Wednesday 31 December 2025.

Participating amateur radio operators worldwide (including Short Wave Listeners) can accumulate points and win awards, by working South African amateur radio stations. During 2025, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event call sign

### December

- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 25 Dec to 2 Jan - Chanukah
- 26 - Family Day
- 30 - YOTA Contest
- 31 - Old Year's Eve, the end of the YOTA Month, the 2024 DX Marathon and the SOTA 10 m Challenge

### January

- 1 - New Year's Day, the start of SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party, the DX Marathon and the ISS Contact Session
- 3 and 4 - Quadrantids Meteor Shower
- 4 - ARRL Kids Day and the ZS4SRL Club meeting
- 8 - the NARC opens
- 10 to 12 - the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest
- 15 - Provincial schools open
- 18 - SARL QRP Contest
- 25 - SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
- 29 - the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
- 31 - the closing date for AGM Motions and Award Nominations, the May RAE



ZS100SARL, as well as the permanent call signs ZS6SRL and ZS9HQ and other special event call signs.

To qualify for points all contacts must be two-way, using any legally allowed mode such as CW, Phone (FM, SSB, AM, digital voice), Digital (any digital mode, such as Amtor, Pactor, PSK modes, MT63, MFSK modes, Feld-Hell and RTTY) on 160, 80, 60, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4 and 2 meters, 70 and 23 centimetres as well as via satellites or repeaters.

Points are awarded for every unique South African amateur radio station (call sign) contacted, irrespective of band or mode, as follows:

- ZS100SARL, ZS9HQ and ZS6SRL = 5 points.
- ZS/ZR/ZT prefix (Class A) = 1 point.
- Special event call signs other than ZS100SARL, ZS9HQ and ZS6SRL = 2 points.
- ZU prefix (Class B) = 3 points (note that ZU stations are limited to 80, 40, 10 (partial), 2 m and 70 cm.)

Please note that portable/mobile calls such as ZS9HQ/6, ZS6SRL/3 are considered as unique call signs.

As this is not a contest, QSOs can be in any style or fashion preferred by participants. It is not necessary exchange anything other a signal report.

The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is scored by totalling the values of all eligible QSOs. As this is an honour-based event, to be eligible for any of these awards, applications must be made using the MS-Excel check sheet to record and track progress. This check sheet will serve as the final claim form and is available from the SARL website, to be submitted by e-mail to [sarlcentenary@gmail.com](mailto:sarlcentenary@gmail.com) by not later than 23:59 UTC on Saturday 31 January 2026.

A valid logged QSO must at least indicate the following - Date of the QSO, time of the QSO (UTC), call sign of the operator, call sign of South African station contacted. The band used (frequency is not required. Satellite QSO: SAT-name of satellite e.g. QO-100 SAT), the mode used and the signal report received. The Awards are available for SWLs - where the rules stipulate QSOs please read as reception reports for SWL claims.

Please note that the SARL Awards Committee reserves the right to verify claims by reference to operating logs or any other resource and may request further details from an applicant to confirm or validate claimed QSOs.

Award certificates will only be available in electronic (PDF) format sent to the applicant via e-mail. No endorsements for single modes or bands are available.

### **Contest University 2025**

Registration is now open for the 2025 Contest University (CTU), to be held on 15 May at the Hope Hotel near Dayton, Ohio. This is the day before the Dayton Hamvention officially opens. See <https://www.contestuniversity.com/> for the details.

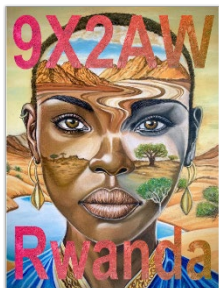
### **IDXC 2025: Next Generation DXing Programme**

“Traditional DXpedition methods are being challenged by rising costs, prohibitive environmental constraints and growing restrictions on transportation services. As a result, many DXCC Entities that perpetually sit at the top of the DXCC Most Wanted list will retain their position at the top of the list, denying access to DXCC Honour Roll for many until forward-thinking teams develop some novel solutions to address some tough problems.

In the past few years, there have been some risk-taking amateurs who have used modern station design concepts and remotely controlled DXpedition stations to create massively successful DXpedition operations using new approaches to the DXpedition game. At the 2025 International DX Convention, the convention team will be offering an all-day event on Friday 11 April of the 3-day convention. A series of panel discussions and demonstrations will be provided to DXers, DXpeditioners, contest station designers and amateurs of all interests that will provide insights to where things are likely to be heading in amateur radio.” See <https://dxconvention.com/nextgendx/>.

## DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)



Rwanda, 9X. Harold, DF2WO, will once again be active as 9X2AW from Kigali (WW Loc. KI48XB) Rwanda, between 27 January and 15 February 2025. Activity will be holiday style on 160 to 10 m, as well as the QO-100 satellite, using CW, SSB and digital modes. He may try 6 m. QSL via M00XO direct or use the M00XO's OQRS. Visit the 9X2AW QRZ.com page for a variety of pictures and more details.



Cameroon, TJ. Thierry, TK1CX is currently working in Cameroon to February 2025. In his spare time, he is active as TJ/TK1CX on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres, operating mainly digital modes with a solar power supply. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via EA5ZD.

The Gambia, C5 and Senegal, 6W. Billy, F4GJE will be active as C5RK from the Gambia on 4 and 5 January and as 6W1RD from Senegal on 11 and 12 January. He will operate SSB and digital on 80 to 10 metres. QSLs via EA7FTR.

Benin, TY. Gerard, F5NVF will be active holiday style as TY5C from Benin between 10 January and 2 April. He will operate CW, digital and "very little SSB" on the HF bands and hopefully 6 metres. QSL direct to F5RAV, or via LoTW.

## African Islands

Reunion, FR and Mauritius, 3B8. Tom, DJ2TG is active as FR/DJ2TG from Reunion Island (AF-016) between 17 and 23 December and as 3B8/DJ2TG from Mauritius (AF-049) between 24 and 30 December. He operates SSB and digital on 30, 20 and 10 m. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.



## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 23 to 30 December 2024.

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 23 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 25 December 2024  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.k1usn.com/sst.html](http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html)

ICWC Medium Speed Test  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 23 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 24 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Name and QSO no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 26 December 2024  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)  
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 23 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low  
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each last character of worked station call suffix once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 27 December 2024  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules2>

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest  
01:00 - 01:59 UTC 24 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Overlay: Youth (26 years old or younger); Youth YL (female 26 years old or younger); YL (female older than 26 years)  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RS and age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth)  
Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with OM; 5 points per QSO with YL; 10 points per QSO with Youth; 15 points per QSO with Youth YL  
Multipliers: Each DXCC once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 01:59 UTC 25 December 2024  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <https://logs.wwsac.com/>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://wwsac.com/rules.html>

SKCC Sprint  
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 25 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m  
Classes: Single-Op – QRPP, QRP, QRO and QRO plus; Multi-Op  
Max power: QRO plus: >100 watts; QRO: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts; QRPP: 1 watt  
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or NONE  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: (see rules)  
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 29 December 2024  
E-mail log summary to: (none)  
Post log summary at:  
[www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekday\\_sprint/submit-display.php](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekday\\_sprint/](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/)

QRP Fox Hunt  
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 25 December  
Geographic Focus: United States  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound  
Max power: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 26 December 2024  
E-mail logs to: (see rules)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)

Phone Weekly Test  
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 December  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max power: 100 watts  
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station  
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 27 December 2024  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.perluma.com/Phone Fray Contest Rules.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf)

A1Club AWT  
12:00 - 13:00 UTC 25 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Member: RST and name  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 30 December 2024  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://a1club.org/contest/awt/>

CWops Test (CWT)  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 25 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 26 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Member: Name and member no or CWA; non-Member: Name and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 08:00 UTC 28 December 2024  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>

Mini-Test 40  
17:00 - 17:59 UTC 25 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 40 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per 10-minute period  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 27 December 2024  
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

### Mini-Test 80

18:00 - 18:59 UTC 25 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per 10-minute period  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 27 December 2024  
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

### DARC Christmas Contest

08:30 - 10:59 UTC 26 December  
Geographic Focus: Germany  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 80, 40 m  
Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed - low or high  
Max operating hours: 2,5 hours  
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: <=100 W  
Exchange: DL: RS(T) and DOK (or "NM" if not a DARC member); non-DL: RS(T) and QSO no  
QSY rule: CQing station must QSY after QSO  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: DOK, once per band; Prefixes, once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 2 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at:  
<https://dxhf2.darc.de/~xmaslog/upload.cgi?form=referat&lang=en>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/weihnachtswettbewerb/en/](http://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/weihnachtswettbewerb/en/)

### NCCC FT4 Sprint

01:00 - 01:30 UTC 27 December  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: FT4  
Bands: (see rules)  
Classes: (none)  
Max power: 100 watts  
Exchange: 4-character grid square  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each 4-character grid square once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 29 December 2024  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <https://lotw.arrl.org/>  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html](http://www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html)

### Weekly RTTY Test

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 27 December  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single-Op - QRP or low  
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Name and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call sign once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 29 December 2024  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>

### QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 27 December  
Geographic Focus: United States  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound  
Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 28 December 2024  
E-mail logs to: (see rules)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)

NCCC Sprint  
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 27 December  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: (see rules)  
Classes: (none)  
Max power: 100 watts  
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 29 December 2024  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 27 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 29 December 2024  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.k1usn.com/sst.html](http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html)

RAC Winter Contest  
00:00 - 23:59 UTC 28 December  
Mode: CW, Phone  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted All Band - low or high; Single Op All Band CW; Single Op All Band Phone; Single Op Single Band; Single Op Overlay: Rookie; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Multi  
Max operating hours: 24 hours  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: VE: RS(T) and province or territory; non-VE and VE0: RS(T) and serial no  
QSO Points: VE/VE0: 10 points; non-VE/VE0: 2 points; RAC official stations: 20 points  
Multipliers: VE provinces and territories (13), once per mode per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 11 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: [canadawinter@rac.ca](mailto:canadawinter@rac.ca)  
Upload log at: <https://contest.rac.ca/>  
Mail logs to: Radio Amateurs of Canada, 720 Belfast Road, Suite 217, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 0Z5, Canada  
Find rules at: [www.rac.ca/contesting-results/](http://www.rac.ca/contesting-results/)

YB Banggai DX Contest  
00:00 - 23:59 UTC 28 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 40, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op  
Exchange: RS and age  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with different country same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; 15 points per QSO with 7E80  
Multipliers: Each age once per band; Each prefix once per band; Each DXCC country once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 4 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:  
<https://banggaidxcontest.com/log-submission>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://banggaidxcontest.com/>

Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
15:00 UTC 28 December to 15:00 UTC 29  
December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op  
- QRP, low or high  
Max operating hours: 14 hours  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 5 - 100 watts;  
QRP: <5 watts  
Exchange: 4-Character grid square  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per  
500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power  
station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x power multiplier  
Submit logs by: 12 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at:  
[www.b4h.net/stew/tbdcsuploadlog.php](http://www.b4h.net/stew/tbdcsuploadlog.php)  
Mail logs to: BARC, 50335 NW Hayward Rd,  
Manning, OR 97125, USA  
Find rules at: [www.kkn.net/stew/](http://www.kkn.net/stew/)

Original QRP Contest  
15:00 UTC 28 December to 15:00 UTC 29  
December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 80, 40, 20m  
Classes: Single Op – VLP, QRP or MP –  
handmade or open  
Max operating hours: 15 hours  
Max power: VLP: 1 W; QRP: 5 W; MP: 20 W  
Exchange: RST and serial no and "/" and Power  
category  
QSO Points: QSO with station who submits log:  
4 points; QSO with station that does not  
submit log: 1 point; 15% bonus for use of  
TR/TRX assembled from kit; 30% bonus for use  
of unique handmade TR/TRX

Multipliers: DXCC Countries: 2 mult points if  
station submits log, 1 mult point if no log  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mult points  
Submit logs by: 31 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: [ogrpc@qrcc.de](mailto:ogrpc@qrcc.de)  
Mail logs to: Lutz Gutheil, DM6EE, Bergstrasse  
17, D-38446 Wolfsburg, Germany  
Find rules at:  
[www.qrcc.de/contestrules/ogrpr.html](http://www.qrcc.de/contestrules/ogrpr.html)

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 30 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and  
state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each state, province or country  
once per band; W/VE do not count as country  
mults  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 1 January 2025  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.k1usn.com/sst.html](http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html)

YOTA Contest  
10:00 - 21:59 UTC 30 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band Open; Single Op All  
Band YOTA (25 and younger); Single Op All  
Band YOTA 6 Hours; Single Op 3-Band Open;  
Single Op 3-Band YOTA; Multi-Single YOTA (2:1  
younger to older ops)  
Exchange: Single Op: RS(T) and age (on 1  
January of the year of the contest); Multi-Op:  
RS(T) and average age of ops (on 1 January of  
the year of the contest)  
Work stations: Once per band per mode  
QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each age once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 4 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [www.ham-yota.com/contest/](http://www.ham-yota.com/contest/)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.ham-yota.com/contest/](http://www.ham-yota.com/contest/)

QCX Challenge  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 31 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max power: HP: >5 watts QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and rig  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with QCX station; 1 point per QSO with non-QCX station  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 5 January 2025  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.qrp-labs.com/party.html](http://www.qrp-labs.com/party.html)

ICWC Medium Speed Test  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 31 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Name and QSO no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 2 January 2025  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)  
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 30 December  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low  
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each last character of worked station call suffix once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 3 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules2>

### Next Week's Contests

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 31 December  
Bogor Old and New Contest, 09:00 - 23:59 UTC 31 December  
AGB New Year Snowball Contest, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 1 January  
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 1 January  
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 1 January  
SARTG New Year RTTY Contest, 08:00 - 11:00 UTC 1 January  
AGCW Happy New Year Contest, 09:00 - 12:00 UTC 1 January  
A1Club AWT, 12:00 - 13:00 UTC 1 January

CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 1 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 2 January  
 Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 1 January  
 Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 1 January  
 UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 1 January  
 Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 2 January and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 3 January  
 NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (CW) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (SSB) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (FM) and 21:00 - 22:00 UTC (Dig) 2 January  
 SKCC Sprint Europe, 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 2 January  
 NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 3 January  
 Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 3 January  
 QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 3 January  
 NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 3 January  
 K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 3 January  
 PODXS 070 Club PSKFest, 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 4 January  
 Marconi Club ARI Loano QSO Party Day, 07:00 - 21:00 UTC 4 January  
 WW PMC Contest, 12:00 UTC 4 January to 12:00 UTC 5 January  
 RSGB AFS CW Contest, 13:00 - 17:00 UTC 4 January  
 ARRL RTTY Roundup, 18:00 UTC 4 January to 24:00 UTC 5 January  
 ARRL Kids Day, 18:00 - 23:59 UTC 4 January  
 EUCW 160 m Contest, 20:00 - 23:00 UTC 4 January and 04:00 - 07:00 UTC 5 January  
 K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 6 January  
 ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 6 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 7 January  
 OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 6 January  
 ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 7 January  
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 7 January

*Items used with acknowledgement to the ARRL Letter, the ARRL DX News, 425 DX Bulletin, DXNL Newsletter and DX-World*





<https://www.bombastik.co.za>  
[info@bombastik.co.za](mailto:info@bombastik.co.za)

107 Kenridge Avenue, Kenridge,  
Durbanville, Cape Town, 7550

082 785 7763

We ship all over Southern Africa.

## The Bombastik Crew Offer Great Customer Service and Quality Above All.



**ANTENNAS:** See our high **quality** hand crafted antennas and accessories.

**RADIOS:** We represent the latest generation highest quality Chinese radio's. We do not sell cheap and cheerful, but rather top quality, high spec radios at unbelievable prices.

**ACCESSORIES:** a wide range of quality accessories are available. Equipment you will be proud to display in your shack.

**WEBSITE:** Visit our educational and useful site full of excellent content.

[www.bombastik.co.za](http://www.bombastik.co.za)

