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NCDXF Newsletter

The Winter 2024/25 issue of the Northern California DX Foundation's Newsletter is now available for download on [the NCDXF website](#). Highlights include:

- "St. Paul Island, CY9C. DXing on the Rock" by Patrick Dolan, N2IEN
- "Glorioso Island, FT4GL. A One-Man DXpedition" by Marek Lamachou, F4VVJ/FH4VVK
- "Burkina Faso, XT2MD. An Up and Down DXpedition" by Emil Bergmann, DL8JJ
- "Somaliland, 6O3T. An Unsuccessful DXpedition" by Fabrizio Vallefucio, IV3JPP
- "Liberia, A8OK. Overcoming challenges" by Karel Odehnal, OK2ZI
- "Better Low Band Reception for DXpeditions" by George Wallner, AA7JV

2025 IOTA Honour Roll & Annual Listings

The last date for submitting applications or score updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2025 Honour Roll and Annual Listings is 31 January 2025. If submitted after that date, they will be processed in the normal way, but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. Where packages with cards are involved, these need to be posted/dated before 31 January. Participants who have not updated since the 2020 annual listings and wish to remain



- January**
- 8 - the office at 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, and for summaries of Papers for the SCTs. The May RAE registration opens
- February**
- 1 - the ZS4SRK Club meeting and the ZS6PTA Flea Market
 - 2 - World Wetlands Day and the Antique Wireless Association CW Activity Day
 - 9 - Hamsat-SA ZS QO-100 QSO Party
 - 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science
 - 13 - World Radio Day
 - 14 - Valentine's Day
 - 19 - SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest
 - 21 - International Mother Language Day and Armed Forces Day
 - 22 - SS Mendi Day
 - 26 - the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
 - 27 - International Milk Tart Day

listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2025. Those who have not logged into their record for more than two years, will need to revalidate their registration through info@iota-world.org. Do not leave it to the last moment as you may run out of time. [Source: <https://www.iota-world.org>]

ARRL Systems Service Disruption: DXCC

"In October, we reported that the ARRL DXCC System had been returned to service. Since then, over 3 000 DXCC applications have been logged into the DXCC System for processing. It is important to understand that the queue of submitted applications is very large and has included nearly 6 months of applications for processing. ARRL Awards staff and additional staff and volunteers have been working extended hours and weekends to process applications.



DXCC is ARRL's most popular award. Even while previously submitted applications are being processed, new applications are being submitted and received every day. We continue to appreciate everyone's patience as we process the large queue of submitted applications.

Application Processing Queue

DXCC applications enter the DXCC System from one of three sources: from DXCC applications created by users in Logbook of The World (LoTW), from traditional paper applications and from the Online DXCC Application.

The DXCC System has logged applications received via Logbook of The World from May to 23 October paper applications received to mid-December. On 13 December, the Online DXCC Application was returned to service.

We are currently processing paper applications received in November and December and applications from LoTW submitted in November. We have resumed mailing orders for paper DXCC Certificates and endorsement stickers. Over 350 certificates were mailed on 26 December. The easiest way to determine if your DXCC application has been processed is to review your LoTW account (<https://lotw.arrl.org/>). From the Award Account Menu, select Account Status. The "Awarded" column will reflect those QSOs that have been awarded to you after your application(s) has been fully processed.

We appreciate your continued patience as we work to return to normal processing times. Our team is committed to ensuring that all applications are handled as quickly and efficiently as possible. Thank you once again for your understanding and support during this time". [Source: ARRL, 27 December 2024]

CWops Announces 2024 Advancing the Art of CW Award

Each year, CWops (<https://cwops.org/>), an international organization that promotes and advances Morse code (CW) in amateur radio communications, accepts nominations for individuals, groups and organizations for the CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW. The award recognizes contributions made toward advancing the art or practice of radio communications by Morse code.



The Radio Officer's Association (ROA) is the recipient of the 2024 CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW. ROA honours and preserves the history and accomplishments of radio professionals from across the Merchant Navy, Coast Station Service and Civil Aeronautical industry. Its membership includes nearly 400 former professional radio officers, half of whom hold amateur radio licenses. CWops recognized ROA's efforts to preserve CW history through its journal and for activities that span CW mentoring, on air nets and CW-related museum displays and related activities.

The award was recently accepted by ROA's Bill Cross, G0ELZ, at the organization's annual meeting in Liverpool, England. It was presented by CWops President Stew Rolfe, GW0ETF.

HB9SOTA Group Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary

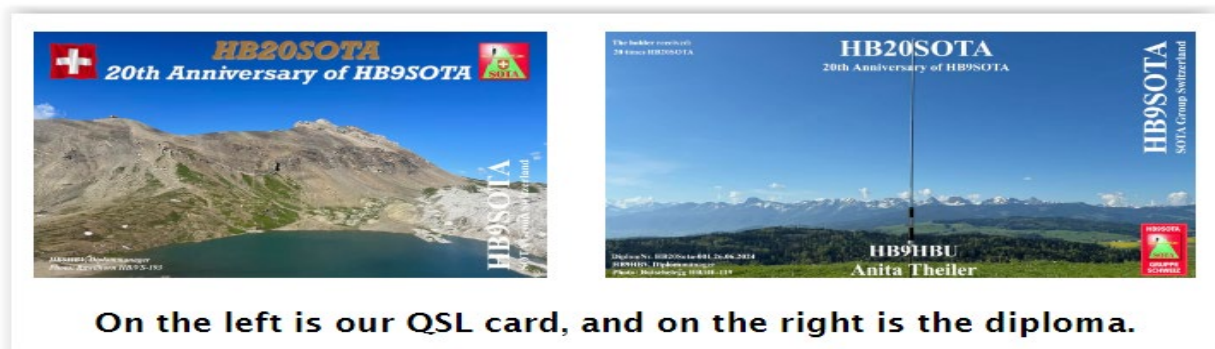
The Swiss SOTA group HB9SOTA will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2025. Since its founding on 16 May 2005, it has been an integral part of the international “Summits on the Air” (SOTA) movement, which brings together amateur radio operators worldwide.

Numerous activities are planned for the anniversary year to provide unique experiences for amateur radio enthusiasts from around the globe. A highlight of the anniversary is the commemorative diploma awarded to amateur radio operators who make 20 contacts using the special call sign HB20SOTA. This special call sign can be requested from Jean-Pierre HB9HBV, the Diploma and Call sign Manager of HB9SOTA and is available to all amateur radio operators in Switzerland. The call sign will be activated throughout the year from various summits in Switzerland, offering a unique opportunity to celebrate the close connection between radio operations and nature. In addition, commemorative QSL cards for confirmed contacts (QSOs) will be sent upon request, providing participants with a lasting memory of the anniversary year.

“2025 is all about community,” explains the board of HB9SOTA. “We want to honour the past 20 years while inviting all amateur radio operators to share the joy of the SOTA program.”

Detailed participation requirements for the commemorative diploma, as well as information on applying for the special callsign, can be found on the HB9SOTA website www.hb9sota.ch.

The board of HB9SOTA wishes all amateur radio operators a successful year 2025 and many unforgettable contacts.



The Centenary Challenge of the REF

The year 2025 will mark the centenary of the Réseau des Émetteurs Français (REF) and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

In commemoration of this significant event, the REF, a member of the IARU, is organizing a radio challenge for all licensed amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) worldwide.

This centenary challenge aims to celebrate 100 years of our association's activities by bringing the amateur radio community together in a convivial activity.

The challenge will take place from 1 April to 30 June 2025 and will include contacts made on the following frequency bands: 160, 80, 60, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6, 2 m, 70, 23, 13, 6 and 3 cm, as well as via the QO-100 satellite. The following modes will be utilized: SSB (voice), CW (Morse), and digital modes (RTTY, PSK31, etc.) Cross-mode/band contacts, as well as those using terrestrial repeaters or connections assisted by radio-internet or similar means, will not be permitted.

All participating departments and territories will be assigned call signs following the format outlined below:

- TM01REF to TM95REF for the departments of metropolitan France.
- TK2aREF and TK2bREF for Corsica.
- TOxxxREF and TXxxxREF for overseas departments and territories (e.g., TO971REF).
- TM100REF for the organizing team during the commemoration period.



Each QSO with the activation teams will be counted once per band and mode, allowing all stations, irrespective of geographic distinctions, to earn a certificate based on the following criteria:

- Basic Certificate: 25 QSOs required with at least 15 different TMxxREF stations.
- 50 Ticket: 50 QSOs required with at least 25 different TMxxREF stations.
- 75 Ticket: 75 QSOs required with at least 35 different TMxxREF stations.
- 100 Ticket: 100 QSOs required with at least 45 different TMxxREF stations, including at least one contact with TM100REF.

A trophy and a commemorative book on the history of the REF will be awarded during HAMEXPO 2025 to the top participant in each category - SSB, CW, Digital, and Mixed (all modes).

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)



Kenya, 5Y,5Z. Scott, WA5A, is currently on the air as 5Z4/WA5A from Ruaka on 40 - 10 m, mostly on SSB. The duration of his stay is not known at present. QSL via home call.

African Humanitarian Mission. Antonio, IK7WUL, will once again be heading to Africa on a humanitarian mission trip and "might" be able to be active this month and next. His tentative schedule looks like this (per The Daily DX):

Burkina Faso, XT - between 26 and 31 January, waiting for a call sign

Ghana, 9G - 9G5IK between 1 and 6 February

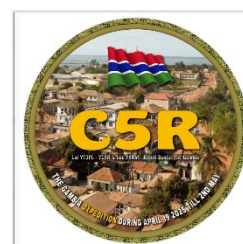
Togo, 5V - 5V0DX between 6 and 14 February

Benin, TY - TY2AA between 14 and 23 February

Most sources feel that if Antonio gets on the air, it will be 10 m SSB. QSL via IZ8CCW and he usually uses ClubLog and LoTW. Antonio is looking

Guinea-Bissau, J5. Livio, IZ3BUR will be active again as J52EC from Guinea-Bissau from 26 January to 1 March. In his spare time, he will be active on 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and possibly digital modes. QSL direct to home call.

The Gambia, C5. Lui, YT3PL (YU5R Resava Valley Lui's Club call sign) and Luc, F5RAV will be active as C5R and C5LT, respectively, from The Gambia between 19 April and 2 May. Activity will be on various HF bands and 6 m, using CW, SSB, digital modes and the Satellites. QSL C5R via YU5R. QSL C5LT via F5RAV. Watch QRZ.com for updates.



Benin, TY. Gérard, F5NVF, will once again be active as TY5C from Godomey, Benin between 10 January and 2 April. His activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 m (possibly 6 m), using mainly CW and digital (very little SSB). Equipment will be an IC-7000 (w/100 W) into wire antennas. QSL via F5RAV direct or LoTW. LoTW will be uploaded at the end of the DXpedition. ClubLog livestreaming at <https://clublog.org/livestream/TY5C>



African Islands

Reunion Island, FR. Michel, F5PLC, is now active as FR/F5PLC from Reunion Island (IOTA AF-016). The length of his stay is not known. Activity will be on 40 to 10 m using CW only. He was recently heard on 30 m. QSL via his home call sign.

Rodrigues Island, 3B9. David, OK6DJ; Milan, OK7GU; Palo, OK1CRM and Ruda, OK2ZA with XYL Jana will be active as 3B9DJ from Rodrigues Island between 24 March and 5 April. Activity will be on 160 to 10 m using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. They will not upload log to eQSL and QRZ.com log. Do not send an e-mail with a digital QSL. It goes to spam folder and will be deleted.

Kerguelen, FT/X. Thierry, F6CUK and Pascal, F8TRT are currently working on a project to activate Kerguelen Island between December 2025 and March 2026, but are waiting for the necessary approval from the TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises). For more details and updates, see the following Web page at <https://kerq-2025.r-e-f.org/>



Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 6 to 13 January 2025.

K1USN Slow Speed Test
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 6 January
 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 8 January 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

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
 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 9 January 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 6 January
 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 10 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>

ARS Spartan Sprint
 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 7 January
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Skinny; Tubby
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power
 Work stations: Once per band
 Submit logs by: 9 January 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: http://ars-grp.com/Spartan_Sprint/Spartan_Sprint.html



Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 7 January
 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 8 January 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://logs.wwsac.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://wwsac.com/rules.html>

QRP Fox Hunt
 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 8 January
 Geographic Focus: United States
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 40 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 9 January 2025
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.grpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Weekly Test
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 8 January
 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 10 January 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

A1Club AWT
12:00 - 13:00 UTC 8 January
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: 13 January 2025
Post log summary at: 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 8 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 9 January
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 11 January 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>

Mini-Test 40
17:00 - 17:59 UTC 8 January
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: 10 January 2025
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 8 January
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80m 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: 10 January 2025
 Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

NCCC FT4 Sprint
 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 10 January
 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: 12 January 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://lotw.arrl.org/>
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html



Weekly RTTY Test
 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 10 January
 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: 12 January 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>

QRP Fox Hunt
 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 10 January
 Geographic Focus: United States
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80m 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 11 January 2025
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
www.qrpfhxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 10 January
 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: 12 January 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

K1USN Slow Speed Test
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 10 January
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 12 January 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

Old New Year Contest
05:00 - 08:59 UTC 11 January
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed - low or
high; Multi-Op - low or high; SWL
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts
Exchange: RS(T) and sum of operator age and
years on the air
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: Copied age and experience
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 25 January 2025
E-mail logs to: contest@radio.ru
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.contest.ru/old-new-year-contest/

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
12:00 UTC 11 January to 24:00 UTC 12 January
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op
Exchange: RST, state, province or country,
name and SKCC no or NONE
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Bonus 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 19 January 2025
Post log summary at:
www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/



UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest
12:00 UTC 11 January to 12:00 UTC 12 January
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: BPSK63
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single
Op Single Band - QRP or low; Multi-Op; SWL
Max power: LP: 50 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: ON: RSQ and UBA Section; non-ON:
RSQ and serial no (starting with 001)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each prefix once per band; Each
UBA section once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 19 January 2025
E-mail logs to: ubapsk63@uba.be
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/uba-psk63-prefix-contest

North American CW QSO Party
18:00 UTC 11 January to 05:59 UTC 12 January
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: North America
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP or low; Single Op Assisted - QRP or low; Single Op Overlay: Youth; Multi-Two (Low)
Max operating hours: Single Op: 10 hours; Multi-Two: 12 hours
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 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 and DC (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: 05:59 UTC 19 January 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: www.ncjweb.com/naqplogsubmit/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf



NRAU-Baltic SSB Contest
06:30 - 08:30 UTC 12 January

Geographic Focus: Nordic/Baltic countries
Participation: Nordic/Baltic countries
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op - low or high; Multi-Op
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts
Exchange: RST, serial no and 2-letter Fylke/Lan/Province/Region
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 2 points per QSO
Multipliers: Each Fylke/Lan/Province/Region, once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 19 January 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: www.nraubaltic.eu/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.nraubaltic.eu/

NRAU-Baltic CW Contest
09:00 - 11:00 UTC 12 January
Geographic Focus: Nordic/Baltic countries
Participation: Nordic/Baltic countries
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op - low or high; Multi-Op
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts
Exchange: RST, serial no and 2-letter Fylke/Lan/Province/Region
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 2 points per QSO
Multipliers: Each Fylke/Lan/Province/Region, once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 19 January 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: www.nraubaltic.eu/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.nraubaltic.eu/

DARC 10-Metre Contest
09:00 - 10:59 UTC 12 January
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 10 m Only
Classes: DL Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed - low or high; DL Trainee; non-DL Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W
Exchange: DL: RS(T), QSO no and DOK; non-DL: RS(T) and QSO no
Work stations: Once per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each WAE/DXCC country once; Each DOK once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 19 January 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <https://dxhf2.darc.de/~d10mlog/upload.cgi?form=referat&lang=en>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: [www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/darc-10 m-contest/regeln/](http://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/darc-10-m-contest/regeln/)

RSGB AFS Data Contest
13:00 - 17:00 UTC 12 January
Mode: RTTY, PSK
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op/Multi-Op – low, medium or high (see rules for team requirements)
Max power: HP: 400 watts (RTTY), 100 watts (PSK); MP: 100 watts; LP: 10 watts
Exchange: RST and serial no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 13 January 2025
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2024/rafs.shtml

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 13 January
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 15 January 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
01:00 - 03:00 UTC 13 January
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: CW: 5 watts, SSB: 10 watts
Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 15 January 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: <http://qrptest.com/4sqrp>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf

ICWC Medium Speed Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 13 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 14 January
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 16 January 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 13 January
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 17 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=rules21>

Next Week's Contests

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 14 January
DARC RTTY Sprint, 18:00 - 19:29 UTC 14 January
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 15 January
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 15 January
A1Club AWT, 12:00 - 13:00 UTC 15 January
CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 15 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 16 January
Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 15 January
Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 15 January
AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest, 23:00 UTC 15 January to 23:00 UTC 16 January and 23:00 UTC 18 January to 23:00 UTC 19 January
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 16 January and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 17 January
NAQCC CW Sprint, 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 16 January
NTC QSO Party, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 16 January
NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 17 January
Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 17 January
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 17 January
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 17 January
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 17 January
Malaysia DX Contest, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 18 January
Hungarian DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 18 January to 11:59 UTC 19 January
PRO Digi Contest, 12:00 UTC 18 January to 11:59 UTC 19 January
RSGB AFS SSB Contest, 13:00 - 17:00 UTC 18 January
North American SSB QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 18 January to 05:59 UTC 19 January
NA Collegiate SSB Championship, 18:00 UTC 18 January to 05:59 UTC 19 January
Feld Hell Sprint, 20:00 UTC 18 January to 05:59 UTC 19 January
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 23:00 UTC 19 January to 01:00 UTC 20 January
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 20 January
ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 20 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 21 January
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 20 January
RSGB FT4 Contest, 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 20 January

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 21 January

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