



The South African Radio League  
2026 Diary of Events  
Die Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga  
2026 Dagboek van Gebeure



## South African Radio League / Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga

Founded 20 May 1925 / Gestig 20 Mei 1925

The National Body for Amateur Radio in South Africa / A Member Society of the IARU Region 1  
Die Nasionale Liggaam vir Amateur Radio in Suid-Afrika / 'n Lidvereniging van die IARU Streek 1



### The National Amateur Radio Centre

Sender Technology Park, Octave Street, Radiokop

PO Box / Posbus 1721, Strubensvallei 1735

**Office Administrator/Kantooradministrateur:** Kelley Dorey

Telephone/Telefoon: 087 822 1464 and 072 023 5995 E-mail / E-pos: [admin@sarl.org.za](mailto:admin@sarl.org.za)

**Secretary/Sekretaris:** Dennis Green, ZS4BS E-mail/E-pos: [secretary@sarl.org.za](mailto:secretary@sarl.org.za)

**Editor / Redakteur Radio ZS:** Dennis Green, ZS4BS E-mail/E-pos: [radiozs@sarl.org.za](mailto:radiozs@sarl.org.za)

Web: <https://mysarl.org.za/>

Weekly SARL News: <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-news/>. Subscribe: [sarlcommunications+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:sarlcommunications+subscribe@groups.io)

HF Happenings Newsletter (weekly): <https://mysarl.org.za/hf-happenings/>. Subscribe: [HFHappenings+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:HFHappenings+subscribe@groups.io)

SARL Contest Documents: <https://mysarl.org.za/contest-resources/>

Ethics and Operating Procedure for the Radio Amateur EN IARU ed3 2 Jan 2009 <https://mysarl.org.za/contest-resources/>

**T**he South African Radio League broadcasts a news bulletin each Sunday in Afrikaans and in English at 08:15 and 08:30 Central African Time, respectively, on HF and various VHF and UHF repeaters around the country. The bulletin is relayed on EchoLink and AllStar Node 53511 by Johan, ZS6JPL. The audio bulletins can be downloaded from <https://sarlnews.podbean.com/>, while the text bulletin can be downloaded from <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-news/>.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio programme 'Amateur Radio Today' at 10:00 CAT. The programme can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and relayed on 7 115 kHz lower sideband by Louie, ZR4DJL. In Cape Town, you can listen at 10:30 CAT on the 145,700 MHz repeater, with EchoLink to ZS1DCC-R by Dave, ZS1DFR. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY, can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz.

**D**ie Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga saai elke Sondag nuus bulletins uit in Afrikaans sowel as Engels om 08:15 en 08:30 Sentraal Afrika Tyd onderskeidelik op HF sowel as op verskeie BHF- en UHF-herhalers. Hierdie uitsendings word ook via Echolink en Allstar Node 53511 herlei deur Johan, ZS6JPL. Die oudio bulletins kan afgelaai word vanaf <https://sarlnews.podbean.com/>, terwyl die teks bulletins by <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-news/> afgelaai kan word.

Luister elke Sondag oggend om 10:00 Sentraal Afrika Tyd na "Amateur Radio Today." Daar is 'n herleiding op 7 115 kHz laer syband deur Louie, ZR4DJL, en verskeie herleidings op BHF en UHF frekwensies regoor Suid Afrika. In Kaapstad kan jy om 10:30 SAT luister op die 145,700 MHz-herhaler met Echolink na ZS1DCC-R, danksy Dave, ZS1DFR. 'n Heruitsending aangebied deur Andy, ZS6ADY vind op Maandae aande om 19:30 Sentraal Afrika Tyd op 3 620 kHz plaas.

## The Amateur's Code

### CONSIDERATE...

Never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

### LOYAL...

offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the South African Radio League, through which Amateur Radio in South Africa is represented nationally and internationally.

### PROGRESSIVE...

with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

### FRIENDLY...

slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

### BALANCED...

radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

### PATRIOTIC...

station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

## Die Amateur se Kode

### BEDAGSAAM...

Die amateur is 'n ware heer. Hy sal nooit bewustelik of moedswillig die radiogolwe op so 'n wyse vir sy eie genot aanwend om daardeur die genot vir ander te bederf nie.

### LOJAAL...

Die Amateur is lojaal teenoor die Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga en bied sy ondersteuning aan. Hy lê hom neer by die onderneming wat die SARL aan die owerheid beloof het.

### PROGRESSIEF...

Die Amateur is progressief en sy stasie is in tred met die wetenskap. Sy bedienings praktyk is netjies en ordelik.

### VRIENDELIK...

Die Amateur is vriendelik en verdraagsaam wanneer aan hom 'n versoek gerig word. Hy verstrekk geredelik raad aan alle amateurs en verleen hulp en samewerking in die gees van amateur radio.

### EWEWIGTIG...

Die Amateur is ewewigtig en laat nie toe dat sy stokperdjie met sy gesinslewe, werk of gemeenskap inmeng nie.

### PATRIOTIES...

Die Amateur is patrioties, sy kennis en stasie is altyd vir sy land en gemeenskap beskikbaar.


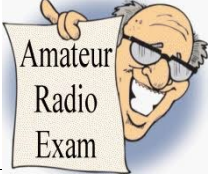


# January 2026

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
28	29	30	31 Old Year's Eve; the end of the YOTA Month, the SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party and the DX Marathon	1 News Year's Day, the start of the CQ DX Marathon and <a href="#">the start of the ISS Contact Session</a>	2	3 Quadrantids Meteor Shower
4 World Braille Day; Quadrantids Meteor Shower 	5	6	7	8	9 <a href="#">the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest</a> 	10 the North American CW QSO Party and <a href="#">the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest</a>
11 the North American CW QSO Party and <a href="#">the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest</a>	12	13	14 Provincial Schools open 	15	16	17 Delta Crancrids Meteor Shower, the the North American SSB QSO Party and <a href="#">the SARL Summer QRP Contest</a>
18 the North American SSB QSO Party 	19	20	21 Eta Carinids Meteor Shower	22	23	24 International Day of Education, the <a href="#">SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest</a> and the FastOne cycle race
25 the FastOne cycle race	26	27	28	29	30	31 <a href="#">the closing date for AGM Motions and Award Nomination</a>



# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 the Antique Wireless Association CW Activity Day</p> 	<p>2 World Wetlands Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 the East Rand Boot Sale</p> 
<p>8 the HamSat-SA ZS QO-100 QSO Party</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 World Radio Day</p> 	<p>14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>, the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest and the Ride for Sight cycle race</p> 
<p>15 The CQ WW WPX RTTY contest and the Ride for Sight cycle race</p> 	<p>16 the May RAE registration open</p> 	<p>17 Partial Solar Eclipse</p>	<p>18 Start of Ramadan (Tentative Date) and the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Armed Forces Day, the ARRL Inter DX CW Contest</p> 
<p>22 the ARRL Inter DX CW Contest</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 International Milk Tart Day</p> 	<p>28 the North American RTTY QSO Party</p> 




# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 the North American RTTY QSO Party and the SARL HAMNET 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest	2 Purim	3 Purim	4	5	6	7 the ARRL Inter DX SSB Contest, the SARL YL QSO Party and the West Rand Boot Sale
8 International Women's Day, the ARRL Inter DX SSB Contest 	9	10	11	12	13	14 RSGB Commonwealth Contest and the SARL National Field Day 
15 RSGB Commonwealth Contest and the SARL National Field Day 	16	17 St Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 Autumn Equinox; Eid ul Fitr (Tentative Date)	21 Human Rights Day; World Down Syndrome Day, Namibian Independence and the SARL Saturday 20 m Club Contest
22 World Water Day 	23 World Meteorological Day	24	25	26	27 Provincial Schools close	28 CQ WW WPX SSB contest and the Africa All Mode International DX Contest 
29 CQ WW WPX SSB contest and the Africa All Mode International DX Contest 	30	31	1 Pesach (Passover)	2 Pesach (Passover), World Autism Day and the SARL 80 m QSO Party	3 Good Friday; Pesach (Passover) 	4 Pesach (Passover), the Pretoria Boot Sale and the SARL QRP Contest 




# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 CQ WW WPX SSB contest 	30	31	1 Pesach (Passover)	2 Pesach (Passover); World Autism Day, the Cosmos Festival and the SARL 80 m QSO Party	3 Good Friday, Pesach (Passover) and the Cosmos Festival 	4 Pesach (Passover), the Pretoria Boot Sale, the SARL QRP Contest and the Cos- mos Festival 
5 Easter Sunday, Pe- sach (Passover) and the Cosmos Festival 	6 Pesach (Passover); Family Day	7 Pesach (Passover); World Health Day	8 Pesach (Passover); Provincial Schools open	9 Pesach (Passover)	10	11 SARL Technical Symposium and the Africa FT4 DX Contest
12 the ZS4 QSO Party	13	14	15	16	17 the May RAE regis- tration closes 	18 World Amateur Radio Day 
19	20	21	22 Lyrids Meteor Shower	23 Lyrids Meteor Shower	24	25 Marconi Day and the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest 
26	27 Freedom Day; Morse Day  	28	29	30 the end of the ISS Contact Session	1 worker's Day, the SARL National Con- vention	2 the SARL National Convention 



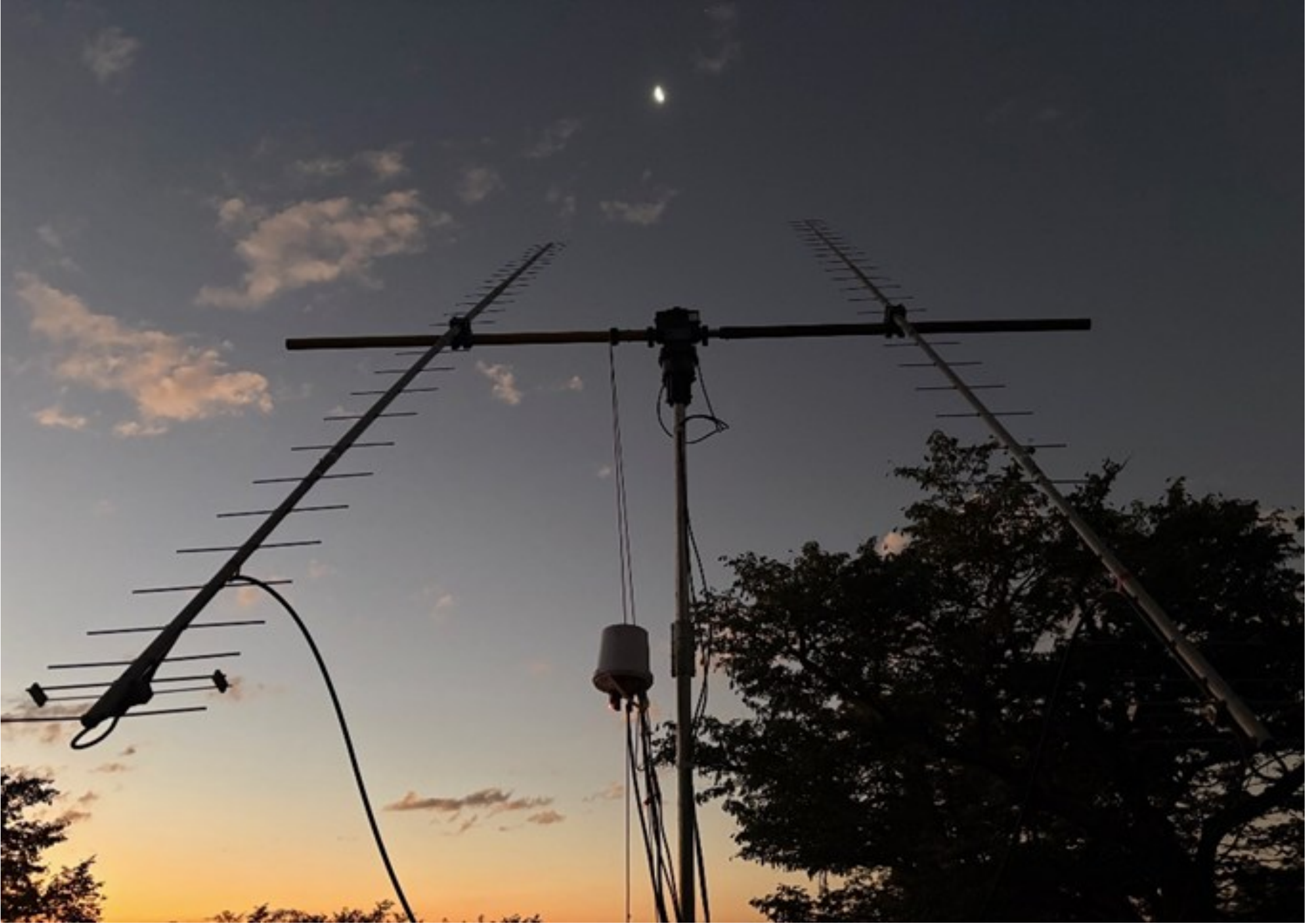
# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Freedom Day and Morse Day  	28	29	30	1 worker's Day and the SARL National Convention in Port Elizabeth	2 the SARL National Convention in Port Elizabeth 
3 the Antique Wireless Association SSB Valve QSO Party	4	5	6 Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower.	7 Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower.	8	9
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13 Early Morning Coffee QSO Party 	14 Ascension Day	15 the Dayton Hamvention	16 RAE; the Dayton Hamvention and the ZS SOTA Activity Weekend 
17 World Telecom Day; the Dayton Hamvention, the ZS SOTA Activity Weekend and the ZS3 QSO Party	18	19	20 World Bee Day, ZS-Amateur Radio Day and the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest	21 International Tea Day 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 the CQ WPX CW contest, the West Rand Boot Sale
31 the CQ WPX CW contest 	1	2	3 World Bicycle Day	4 the SARL Top Band QSO Contest 	5 World Environment Day, the SARL Top Band QSO Contest	6 Queens of the Mountains event, ARRL Inter DX Digital contest; the Pretoria Boot Sale



# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 	2	3 World Bicycle Day	4 the SARL Top Band QSO Contest 	5 World Environment Day and the SARL Top Band QSO Contest	6 Queens of the Mountains event, the ARRL Inter DX Digital contest; the Pretoria Boot Sale and the SARL Top Band QSO Contest and 
7 Queens of the Mountains event, the ARRL Inter DX Digital contest and the SARL Top Band QSO Contest	8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11	12	13 the SARL VHF/UHF FM Mode Contest
14 World Blood Donor Day and the Hammies QSO Party 	15	16 youth Day and the SARL Youth QSO Party 	17 World QRP Day; Muharram/Islamic New Year (Tentative Date)	18	19	20 SARL Saturday 20 m Club Contest
21 Winter Solstice; Father's Day 	22	23	24	25	26 Provincial Schools close; Ham Radio FNH	27 Ham Radio FNH; ARRL Field Day
28 Ham Radio FNH; ARRL Field Day	29	30 International Asteroid Day and the end of the 2025/26 SARL Financial Year	1 Start of the SARL Financial Year	2	3	4 the SARL Newbie QSO Party 


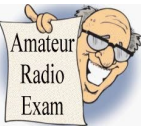




# July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Start of the 2025/26 SARL Financial Year 	2	3	4 the SARL Newbie QSO Party 
5 ZS5 QSO Party	6	7	8	9	10	11 IARU HF Championships and WRTC 2026 
12 IARU HF Championships and WRTC 2026 	13	14	15	16	17	18 the North American RTTY QSO Party and the SARL Winter QRP Contest
19 the North American RTTY QSO Party and the ZS2 QSO Party	20 International Moon Day	21 Provincial Schools open	22	23	24	25 the IOTA Contest and the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest 
26 the IOTA Contest and the ZS1 QSO Party 	27	28 Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.	29 Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.	30	31	1 AMSAT SA Space Symposium; the North American CW QSO Party; the Pretoria Boot Sale







# August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 the IOTA Contest and the ZS1 QSO Party 	27	28 Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.	29 Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.	30	31 the October RAE registration opens 	1 AMSAT SA Space Symposium; the North American CW QSO Party; the Pretoria Boot Sale
2 SARL HF Phone contest, the North American CW QSO Party 	3	4	5	6	7	8 International Cat Day
9 the SARL YL QSO Party, women's Day and the SARL HF Digital Contest	10 Public Holiday	11	12 International Youth Day; Perseids Meteor Shower.	13 Perseids Meteor Shower.	14	15 Lighthouse Weekend - ILLW, the North American SSB QSO Party and the SARL Youth QSO Party
16 Lighthouse Weekend - ILLW, the North American SSB QSO Party	17	18	19 the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest	20	21	22
23 the SARL HF CW contest 	24	25	26 International Dog Day	27	28 Partial Lunar Eclipse	29 Worldwide Digital Contest, the West Rand Boot Sale 
30 Worldwide Digital Contest	31	1	2 Secretary's Day	3	4	5



# September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worldwide Digital Contest	31	1	2 Secretary's Day	3	4	5 the SARL National Field Day 
6 the SARL National Field Day 	7	8	9	10	11 Rosh Hashanah	12 Rosh Hashanah; the European SOTA Day and the Africa FT4 DX Contest
13 Rosh Hashanah	14	15	16	17	18 IARU Region 1 General Conference	19 Region 1 GC and the ZS SOTA Activity Weekend 
20 Yom Kippur, Region 1 GC and the ZS SOTA Activity Weekend 	21 Yom Kippur; International Day of Peace, Region 1 GC	22 Region 1 GC	23 Spring Equinox; Region 1 GC; provincial Schools close; International Day of Sign Languages	24 National Braai Day; Region 1 GC 	25 IARU Region 1 General Conference and October RAE registration closes 	26 World Maritime Day; the CQ WW RTTY contest 
27 World Tourism Day; the CQ WW RTTY contest 	28	29	30 International Translation Day	1	2	3 the East Rand Boot Sale 




# October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 World Tourism Day; the CQ WW RTTY contest 	28	29	30 International Translation Day	1 the SARL 80 m QSO Party	2	3 the East Rand Boot Sale 
4 the Antique Wireless Association SSB Valve QSO Party 	5 World Teachers' Day	6 Provincial Schools open	7 Draconids Meteor Shower.	8	9 World Postal Day	10 Radio Amateur Examination 
11	12 World Migratory Bird Day	13	14 Early Morning Coffee QSO Party 	15	16 JOTA 	17 JOTA and CQ Hou Koers and 
18 JOTA 	19	20	21 Orionids Meteor Shower and the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest	22 Orionids Meteor Shower	23	24 CQ WW DX Phone contest 
25 CQ WW DX Phone contest 	26	27	28	29	30	31 the SARL VHF/UHF FM Mode Contest



# November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Taurids Meteor Shower	5 Taurids Meteor Shower	6	7 the West Rand Boot Sale and the SARL Spring QRP Contest
8	9	10	11 Armistice Day 	12	13	14 World Diabetes Day
15	16	17 Leonids Meteor Shower.	18 Leonids Meteor Shower.	19 International Men's Day	20 World Children's Day	21 SARL Newbie QSO Party 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 CQ WW DX CW contest and the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest 
29 CQ WW DX CW contest 	30	1 Start of the YOTA Month 	2	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4 Chanukah	5 Chanukah; International Volunteers Day, the Pretoria Boot Sale

# ARISS

## EKSPEDISIE 73








A group photo of the ARISS Expedition 73 crew members in blue flight suits, standing in front of a space station interior. A central logo features a satellite and the number 73. Below the photo is a row of international flags.

### WAT/WIE IS ARISS?

Dit is nie 'n ruimtevaartmaatskappy in die tradisionele sin nie (soos SpaceX of Blue Origin), maar eerder 'n programmeerder wat amateur radio (ham radio)



# December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Start of the YOTA Month 	2	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities 	4 Chanukah	5 Chanukah; International Volunteers Day, the Pretoria Boot Sale 
6 Chanukah	7 Chanukah	8 Chanukah and the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	9 Chanukah; Provincial Schools close (officially) and the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	10 Chanukah; International Human Rights Day and the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	11 Chanukah; International Mountain Day and the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	12 Chanukah; ARRL 10 m contest and the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure
13 ARRL 10 m contest; Geminids Meteor Shower and the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	14 Geminids Meteor Shower and the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	15 the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	16 Day of the Vow and the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure 	17 the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	18 the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure	19 the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure
20	21 Summer Solstice; Ursids Meteor Shower.	22 Ursids Meteor Shower.	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26 Family Day
27	28	29	30	31 Old Year's Eve; the end of the YOTA Month and the DX Marathon	1 New Year's Day and the start of the 2027 CQ DX Marathon	2

## The DX Code of Conduct

- ◆ I will listen and listen and then listen again before calling
- ◆ I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly
- ◆ I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling
- ◆ I will not interfere with the DX station or anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSY slot
- ◆ I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call
- ◆ I will always send my full call sign
- ◆ I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval
- ◆ I will not call continuously
- ◆ I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine
- ◆ I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine
- ◆ I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine
- ◆ When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly
- ◆ I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact
- ◆ I will respect my fellow radio amateurs and conduct myself so as to earn their respect



## Die DX Gedragskode

- ◆ Ek sal luister, luister en nog luister
- ◆ Ek sal alleenlik roep indien ek die DX hoor.
- ◆ Ek sal nie die DX Kluster blindelings vertrou nie en eers seker maak van die DX se ware roepsein voordat ek roep
- ◆ Ek sal nie sturings veroorsaak vir die DX of enigeen wat hom roep nie en ook nie opstem op die DX of die QSY frekwensie nie
- ◆ Ek sal wag totdat die DX klaar is met sy kontak voordat ek roep
- ◆ Ek sal altyd my volle roepsein stuur
- ◆ Ek sal roep en redelike periode wag
- ◆ Ek sal nie aanhoudend roep nie
- ◆ Ek sal nie uitsaai wanneer die DX 'n ander roepsein as myne roep nie
- ◆ Ek sal nie uitsaai indien die DX 'n roepsein bevraagteken wat nie soos myne klink nie
- ◆ Ek sal nie uitsaai indien die DX 'n ander Geografiese area roep nie
- ◆ Indien die DX my roep, sal ek nie my roepsein herhaal behalwe as ek dink hy het dit verkeerd gehoor nie
- ◆ Ek sal dankbaar wees indien ek die kontak gemaak het
- ◆ Ek sal my mede Amateurs respekteer en myself handhaaf om sodoende hulle respek te verdien.

Vertaal deur en met dank aan Raoul, ZS1C





