

A Summer Christmas

Welcome o Silent night of Peace
Underneath the Southern Cross
While voices of the distant past
Whisper across the starry fields

Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming!
Give honour to God
Gift us a bright "Summer-Christmas"
in this land, O Lord



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<https://mysarl.org.za/hf-happenings/>

YOTA Contest 2025

The third session of this year's YOTA Contest, organised by the IARU Region 1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), will take place from 10:00 to 22:00 UTC on Monday 29 December on the five classic bands using CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. The complete rules can be found on <https://yotacontest.mrasz.org>.

YOTA Contest - 10:00 - 21:59 UTC 29 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 Jan of year of contest); Multi-Op: RS(T) and average age of ops (on 1 Jan of year of 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 3 January 2026

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <https://contest.ham-yota.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://yotacontest.mrasz.org/>

December

- 22 - the Ursids Meteor Shower
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Day of Goodwill
- 29 - the YOTA Contest
- 31 - Old Year's Eve; the end of the YOTA Month, the SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party and the DX Marathon

January

- 1 - News Year's Day, the start of the CQ DX Marathon and the start of the ISS Contact Session
- 3 - the ARRL Kid's Day
- 3 and 4 - the Quadrantids Meteor Shower
- 4 - World Braille Day
- 9 to 11 - the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest
- 10 and 11 - the North American CW QSO Party
- 14 - Provincial Schools open
- 17 - the Delta Crancrids Meteor Shower and the SARL Summer QRP Contest
- 17 and 18 - the the North American SSB QSO Party
- 21 - the Eta Carinids Meteor Shower
- 24 - the International Day of Education and the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
- 24 and 25 - the FastOne cycle race
- 31 - the closing date for AGM Motions

Radio Amateurs take Propagation Forecasting to an Amazing Local Level

HamSCI is developing a dashboard display specifically for amateur radio HF contesting, DXing and general operations using data from the HamSCI Personal Space Weather Station as well as potentially adding other local and remote real time data. The HamSCI Personal Space Weather Station (PSWS) is a multi-instrument system designed to measure space weather for both scientific research and amateur radio operations. The core of the PSWS is the RX-888/ KA9Q-radio WSPRdaemon-Grape High Frequency (HF) software-defined radio (SDR), capable of capturing and analysing signals across the 0,3 - 30 MHz range.

While most PSWS development efforts thus far have focused on strictly scientific objectives, this project aims to make the data available and useful in real time for radio amateurs. The dashboard has a goal of enhancing real-time HF propagation assessments for amateur radio operators. By decoding Weak Signal Propagation Report (WSPR) spots and integrating with external space weather observations, this dashboard will provide propagation insights on an individual station basis. The dashboard will also contribute to a larger understanding of both localized and global HF conditions. This should allow amateur radio operators to optimise their transmissions based on real-time ionospheric conditions, which can help improve contesting efficiency and DXing success. Currently, this project is under development with a working prototype.

For more on this story and a link to the HamSCI newsletter, visit the AMSATSA web pages at www.amsatsa.org.za.

The SARL Happy Holidays Hunt

The SARL Happy Holidays Hunt aims to promote activity on air over the year-end holidays. Whether you are lucky enough to go on a vacation or must bargain on a staycation, with some extra time on hand, this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the hunt for those Work all ZS (WAZS) and Work all Grid Squares (WAGS) QSOs.

The Holidays Hunt will run from 22:00 UTC on Sunday 14 December (00:00 CAT 15 December) to 22:00 UTC on Thursday 15 January 2026. Phone, CW and digital (FT8, FT4, VARAC) QSOs can be used on all the HF bands, 2 m simplex and 70 cm simplex – No repeater QSOs.

A station may be worked only once per band and per mode for points. E.g., a 40 m CW QSO and a 40 m Digital QSO with the same station counts 2 points and subsequent QSOs with that station on CW and Digital do not count for points.

Only QSOs with SADC countries will count towards points – Angola D2; Botswana A2; Comoros D6; Democratic Republic of Congo 9Q; Eswatini 3DA; Lesotho 7P; Madagascar 5R, 6X; Malawi 7Q; Mauritius 3B8, 3B9; Mozambique C8, C9; Namibia V5; Seychelles S7; Tanzania 5H; Zambia 9J; Zimbabwe Z2 and South Africa, ZU, ZR, ZS, ZT.

The exchange is your name, call sign, the four-character grid square you are operating from, a realistic RS, RST or RSQ report and a holiday greeting! Each QSO claimed for competition credit must be made by a living person.

You can participate as a Stayer – a station operated from your QTH – home; an Aways – a portable / field station operated from a grid square outside of your QTH grid square or a Mixer – a combination of the above.

You score one (1) point for every QSO with ZS or SADC countries. DX QSOs do not score points. You score two (2) points for every QSO on the 30 m (*the band segment 10 120 kHz to 10 140 kHz may be used for SSB transmissions in Africa south of the equator during local daylight hours*) and two (2) points for every QSO on the 60 m band. (*Please note that most SADC counters have access to WRC-15 5 MHz allocation of 5 351.5 to 5 366.5 kHz with 15 Watt EIRP, only South Africa and Lesotho (possibly Mozambique) have access to 5 350.0 – 5 354.0 kHz. Therefore, arrange your 60 metre QSOs.*)

Multipliers. The first QSO with a ZS grid square counts as multiplier. Each grid square counts 1 point. If you work KG54, your grid multiplier will be 1. If you work KG54 and KG33, the multiplier will

be 2. The multiplier increases by 1 for each new grid square worked. The same grid square worked on other bands or modes does not count towards the multiplier.

The first QSO on a band, counts as multiplier. This follows the same logic as grid squares. The first 40 m QSO (irrespective of mode) will earn you a band multiplier of 1. If you work 40 m and 20 m, the multiplier will be 2 and it increases by one for each new band worked.

The first QSO with any SADC country counts as multiplier. The same logic is followed as for the grid square and band multipliers.

Submit your log sheet in MS Excel, Cabrillo or ADIF format by 21:59 UTC on Friday 30 January, by e-mail to contest@sarl.org.za. When submitting your log, your call sign must appear at the start of the file name, e.g. 7P8DG 2025 Holiday Hunt.xlsx. The Excel log sheet is available at <https://mysarl.org.za/contest-resources/>.

An electronic placement certificate will be issued for the top three places and participants will receive a PDF participant certificate.

The 2026 DX Marathon

Mark, WC3W, is the new president of CWOps starting 1 January 2026! He is also the person behind the DX Marathon Award. He writes, “The [DX Marathon](#) is one of amateur radio’s most accessible, exciting and year-round operating challenges. The programme rewards operators for working as many DX entities and CQ Zones as possible during the calendar year - no complex rules, QSL or LOTW verifications and no need to submit logs after every QSO. Submissions can be made online anytime by simply uploading an ADIF file to entry.dxmarathon.com. No registration is required and any Q that you may have worked in a contest is good. Because every valid contact counts, the DX Marathon encourages regular on-air activity, better station optimization and exploration of new modes, bands and propagation paths. It is equally friendly to newcomers and seasoned DXers, with multiple competitive classes - High Power, Low Power, QRP, CW-only, Digital-only and more. Option of single mode, single band can be selected. You can decide right now to enter for 2025 - just upload your ADIF file. Make more contacts, upload more contacts. Final submittals for 2025 must be submitted on or before 5 January 2026.”

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

South Africa, ZS. The special event stations ZS100SARL, ZS6SRL and ZS9HQ celebrate the 100th anniversary of the South African Radio League (SARL) until the end of 2025.

Mali, TZ. Jeff, TZ4AM, posted the following on QRZ.com, “December 2025: QRV on all bands 40m to 6m so far at high power. Solar system is behaving nicely and power cuts occur less often, so I will be operating at higher power when called for. Mostly CW and some SSB. Operations are expected to continue until February next year: the jihadists have blockaded all ground transportation coming and going out of Bamako, So Mali's capital is under siege. If an emergency occurs, I'll evacuate....”

The Gambia, C5. Andre, ON7YK, is active as C5YK from Kotu until 25 January 2026. Activity is on 20 to 10 metres using SSB, RTTY, other digital modes and some CW. QSL via LoTW.

Morocco, CN. Darek, SP9DLM and his son Greg, SN9GM (12 years old) are active from Morocco as CN2DM and CN2GM until 28 December. QSL via Clublog’s OQRS.

Kenya, 5Z. Michael, OZ6ABL, will be active as 5Z4/OZ6ABL from Watamu (WW Loc. LI06AP), Kenya, between 15 January and 28 February 2026. He states, “It is my trip number 14 to Kenya, but the first time I am taking my radio with me :-).” Activity will be holiday style on 80 – 6 m (no 60 m) using CW,

SSB and digital modes. Radio equipment will be an IC-7300 (w/100 w) into a Buddipole and wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign OZ6ABL, ClubLog or LoTW. Michael states, "I will be on the radio as much as possible, but it is not a DXpedition will run like holiday style."

African Islands

Cape Verde, D4. Beni, HB9HNT, is active as D4NT until 1 January 2026. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 22 to 29 December 2025.

K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 22 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

Multippliers: 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 24 December 2025

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

ICWC Medium Speed Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 22 December and 03:00 - 04:00 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: Name and QSO no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multippliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 25 December 2025

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://internationalcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)

16:30 - 17:29 UTC 22 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

Multippliers: 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 26 December 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>

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest

01:00 - 01:59 UTC 23 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

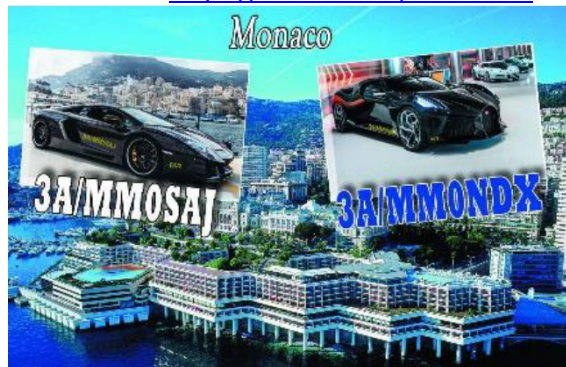
Submit logs by: 01:59 UTC 24 December 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <https://logs.wwsac.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://wwsac.com/rules.html>



SKCC Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 24 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 or 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 27 December 2025

E-mail log summary to: (none)

Post log summary at:

http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

https://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 24 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 25 December 2025

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Weekly Test

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 24 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 26 December 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

A1Club AWT
11:45 - 13:00 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: 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: 29 December 2025
Post log summary at:
<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 24 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 25 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 27 December 2025
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>



Mini-Test 40
17:00 - 17:59 UTC 24 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: 26 December 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 24 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: 26 December 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 26 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: 28 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://lotw.arrl.org/>
 Post log summary at:
<https://www.3830scores.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html>

Weekly RTTY Test
 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 26 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: 28 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>

QRP Fox Hunt
 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 26 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 27 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 26 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: 28 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

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 2026

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: <https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/weihnachtswettbewerb/en/>

K1USN Slow Speed Test

20:00 - 21:00 UTC 26 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 28 December 2025

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

Stew Perry Topband Challenge

15:00 UTC 27 December to 15:00 UTC 28 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 2026

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://stew.contesting.com/tbdcsuploadlog.php>

Mail logs to: BARC, 50335 NW Hayward Rd, Manning, OR 97125, USA

Find rules at: <https://www.kkn.net/stew/>



Original QRP Contest

15:00 UTC 27 December to 15:00 UTC 28 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

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, serial no, "/" 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 2026
 E-mail logs to: qrpc@qrpc.de
 Mail logs to: Lutz Gutheil, DM6EE, Bergstrasse 17, D-38446 Wolfsburg, Germany
 Find rules at: <http://www.qrpc.de/contestrules/qqr.html>



RAEM Contest
 00:00 - 11:59 UTC 28 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band; Single Op Mechanical Key – low; Multi-Single
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts
 Exchange: Serial no, latitude (degrees only), hemisphere, longitude (degrees only) and hemisphere (see rules) N=North, S=South, W=West, O=East (e.g. 57N 85O)
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 50 points and 1 point for every degree difference in geo location, both latitude and longitude; QSO with Polar station: 100 points additional; QSO with RAEM Memorial Station: 300 points additional

Multipliers: Polar stations multiply total QSO points by 1.1
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 11 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: raem@srr.ru
 Upload log at: http://ua9qcq.ru/submit_log.php
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://raem.srr.ru/rules/>

K1USN Slow Speed Test
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 29 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 31 December 2025
 Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

YOTA Contest
 10:00 - 21:59 UTC 29 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 Jan of year of contest); Multi-Op: RS(T) and average age of ops (on 1 Jan of year of 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 3 January 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <https://contest.ham-yota.com/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://yotacontest.mrasz.org/>

QCX Challenge
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 30 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 and name and 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 4 January 2026
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.grp-labs.com/party.html>

ICWC Medium Speed Test: 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 December and 03:00 - 04:00 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: Name and QSO no
Work stations: Once per band

Next Week's Contests

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 30 December
QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 31 December
Phone Weekly Test 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 31 December

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 1 January 2026
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 29 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 2 January 2026
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/>

Bogor Old and New Contest 09:00 - 23:59 UTC 31 December
 A1Club AWT 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 31 December
 CWops Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 31 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 1 January
 Mini-Test 40 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 31 December
 Mini-Test 80 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 31 December
 AGB New Year Snowball Contest 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 1 January
 Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 1 January and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 2 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
 IRTS 80 m Counties Contest 17:00 - 18:00 UTC 1 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 1 January (Dig)
 SKCC Sprint Europe 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 1 January
 NCCC FT4 Sprint 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 2 January
 Weekly RTTY Test 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 2 January
 QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 2 January
 NCCC Sprint 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 2 January
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 2 January
 PODXS 070 Club PSKFest 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 3 January
 Marconi Club ARI Loano QSO Party Day 07:00 - 21:00 UTC 3 January
 WW PMC Contest 12:00 UTC 3 January to 12:00 UTC 4 January
 RSGB AFS Contest, CW 13:00 - 17:00 UTC 3 January
 ARRL RTTY Roundup 18:00 UTC 3 January to 24:00 UTC 4 January
 ARRL Kids Day 18:00 - 23:59 UTC 3 January
 EUCW 160 m Contest 20:00 - 23:00 UTC 3 January and 04:00 - 07:00 UTC 4 January
 FOC Old School Classic 1960s QSO Party 12:00 UTC 4 January to 12:00 UTC 5 January
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 5 January
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 5 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 6 January
 OK1WC Memorial 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 5 January
 ARS Spartan Sprint 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 6 January
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 6 January

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