



# Happenings 1179

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## 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 Awayer – a portable / field station operated from a grid square outside of your QTH grid square or a Mixer – a combination of the above.

## December

- 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 and Award Nominations

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](mailto: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](http://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.”

### **INDEXA Newsletter**

The Winter 2025 issue (#147) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (<https://indexa.org/newsletters.html>). Highlights include “Message from the President” by Otis Vicens, NP4G, “E44OM DXpedition Trip Report” by Michal Horecky, OM2DX, “An Impromptu Humanitarian Aid Project at the 9U1RU Burundi DXpedition” by Hal Turley, W8HC and “PJ2 Youth Expedition 2025” by Max Freedman, N4ML.

### **AMERICA250 WAS Award**

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the ARRL is launching the America250 WAS Award, a year-long WAS (Worked All States) operating event. To earn this award, participants must confirm two-way contacts with all 50 US states via LoTW between 1 January and 31 December 2026. There will be three specialty endorsements:

\* Earn WAS by contacting W1AW/portable stations in all 50 states. Activations of W1AW/# stations will take place from all 50 states. Each W1AW/# station will operate for seven days for two separate weeks in the Year. The schedule for January is as follows:

- 7-13 January W1AW/0 Nebraska
- 7-13 January W1AW/2 New York
- 14-20 January W1AW/5 Louisiana
- 14-20 January W1AW/4 South Carolina
- 14-20 January W1AW/8 West Virginia
- 21-27 January W1AW/9 Illinois
- 28 January-3 February W1AW/1 Maine

\* Earn WAS by contacting ARRL Affiliated Club stations in all 50 states

\* Earn WAS Triple Play by contacting all 50 states on all three modes (CW, Phone & Digital).

Only QSOs uploaded to LoTW will be considered valid for the event and related awards. There are no planned physical QSL cards for any of the W1AW/# America250 WAS stations. Applications for the America250 WAS Award must be submitted via LoTW after achieving a minimum of 50 state QSO confirmations for contacts made during 2026. See <https://www.arrl.org/america250-was> for more information, including the State Activations Schedule for W1AW/# stations.

### **Amateur Radio Award “Marconi Supporters”**

From 1 January to 31 December 2026, with the sponsorship of the “Guglielmo Marconi Foundation.”

“Marconi Supporters” is an international amateur radio award organised by ARI Fidenza Radio Club, ([www.arifidenza.it](http://www.arifidenza.it)), affiliated to the Italian Radio Amateurs Association (ARI) with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation [www.fgm.it](http://www.fgm.it).

The purpose of this award is to provide historical and biographical insights into some of the key figures who, although perhaps not well known today to the general public interested in the life and works of the great scientist and inventor Guglielmo Marconi, nevertheless played a fundamental role in his personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development.

These figures contributed significantly to the construction of the context of relationships and opportunities that so greatly favoured the development and success of Marconi's great genius throughout his life.

The award dedicates each month of the year 2026 to the name of a specific “supporter” of Marconi, and the special name of the commemorative station associated with each month incorporates an acronym of that person's name.

Further details, figures, special call signs and award rules visiting our official website: [www.arifidenza.it](http://www.arifidenza.it). We believe that is mainly interest all Ham Radio operators, so please notify it to your associated OM and /or your webmaster/website.

Best regards and 73, Cristiano Cornini, IW4CLV, ARI Fidenza Radio Club President

[www.arifidenza.it](http://www.arifidenza.it)



## Dx from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

South Africa, ZS. The special event stations ZS100SARL, ZS6SRL and ZS9HQ celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South African Radio League (SARL) until 31 December 2025.

Benin, TY. Gerard, F5NVF, signs TY5GG from Godomey between 6 January and 6 February with activity on HF. QSL direct via F5RAV or LoTW.

## African Islands

Canary Islands, EA8. Watch out for Reno, EA8/IU3RIC operating from Lanzarote (AF-004) between 1 and 9 January.

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 29 December 2025 to 5 January 2026.

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: [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 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 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 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, 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 4 January 2026

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 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

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: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://internationalcouncil.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=rules2l>

#### Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest

01:00 - 01:59 UTC 30 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 31 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>

#### QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 31 December

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 1 January 2026

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.qrpfhoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.qrpfhoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)



#### Phone Weekly Test

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 31 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 2 January 2026

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 Rule s.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rule_s.pdf)

#### Bogor Old and New Contest

09:00 - 23:59 UTC 31 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

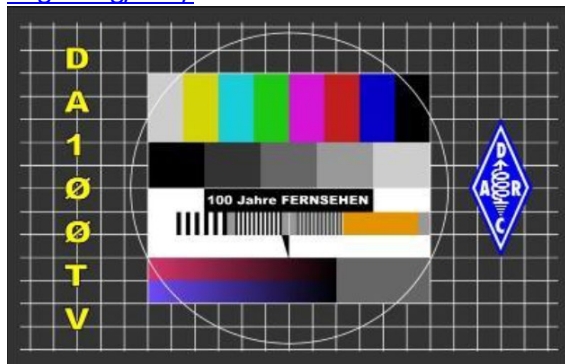
Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 10 m

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op

Exchange: RS and operator age  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 3 points per QSO with same continent; 5 points per QSO with different continent; 11 points per QSO with 7E1A  
 Multipliers: Each prefix once  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 31 January 2026  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <http://contest.orari-bogor.org/log-submission>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://contest.orari-bogor.org/rule/>



A1Club AWT  
 11:45 - 13:00 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: 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: 5 January 2026  
 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 31 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 1 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 3 January 2026  
 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 31 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: 2 January 2026  
 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 31 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: 2 January 2026  
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

AGB New Year Snowball Contest  
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 1 January  
Mode: CW, SSB, Digital  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed; Single Op Mixed QRP; Multi-Op; Digital; SWL  
Exchange: AGB Member: RST, QSO no and member no; non-Member: RST and QSO no  
Work stations: Once per mode per 15-minute period (see rules)  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; 5 points per QSO with AGB member  
Multipliers: Each AGB member once; Each DXCC/WAE country once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 22 January 2026  
E-mail logs to: [eu1eu@mail.ru](mailto:eu1eu@mail.ru)  
Mail logs to: Igor "Harry" Getmann, EU1EU, PO Box 143, Minsk 220005, Belarus  
Find rules at:  
[www.qsl.net/eu1eu/agb\\_nysb.htm](http://www.qsl.net/eu1eu/agb_nysb.htm)

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest  
08:00 - 11:00 UTC 1 January  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40 m  
Classes: One Radio/All Band; Two Radios/All Band; SWL  
Max operating hours: 3 hours  
Exchange: RST, QSO no, name and happy new year (native language)  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each DXCC country, except Scandinavia, once per band; Each Scandinavian prefix once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 31 January 2026  
E-mail logs to: [sm7bhm@telia.com](mailto:sm7bhm@telia.com)

Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>  
Mail logs to: SARTG Contest Manager, Ewe Hakansson, SM7BHM, Pilspetsvagen 4, SE-291 66 Kristianstad, Sweden  
Find rules at:  
[www.sartg.com/contest/nyrules.htm](http://www.sartg.com/contest/nyrules.htm)



AGCW Happy New Year Contest  
09:00 - 12:00 UTC 1 January  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
Classes: Single Op; SWL  
Max operating hours: 3 hours  
Max power: 1: >150 W; 2: 150 W; 3: 5 W  
Exchange: AGCW: RST, serial no, "/" and member no; non-AGCW: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each AGCW member once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 14 January 2026  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <http://contest.agcw.de/hnyc/>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.agcw.de/contest/hnyc/hnyc-engl/](http://www.agcw.de/contest/hnyc/hnyc-engl/)

IRTS 80 m Counties Contest  
17:00 - 18:00 UTC 1 January  
Geographic Focus: Ireland/Northern Ireland  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - SSB or mixed  
Max power: 100 watts  
Exchange: EI/GI: RS(T), serial no and county; non-EI/GI: RS(T) and serial no  
Work stations: Once per mode  
QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: EI/GI: Each EI/GI county once per mode; EI/GI: Each DXCC country once per mode; non-EI/GI: Each EI/GI county once per mode

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

Submit logs by: 15 January 2026

E-mail logs to: [contestmanager@irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager@irts.ie)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.irts.ie/cgi/st.cgi?r\\_hfcrules.html](http://www.irts.ie/cgi/st.cgi?r_hfcrules.html)



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) 1 January

Geographic Focus: Nordic Europe

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB, FM, Digital

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op

Exchange: RS(T) and 6-character grid square

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 15 January 2026

E-mail logs to: [10m@nrarcontest.no](mailto:10m@nrarcontest.no)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://nrau.net/nrau-contests-in-general/>

SKCC Sprint Europe

20:00 - 22:00 UTC 1 January

Geographic Focus: Europe

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

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: 8 January 2026

E-mail log summary to: (none)

Post log summary at:

[www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/skse/submit-display.php?submit\\_id=165](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/skse/submit-display.php?submit_id=165)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/skse/](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/skse/)

NCCC FT4 Sprint

01:00 - 01:30 UTC 2 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: 4 January 2026

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 2 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: 4 January 2026  
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 2 January  
Geographic Focus: United States  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 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 3 January 2026  
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 2 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: 4 January 2026  
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>

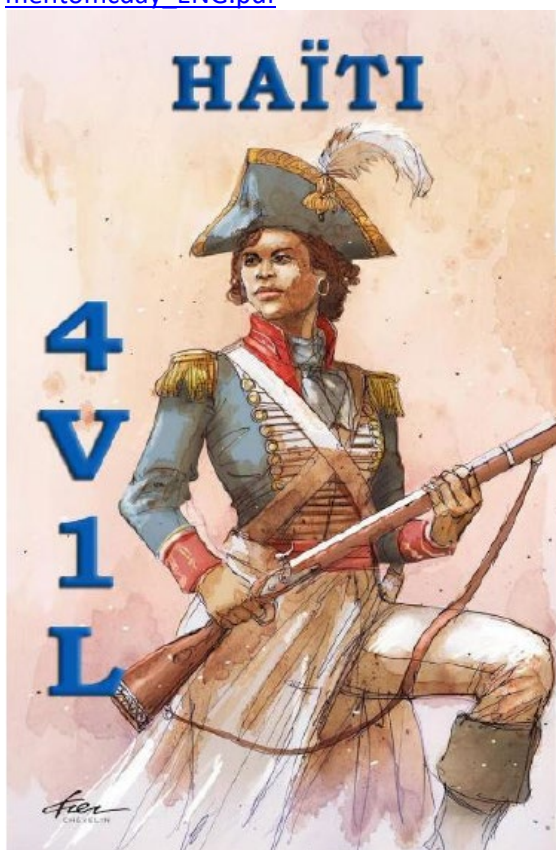
K1USN Slow Speed Test  
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 2 January  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide

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 4 January 2026  
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)



PODXS 070 Club PSKFest  
00:00 - 24:00 UTC 3 January  
Mode: PSK31  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: QRP; Low Power; Medium Power; High Power  
Max operating hours: 24 hours  
Max power: HP: (see rules); MP: 50 watts; LP: 25 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point/QSO  
Multipliers: States, provinces and countries, once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 10 January 2026  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <http://hamclubs.info/scorer/>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.podxs070.com/o70-club-sponsored-contests/pskfest](http://www.podxs070.com/o70-club-sponsored-contests/pskfest)

Marconi Club ARI Loano QSO Party Day  
 07:00 - 21:00 UTC 3 January  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
 Classes: Single Op  
 Exchange: Marconi Club Member: RST, "MC"  
 and member no; non-Members: RST and serial  
 no  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with member; 1  
 point per QSO with non-member  
 Multipliers: Each Marconi Club member once  
 per band  
 Score Calculation: Score = Total QSO points x  
 total mults  
 Submit logs by: 9 January 2026  
 E-mail logs to: [gsoparty@marconiclub.it](mailto:gsoparty@marconiclub.it)  
 Upload log at: [www.marconiclub.it/](http://www.marconiclub.it/)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
[www.ariloano.it/marconiclub/mcd\\_reg/regolamentomcday\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.ariloano.it/marconiclub/mcd_reg/regolamentomcday_ENG.pdf)



WW PMC Contest  
 12:00 UTC 3 January to 12:00 UTC 4 January  
 Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed - Peace  
 Messenger City or world - QRP, low or high;  
 Multi-Op – mixed - Peace Messenger City or  
 world  
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
 QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: PMC: RS(T) and PMC abbreviation;  
 World: RS(T) and CQ Zone  
 Work stations: Once per mode per band  
 QSO Points: (see rules)  
 Multipliers: Each PMC once per mode per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
 points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 11 January 2026  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at:  
[https://vhfmanager.net/modules/log\\_reception.php?ContestID=440](https://vhfmanager.net/modules/log_reception.php?ContestID=440)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/www-pmc/ww-pmc-contest-rules](http://www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/www-pmc/ww-pmc-contest-rules)

RSGB AFS CW Contest  
 13:00 - 17:00 UTC 3 January  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80, 40 m  
 Classes: Single Op/Multi-Op – low, medium or  
 high (see rules for team requirements)  
 Max power: HP: 400 watts; 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 4 January 2026  
 Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/rafs.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/rafs.shtml)

ARRL Kids Day  
 18:00 - 23:59 UTC 3 January  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 2 m repeaters  
 Classes: (none)  
 Exchange: Name, age, QTH and favourite  
 colour  
 Submit logs by: 3 February 2026

E-mail logs to: (none)  
Mail logs to: (see rules)  
Find rules at: [www.arrl.org/kids-day](http://www.arrl.org/kids-day)

ARRL RTTY Roundup  
18:00 UTC 3 January to 24:00 UTC 4 January  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Unlimited - QRP, low or high; Single Op Overlay: (Limited Antennas); Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi  
Max operating hours: 24 hours  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts  
Exchange: W/VE: RST and state or province; non-W/VE: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each US state and DC (except KH6/KL7) once only; Each VE province/territory once only; Each DXCC country (including KH6/KL7) once only  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 11 January 2026  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <https://contest-log-submission.arrl.org/>  
Mail logs to: RTTY Roundup, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, USA  
Find rules at: [www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup)

EUCW 160 m Contest  
20:00 - 23:00 UTC 3 January and 04:00 - 07:00 UTC 4 January  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160 m Only  
Classes: A: 150 W or more, member of affiliated club; B: 5 - 150 W, member of affiliated club; C: 5 W or less, member of affiliated club; D: Other stations, no power limitations; E: SWL  
Exchange: Affiliated Club Member: RST, name, club and membership no; Other: RST, name and "NM"  
Work stations: Once per day  
QSO Points: QSO with station in same DXCC country: 1 point; QSO with station in different DXCC country, but same continent: 2 points; QSO with station in different continent: 5

points; QSO with official EUCW club station: 10 points  
Multipliers: EUCW clubs, once per day  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 12 January 2026  
E-mail logs to: [commission-concours@uft.net](mailto:commission-concours@uft.net)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.uft.net/activites-et-concours/concours-eucw-uft-on5me/](http://www.uft.net/activites-et-concours/concours-eucw-uft-on5me/)



FOC Old School Classic 1960s QSO Party  
12:00 UTC 4 January to 12:00 UTC 5 January  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m  
Classes: Logging Class: P-paper logging, C-computer logging  
Gear Class: V-Pre 1970 gear, T-1970-1990, L-After 1990 gear, R - Remote gear  
Keying Class: M - mechanical key, E - electronic keying  
Exchange: Real RST, 3-letter class, year first licensed and name  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Add 5% to base QSO total if using paper logs; Add 10% to base QSO total if using vintage (V) gear; Add 5% to base QSO total if using transition (T) gear; Add 5% to base QSO total if using mechanical keying  
Score Calculation: Score = Total QSO points after applying mults and rounding to nearest whole number  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 12 January 2026  
E-mail logs to: [osqp@g4foc.org](mailto:osqp@g4foc.org)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.g4foc.org/foc-old-school-classic-1960s-qso-party/](http://www.g4foc.org/foc-old-school-classic-1960s-qso-party/)

K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 5 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 January 7, 2026  
 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 5 January and 03:00 - 04:00 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: 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 8 January 2026  
 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 5 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 9 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>

### Next Week's Contests

ARS Spartan Sprint 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 6 January  
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 6 January  
 QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 7 January  
 Phone Weekly Test 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 7 January  
 A1Club AWT 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 7 January  
 CWops Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 7 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 8 January  
 Mini-Test 40 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 7 January  
 Mini-Test 80 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 7 January

UKEICC 80m Contest 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 January  
 Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 8 January and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 9 January  
 NCCC FT4 Sprint 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 9 January  
 Weekly RTTY Test 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 9 January  
 QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 9 January  
 NCCC Sprint 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 9 January  
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 9 January  
 YB DX Contest 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 10 January  
 Old New Year Contest 05:00 - 08:59 UTC 10 January  
 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 12:00 UTC 10 January to 24:00 UTC 11 January  
 UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest 12:00 UTC 10 January to 12:00 UTC 11 January  
 North American QSO Party, CW 18:00 UTC 10 January to 05:59 UTC 11 January  
 NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 06:00 - 08:00 UTC 11 January  
 NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 08:30 - 10:30 UTC 11 January  
 DARC 10-Metre Contest 09:00 - 10:59 UTC 11 January  
 RSGB AFS Contest, Data 13:00 - 17:00 UTC 11 January  
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 12 January  
 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 12 January  
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 12 January and 03:00 - 04:00  
 UTC 13 January  
 OK1WC Memorial 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 12 January  
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 13 January  
 DARC RTTY Sprint 18:00 - 19:29 UTC 13 January

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