

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: January 2024 *Happy New Year & GD DX de Phil, G3MGQ*

DXpeditions in January 2024 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# verified QRV on DX Watch)

- Dec24-Jan 1 **Ogasawara JD1BMH** by JG7PSJ;40-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL QSL: JD1BMH Buro or JG7PSJ direct
- Dec26-Jan 5 **St Vincent & Grenadines J8TT** by PA2LO fm Ratho Mill, St. Vincent (NA-109, FK93jd); 40-6m; SSB CW + digital; QSL: LoTW or via PA2LO Buro
- Dec27-Jan 6 **Rodrigues I 3B9AT** by IK3ZQA IV3JVJ fm IOTA AF-017; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or via IV3JVJ
- Dec28-Jan 11 **Namibia V5/F5LCX** by F5LCX fm Windhoek; HF; 100w; vertical; QSL: LoTW
- Dec16-Jan 13 **St Helena ZD7CA #** by HB9FIY fm IOTA AF-022; 80-10m, incl 60m; SSB + digital; QSL: EA5GL
- Dec29-Jan 16 **French Guiana TO2FY** by F4GPK fm Korou; @FY5KE; HF; SSB; holiday style operation; QSL: eQSL
- Jan 1-5 **Svalbard JW** by M0PLX fm Spitsbergen; 160-10m; SSB; QSL: SP7DPJ
- Jan 3-10 **Honduras K6VHF/HR9** by K6VHF fm Sandy Bay, Roatan I (IOTA NA-057); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; 100w; QSL: LoTW or K6VHF direct
- Jan 11-24 **Barbados 8P9CB** by WA7RAR; 20-10m; CW SSB; 100w; 1/4 wave vertical; QSL: LoTW or WA7RAR direct
- Jan 11-25 **St Kitts & Nevis V4/N4RF** by N4RF; @V7JA; HF; CW FT8, some SSB; 100w; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW or N4RF direct w/ SASE
- Jan 11- Apr 11 **Montserrat VP2MDX** by W2APF; HF; QSL: LoTW
- Jan 12-18 **Palau** by JH6WDG as **T88AQ**, JA6KYU as **T88HS**, JR6DRH as **T88RH**, JA6EGL as **T88SM** fm Koror; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL as op instructions
- Jan 12-20 **Ethiopia ET3AA** by W9XY K4ZW; HF; QSL: N2OO
- Jan 16-Feb 4 **St Helena ZD7Z** by IV3FSG fm Jamestown (AF-022 IH74ga); 160-6m + 60m; SSB CW RTTY FT8 FT4; vertical, inverted L; QSL: LoTW or via IK2DUW
- Jan 17-24 **Dominica J79** by FM5BH as **J79BH** and F8AAN as **J79AN**; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL: Club Log OQRS
- Jan 18-Feb 1 **Clipperton I TX5S** by Perseverance DX Group fm (NA-011, DK50jh); 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB CW RTTY FT8; dates may change; QSL: LoTW&TX5S.net
- Jan 19-31 **Aruba P4/DL4MM** by DL4MM; 160-10m; CW FT8 FT4 SSB; QSL: Club Log OQRS; but as **P40AA** on FT8, FT4 & in CQ 160m CW Contest
- Jan 20-27 **Chatham I ZL7D** by ZL1CAP, ZL1LDP, ZL1OV ZL3SSB; HF; hex beams; amps; QSL: EA3FLW
- Jan 21-28 **African Italy IG9** by S51V S52OT S54W S56N S57DX S57UN S59A fm Lampedusa I (IOTA AF-109); QSL: S57DX; QRV for CQ 160m CW Contest
- Jan 22-Feb 1 **Indonesia YB9/F5LIT** by F5LIT; 40-10m;SSB; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Jan 24-Feb 6 **Maldives 8Q7WR** by G3WRO fm Kuredo I; 40-10m, perhaps 80m; SSB; QSL via G3WRO w/ SASE only
- Jan 25-Feb 12 **Yemen 7O2WX** by OK2WX fm Socotra I; HF w/ focus on low bands; monoband verticals for 160 80 40m; QSL: IZ8CCW; QRV for CQ 160m CW
- Jan 28-28 **Pitcairn I VP6/G3YBO** by G3YBO fm 1800z onward; @VP6MW; 17-10m; SSB; 100w; 33ft vertical; operation tentative due to wx

Long-term DX operations

* from Nov 16 until Apr 2024 **Namibia V51WH** by DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-10m, incl. 60m; **V55Y** in contests; QSL: DK2WH

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

January is a good month to try CW Top Band e.g. the QCX Monthly Challenge, Cwops Mini-CWT or CQ WW 160m Contest CW leg.

NB: Modes allowed in RSGB VHF contests are only SSB, CW, FM, AM, JT6M, ISCAT & FSK441, except for dedicated MGM events when any MGM but not CW or EME
Users of WSJT-X should enable EU VHF Contest mode; DO NOT USE the WSJT-X software dedicated Contest formats or Fox in Fox & Hounds mode.

N.B. UKEICC 80m Contests: Cumulative Sept-Apr contests for individual & Club team entries; log submission robot BEFORE 2200z

until Jan 31 0000-2400 UTC **UKSMG Winter Marathon, All modes**; 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + 4-digit square.

until Jan 6 0000-2400 UTC **WAB Christmas Party, all modes**, Classes: HF/Mixed & VHF; all bands. Exchange: WAB book numbers

M Jan 1 0000-0100 UTC **AGB New Year Snowball Contest; CW, SSB, Digital**, 80m only; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No. + (Rx) Mem No.

Jan 1 0800-1100 UTC **SARTG New Year RTTY Contest**, 80 & 40m, Exchange: RST + QSO No. + name + happy new year. (+/Member No.)

Jan 1 1700-1800 UTC **IRTS 80m Counties Contest; SSB & CW**: (3510-60, 3600-50, 3700-75kHz); Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No. (+ County from EI & GI stns)

Jan 1 1400-1700 UTC **AGCW VHF Contest, CW**;2m only, Pwr A<5W, B<50W, C>50W; Exchange: RST+ /QSO No.+ /A,B or C +/6-digit IARU locator

Jan 1 1700-1800 UTC **AGCW UHF Contest, CW**;70cm only, Pwr A<5W, B<50W, C>50W;Exchange: RST+ /QSO No+ /A,BorC +/6-digit IARU locator

Tu Jan 2 1900-1955 UTC **RSGB 144MHz FMAC**; 2m FM only (144.5125-144.7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) <50W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator

Jan 2 2000-2230 UTC **RSGB 144MHz UKAC**; 2m only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.

W Jan 3 1700-2100 UTC **RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr)** 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
 Jan 3 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only)** 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
 Jan 3 2000-2100 UTC **UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB;** 80m (3650-3775kHz **only**) QRP<5<LP<100W Exchange: 6-character square **only** (no RST or serial number)
 Jan 4 2000-2200 UTC **SKCC Sprint Europe, CW;** 160-6m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + State/Country(GBR) + Name + SKCC No./"NONE"
Sa Jan 6 1300-1700 UTC **RSGB AFS Contest, CW;** 80 & 40m = 3510-70kHz (QRS>3565), 7000-40 kHz, Exchange: RST, serial; callsign every 3 QSOs in each min
 Jan 6 - 7 1800-2359 UTC **ARRL RTTY Roundup, RTTY, Digital,** 80-10m (not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number/State or Province
Sa Jan 6 2000-2300 UTC **EUCW 160m Contest CW;** 1810-40kHz only, Exchange: RST, name, "NM" or AGEU (FISTS,GQRP,FOC,Essex CW) Club & Member No
Su Jan 7 0400-0700 UTC **EUCW 160m Contest CW;** 1810-40kHz only, Exchange: RST, name, "NM" or AGEU (FISTS,GQRP,FOC,Essex CW) Club & Member No
Tu Jan 9 1900-1955 UTC **RSGB 432MHz FMAC;** 70cm FM only (432.525-432.975,433.400-433.475MHz) <50W;Exchange: RS, Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator
 Jan 9 2000-2230 UTC **RSGB 432MHz UKAC;** 70cm only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
W Jan 10 1700-2100 UTC **RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr)** 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
 Jan 10 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only)** 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th Jan 11 2000-2230 UTC **RSGB 50MHz UKAC;** 6m only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Sa Jan 13 0000-2359 UTC **YB DX Contest, SSB;** HF (not WARC bands), LP<100W, HP<1500W, Exchange: RS + serial number
 Jan 13 1900-2300 UTC **WAB 1.8MHz Phone;** 160m only, Exchange: RS + Serial No. + WAB Square/Country
 Jan 13-14 1800-0559 UTC **North American QSO Party, CW;** 160-10m (not WARC bands), Exchange: Name + NA state/province/country
 Jan 13-14 1200-1200 UTC **UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest, BPSK63;** 80-10m (not WARC bands),Pwr: QRP<5W, LP<50W; Exchange: RSQ + Serial No./UBA Section
Su Jan 14 0900-1059 UTC **DARC 10m Contest, CW, SSB;** 10m only; Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number + "NM"/DOK (DARC District).
 Jan 14 1300-1700 UTC **RSGB AFS Contest, PSK63 RTTY;** 80&40m (3580-90kHz,7040-60kHz), Exchange: RS + serial No. (callsign every 3 QSOs within 1 min)
Th Jan 18 2000-2230 UTC **RSGB 70MHz UKAC;** 70cm only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
 Jan 20-21 1200-1159 UTC **Hungarian DX Contest, CW, SSB;** HF (not WARC bands; Exchange: RST + serial number/2-letter HA county
Sa Jan 20 1300-1700 UTC **RSGB AFS Contest, SSB;** 80 & 40m (3600-3775,7060-7200kHz), Exchange: RS + serial number (callsign every 3 QSOs within 1 min)
 Jan 20-21 1800-0559 UTC **North American QSO Party, SSB;** 160-10m (not WARC bands), Exchange: Name + NA state/province/country
 Jan 20-21 2000-0559 UTC **Feld Hell Sprint, Hellshriber;** 160, 80 & 40m, Exchange: RST+ FH No. + State/Province/Country(GBR) + IARU locator
W Jan 24 0000-0200 UTC **SKCC Sprint, CW;** 160-10m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + State/Country(GBR) + Name + SKCC No./"NONE"
 Jan 25-26 2200-1000 UTC **Australia Day CW, SSB, Digi (FT4,8);** 160-10m (not WARC bands), Exchange: RS(T) & 4-digit IARU locator.
 Jan 26-28 2200-2200 UTC **CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW,** 160m only, Exchange: RST + State/province/CQ Zone (14)
 Jan 27-28 0600-1800 UTC **REF Contest; CW;** 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS + Serial No./Department
 Jan 27-28 1200-1200 UTC **BARTG RTTY Sprint,** 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: Serial No.
 Jan 27-28 1300-1300 UTC **UBA DX Contest; SSB;** 80-10m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + Serial No. (+ ON Province)
 Jan 29-30 1300-0400 UTC **QCX Monthly Challenge, CW;** 80,40,20m, 3x1hr@ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig
W Jan 31 2000-2100 UTC **UKEICC 80m Contest, CW;** 3510-60kHz only;QRP<5<LP<100W; Upload log<1hour; Exchange: 6-digit square **only** (no RST or serial)

Weekly Wednesdays CWops Mini-CWT, CW;160-10m (not WARC); straight key; call "CQ CWT" 28-38kHz up from band edge; Exchange: Name & State/DX Country Prefix. At 1300-1400 UTC focus is Asia & Pacific; **1900-2000 UTC focus is Europe & Africa** & Thursday 0300-0400 focus is USA & Canada.

Mondays 0000-0100 UTC KIUSN SST, CW QRS<20wpm; 80,40,20m (32-39kHz>band edge); any Morse key; call "CQ SST"; Pwr: QRP<5W<LP<100W; Exchange: Name & State/DX Country Prefix (GBR)

Also **Mondays 2000-2100 UTC Hastings ERC QRS CW Net** (G0ILN & G0JHK) 28.055MHz or 3563kHz (+/-QRM) with talkback FM on 145.275MHz