

## Month on the Air by G3MGQ: March 2024

***DXpeditions in March 2024*** (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (all verified as QRV at 28 Feb on DX Watch)

- until Mar 1 **Turks & Caicos VP5/W6NYC** by W6NYC; 40 30 20 10m; SSB + digital QSL: LoTW
- until Mar 1 **Fiji 3D2AD** by YT1AD, YU3AA as **3D2AB**, UA9OLY as **3D2LY**, RC9O as **3D2RC**; HF QSL: Home Call
- until Mar 3 **Lord Howe I VK9L/GM4DLG** by GM4DLG; 80 40 20m; SSB; 100w
- until Mar 3 **Madagascar 5R8BV** by S53BV fm Nosy Be I; 80 40m; CW SSB; 300w QSL: S53BV Direct
- until Mar 4 **St Kitts & Nevis V44/K1ZN** by K1ZN fm St Kitts; HF; QSL: K1ZN
- until Mar 4 **US Virgin Is NP2R** by K4BEN W3MLJ KC1KUG fm St Thomas I; 160-10m; CW SSB, FT8; 100w; Spiderbeam dipoles sloper; QSL: LoTW or via KC3UI
- until Mar 7 **Temotu H40WA** by Intrepid-DX Group fm IOTA OC-065 (RH29vg); 160-10; CW SSB FT8 (f/h); QSL: LoTW or via M0URX; QRV for CQWW SSB
- until Mar 9 **Wallis & Futuna FW8GC** by LZ1GC, LZ5QZ & TX8GC fm Wallis I (IOTA OC-054); 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8 FT4 QSL: LoTW
- until Mar 9 **Maldives 8Q7BB** by RX3APM fm Baa Atoll; 80-10m; CW SSB; 100w; holiday style operation QSL: LoTW
- until Mar 15 **Cambodia XU7GNY** by EA1CS; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via DJ6TF or Club Log OQRS
- until Apr 13 **Senegal 6W7/ON4AVT** by ON4AVT fm Warang; 80-10; SSB + digital; QSL: Club Log OQRS or via ON4AVT
- until Apr 29 **Solomon Is H44MS** by DL2GAC fm QI01hp; 160-6m; SSB FT8; 800w; QRV for CQ 160m SSB; QRV holiday style.
- Mar 1-31 **Benin TY5C** by F5NVF 7X2TT F5RAV; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or F5RAV direct
- Mar 2-30 **Sint Maarten PJ7AA** by AA9A; 40-6m; CW; FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW or AA9A direct
- Mar 3-22 **Grenada J38R** by ON4HIL ON4MA ON5RA ON5TN ON6CC ON7RU; 160-10m; 3 high power stations; QSL: LoTW or via M0URX
- Mar 5-15 **St Kitts & Nevis V4/WB8IZM** by WB8IZM fm St Kitts; HF; CW SSB; 100w; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW or \$2 via PayPal to WB8IZM email
- Mar 8-20 **Tanzania 5H3VJG** by G0VJG fm Zanzibar I (IOTA AF-032); HF; mainly SSB, some FT8; QRV for BERU contest QSL: M0OXO
- Mar 10-19 **New Caledonia FK/LZ1GC** by LZ1GC and LZ5QZ as **FK/LZ5QZ**; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8 FT4 QSL: LoTW
- Mar 11-27 **Curacao PJ2/DK5ON** by DK5ON; 160-6m; CW SSB FT4 FT8 RTTY SAT; QSL: LoTW, DK5ON (B/d) or Club Log OQRS
- Mar 12-27 **East Kiribati T32EU** by a German Group of 6 Ops; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW QSL via Club Log OQRS, DL2AWG (B/d)
- Mar 16-21 **Bahamas WA1JAY/C6A** QSL: LoTW by WA1JAY; mainly 10m; FT8 FT4 SSB
- Mar 20-29 **Lesotho 7P8EI** by EI DX Group, DJ9RR PA3EWP EI9HQ + 11 other EI calls; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital QSL: M0OXO OQRS
- Mar 25-Apr 8 **Guadeloupe TO1Q** by F1ULQ; @FG8OJ; HF + 6m; SSB + digital; QSL: LoTW or F1ULQ (B/d)
- Mar 26-Apr 1 **Cyprus SBA ZC4MK** by G0KOM; HF; QRV for CQ WPX SSB Contest; QSL: LoTW or Club Log OQRS
- Mar 26-Apr 2 **Turks & Caicos VQ5P** by AF3K KH6M W2TT; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8 FT4; QRV for CQ WPX SSB contest; QSL: LoTW or via N2OO
- Mar 27-Apr 3 **Austral Is TX5XG** by JA1XGI fm IOTA OC-114; 160-6m; CW + digital + Greencube SAT QSL: LoTW
- Mar 28-Apr 2 **Mayotte TO5LA** by 4Z5LA 4Z5FI; HF; SSB CW FT4 FT8; QRV for CQ WPX SSB Contest; QSL: LoTW or via 4Z5FI
- Mar 29-31 **Mayotte TO4VV** by FH4VVK fm Quatier Cabaribere; HF; SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or FH4VVK direct
- Mar 29-Apr 11 **Vanuatu YJ0VK** by VK3HJ VK6CQ K0BBC VK3QB fm Port Vila; 40-6m; SSB CW FT8; QSL: LoTW or via M0OXO

### 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 (verified as QRV on DX Watch)

Jan 11- Apr 11 **Montserrat VP2MDX** by W2APF; HF; QSL: LoTW (**not** verified as QRV on DX Watch)

### Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

**Big ones this month are ARRL DX SSB & CQ WW WPX SSB Contests but especially the RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest\* as European & US stations do not qualify. RSGB have kept 2m & 70cm FMAC on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues followed by FT8 data AC's; with 2hr & 4hr sections on Wed.**

**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

Mar 2-3 0000-2400 UTC **ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB**; 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; Exchange: RS + power/(W state/VE province) Work only NA stns.

Mar 2-3 1400-1400 UTC **RSGB 2m & 70cm Contest, all modes (NB above)**, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (on each band) + 6-digit IARU locator.

Mar 2-3	1800-1359 UTC	<b>Ukraine Open Champ'ship, RTTY45</b> ;160, 80, 40, 20, 15 & 10m digimodes sub-bands; Call CQ UKR, Exchange: County (SX) + serial no
Mar 2-3	2300-2300 UTC	<b>AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest, CW</b> ; 80,40,20m; Exchange: RST + Equipment Type + Year
<b>Su</b> Mar 3	0700-1100 UTC	<b>UBA Spring Contest, CW</b> ; 80m only; Exchange: RST + Serial No. (ON: + UBA Section)
Mar 3	1800-2200 UTC	<b>WAB 3.5MHz Phone &amp; CW</b> 80m only; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No + WAB Square(e.g TQ72)
<b>M</b> Mar 4	2000-2130 UTC	<b>RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data</b> ; Exchange: RST + Serial No
<b>Tu</b> Mar 5	1900-1955 UTC	<b>RSGB 144MHz FMAC</b> ; 2m (144.5125 - 7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) FM only <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
Mar 5	2000-2230 UTC	<b>RSGB 144MHz UKAC, all modes</b> ; 2m only; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
<b>W</b> Mar 6	2000-2100 UTC	<b>UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB</b> ; 3.650-3.775 only; HP>100W> LP,QRP<5W; Upload log<1hour; Exchange: 6-digit IARU locator, <b>not</b> RST
<b>W</b> Mar 6	1700-2100 UTC	<b>RSGB 144MHz FT8 UKAC</b> ; (4hr) 2m only, Power:10/100/Full; Exchange: RS + 4-digit IARU locator.
Mar 6	1900-2100 UTC	<b>RSGB 144MHz FT8 UKAC</b> ; (2hr) 2m only, Power:10/100/Full; Exchange: RS + 4-digit IARU locator.
<b>Th</b> Mar 7	1800-2200 UTC	<b>NRAU 10m Activity Contest</b> ; CW: 1800-1900, SSB: 1900-2000, FM: 2000-2100, Digital: 2100-2200; Exchange: RS(T) + 6-digit square
Mar 9-10	0800-1000 UTC	<b>SARL Field Day Contest, CW, SSB, Digital</b> ; HF (not WARC bands) Exchange: RS(T) + No of tx's + class + province/DX
Mar 9-10	1000-1000 UTC	<b>Commonwealth Contest* CW</b> ; 80(DX<3510),40,20(<14060),15,10m; Exchange: RST+Serial No.(+ HQ) Work only Commonwealth Calls.
Mar 9-10	1200-1200 UTC	<b>EA PSK63 Contest</b> ; 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m, Exchange: RSQ + Serial no/EA province code.
<b>Sa</b> Mar 9	1400-2000 UTC	<b>AGCW-DL QRP Contest</b> ; 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m Exchange: RST, QSO No., Class (QRP<5<MP<25W), Member No.("NM" if not member)
Mar 9-10	1500-1500 UTC	<b>Stew Perry Topband Challenge, CW</b> ; 160m only; Class: QRP<5W<LP 100W<HP; Exchange: 4-digit IARU locator
<b>M</b> Mar 10	0700-1100 UTC	<b>UBA Spring 2m Contest, CW, Phone</b> ; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No. (ON: + UBA Section)
<b>Tu</b> Mar 12	1900-1955 UTC	<b>RSGB 432MHz FMAC</b> ; 70cm (432.525-975 & 433.400-475 MHz) FM only <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
Mar 12	2000-2230 UTC	<b>RSGB 432MHz UKAC, all modes (NB above)</b> ; 70cm only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
<b>W</b> Mar 13	2000-2130 UTC	<b>RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW</b> ; Exchange: RST + Serial No
Mar 13-14	2300-2300 UTC	<b>AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest, CW</b> ; 80,40,20m; Exchange: RST + Equipment Type + Year
<b>Th</b> Mar 14	2000-2230 UTC	<b>RSGB 50MHz UKAC, all modes (NB above)</b> ; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Mar 16-17	1200-1200 UTC	<b>F9AA Cup, SSB</b> ; 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2m; Classes: QRP<10W <LP 100< HP Exchange: RST + Serial No.
Mar 16-17	1200-1200 UTC	<b>Russian DX Contest, CW, SSB</b> ; 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; QRP<5W <LP 100< HP; Exchange: + 6-digit IARU locator.
Mar 16-18	0200-0159 UTC	<b>BARTG HF RTTY Contest</b> ; 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; Exchange: RST + Serial No. + 4-digit time (URS(T) + Serial No./Ru: 2-character Oblast
<b>Sa</b> Mar 16	1400-1700 UTC	<b>AGCW-DL VHF/UHF CW Contest, 2m</b> ; Exchange: RST + / + Serial No. + / + Power class + / + 6-character grid locator
Mar 16	1700-1800 UTC	<b>AGCW-DL VHF/UHF CW Contest, 70cm</b> ; Exchange: RST + / + Serial No. + / + Power class + / + 6-character grid locator
<b>Su</b> Mar 17	0700-1100 UTC	<b>UBA Spring Contest, SSB</b> ; 80m only; Classes: QRP<10W<HP; Exchange: RS + Serial No. (+ ON: UBA Section)
<b>M</b> Mar 18	2000-2130 UTC	<b>RSGB HF FT4 Series #2</b> , USB 3576.79 & 82, 7047.5 & 14080kHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: signal rpt. Multi's: DXCC & Gx66HH
<b>Tu</b> Mar 19	2000-2100 UTC	<b>IRTS 80m Evening Counties Contest, SSB or CW+SSB</b> , (3500-60,3600-60, 3700-70kHz) Exchange: RS(T) SN (Rx EI/GI 3-digit County)
Mar 19	2000-2230 UTC	<b>RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC, all modes (NB above)</b> ; 23cm only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
<b>Th</b> Mar 21	2000-2230 UTC	<b>RSGB 70MHz UKAC</b> ; 4m only All modes. Pwr 400/40/4W Exchange: RS(T) + serial number TC)
<b>Su</b> Mar 26	0600-1000 UTC	<b>UBA Spring 6m Contest, CW, Phone</b> ; Classes: QRP<5W<HP; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No. (ON: + UBA Section)
Mar 25-26	1300-0400 UTC	<b>QCX Monthly Challenge, CW</b> ; 80,40,20m, 3x1hr@ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig
<b>W</b> Mar 27	2000-2100 UTC	<b>UKEICC 80m Contest, CW</b> ; 3.51-3.56 only; HP>100W> LP,QRP<5W; Upload log<1hour; Exchange: only 6-digit IARU locator, <b>not</b> RST
<b>Th</b> Mar 28	2000-2130 UTC	<b>RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB</b> ; Exchange: RS + Serial No.
Mar 30-31	0000-2359 UTC	<b>CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB</b> ; 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; Exchange: RS + Serial No.

\* **Commonwealth Call Areas** (see <https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/information/codes.shtml>)

**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 **K1USN 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

**Pre-contest Operation:** ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (Mar 2-3, 2024)

Call	<a href="#">DXCC</a>	QSL	Notes
5K4	Colombia	LoTW	By KC1XX; 15 or 10m; will give out points on other bands
8P5A	Barbados	LoTW	By W2SC; QSL via HA1AG
C6ANM	Bahamas	LoTW	By op
CR2X	Azores	LoTW	By OH2GEK OH2BH OH2UA OH6KN OH8NC
D4K	Cape Verde Is	IZ4DPV	By IZ4DPV
D4M	Cape Verde Is	D44PM	By D44PM
ED8W	Canary Is	EA8DO	By EA7LL EA7I EA1BP EA8DO OM5RW
FM5KC	Martinique	LoTW	By F5VHJ; QSL via Club Log OQRS, F5VHJ (B/d)
HH2AA	Haiti	LoTW	By N2TTA
J62	St Lucia	K9HZ	By J69DS J68HZ K5OF KA4RRU W0CN WA4PGM
KH7M	Hawaii	LoTW	By NA2U; QSL via KH6ZM w/SASE
KH0W	Mariana Is	KC0W	By KH0W
KP2B	US Virgin Is	EB7DX	By NP2V
KP3J	Puerto Rico	EB7DX	By EB7DX; high power
NP2R	US Virgin Is	LoTW	By KC1KUG W3MLJ WO5T; low power; QSL via KC3UI
P40L	Aruba	WA3FRP	By W6LD, WE9V, K1DG, W0YK
PJ5/SP0FI	St Eustatius & Saba	LoTW	By SP9FIH
PJ7EE	Sint Maarten	LoTW	By KC9EE; QRV Feb 21-Mar 5
TI1T	Costa Rica	LoTW	By TI2CC TI5VMJ TI2JJP TI2MOT TI2VAI TI4JVC N3KS; QSL via Club Log OQRS
V3O	Belize	DL8UD	By DL8UD; will try 60m before and after
VP9I	Bermuda	VP9I	By N1SV; @VP9I
ZF1A	Cayman Is	LoTW	By W9KKN K6JO K7ZO; fm Grand Cayman I; high power, QSL via Club Log OQRS