

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: April 2024

DXpeditions in April 2024 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# not on DX Watch at 27 March)

- Mar26-Apr 1 **Cyprus SBA ZC4MK #** by G0KOM; HF; QRV for CQ WPX SSB Contest; QSL: LoTW or Club Log OQRS
- Mar23-Apr 1 **St Vincent J8NKI** by W1DED fm Bequia I (IOTA NA-025); HF; QSL: LoTW or W1DED direct; QRV for CW WPX SSB
- Mar26-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
- Mar28-Apr 2 **Mayotte TO5LA** by 4Z5LA 4Z5FI; HF; SSB CW FT4 FT8; QRV for CQ WPX SSB Contest; QSL: LoTW or via 4Z5FI
- Mar27-Apr 3 **Austral Is TX5XG** by JA1XGI fm IOTA OC-114; 160-6m; CW + digital + Greencube SAT QSL: LoTW
- Mar23-Apr 6 **St Kitts & Nevis V4/G0TLE** by G0TLE fm St Kitts I (IOTA-104); @V47JA; 40-10m; CW SSB; QSL: LoTW or G0TLE direct; holiday style operation
- Mar27-Apr 6 **Surinam PZ5TW** by PY8WW; HF; SSB CW + digital; QRV for CQ WPX SSB; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Mar30-Apr 6 **Sint Maarten PJ7/KJ9B** by KJ9B fm nr Philipsburg; likely 20-10m; mainly FT4 FT8; QSL: LoTW
- Mar25-Apr 8 **Guadeloupe TO1Q** by F1ULQ; @FG8OJ; HF + 6m; SSB + digital; QSL: LoTW or F1ULQ (B/d)
- Mar18-Apr 10 **Mauritius 3B8/DM7CW** by DM7CW fm LG89rr; 40-10m; CW SSB + digital; 100w; vertical; QSL: LoTW or DM7CW direct w/ SASE or Paypal
- Mar29-Apr 11 **Vanuatu YJ0VK** by VK3HJ VK6CQ K0BBC VK3QB fm Port Vila; 40-6m; SSB CW FT8; QSL: LoTW or via M0OXO
- Mar15-Apr 12 **Dominican Republic HI8/VA2VKG** by VA2VKG fm Boca Chica; 40 20 10m; CW SSB; QSL: VA2VKG
- Feb 7 -Apr 13 **Senegal 6W7/ON4AVT** by ON4AVT fm Warang; 80-10; SSB + digital; QSL: Club Log OQRS or via ON4AVT
- Feb10 -Apr 29 **Solomon Is H44MS** by DL2GAC fm QI01hp; 160-6m; SSB FT8; 800w; QRV for CQ 160m SSB; QRV holiday style.
- Apr 4-14 **Pitcairn VP6G** by PG5M; 40-10m; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: M0OXO
- Apr 5-7 **Mayotte TO4VV** by FH4VVK fm Quatier Cabaribere; HF; SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or FH4VVK direct
- Apr 6-13 **Liechtenstein HB0/OH2YL** by OH2YL; 160-10m; CW FT8; QSL: OH2YL
- Apr 6-16 **Liberia A8OK** by OK1BOA + 7 other OK ops; 160-6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8 FT4 PSK; QSL: LoTW & via Club Log OQRS, OK6DJ
- Apr 6-16 **Maldives 8Q7HZ** by TA1HZ; 30-10m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW
- Apr 7-13 **South Cook Is E51TLM** by K7TLM KD7YZE fm Rarotonga I; 28385 khz SSB & 28060 khz QRS CW; 5w; 1900- 0100 UTC; QSL: K7TLM B/d or QRZ
- Apr 10-12 **Bahamas TO4VV** by FH4VVK fm Quatier Cabaribere; HF; SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or FH4VVK direct
- Apr 11-16 **Canada WE9G/VY0** by WE9G fm Iqaluit, Nunavit; 80-10m; FT8 FT4 SSB; 100w; G5RV, EF sloper; QSL: LoTW
- Apr 12-14 **Mayotte TO4VV** by FH4VVK fm Quatier Cabaribere; HF; SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or FH4VVK direct
- Apr 12-21 **South Africa ZS6/PB5X** by PB5X; @ZS6TT; HF; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW or via PA1AW
- Apr 16-30 **Austral Is TX7W** by K5WE W5CCP fm Raivavae (IOTA 114); 160-6m; CW FT8 FT4 SSB RTTY; 500w; QSL: LoTW, Club Log OQRS (pref'd) or K5WE
- Apr 18-21 **Svalbard JW8EKA** by LA8EKA; @JW5E; 80-10m; SSB + digital QSL: LA8EKA
- Apr 18-May 8 **Bhutan A52P** by SP9FIH & SP6CIK as **A52CI** fm Dochula; 40-6m; SSB CW + digital; QSL: Club Log OQRS
- Apr 25-30 **Mariana I KH0/JA6REX** by JA6REX , W6HZH as **KH0/W6HZH**, JA6VQA as **WH0B** fm Saipan (OC-086); 160-6m; FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW or homecall
- Apr 27-May 4 **Market Reef OJ0T** by LA1UW LA3WAA LB5SH LB0VG; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8; QSL: LoTW or via EA5GL
- Apr 30-May 13 **Botswana A25SHD** by HB9SHD; HF; QSL: LoTW holiday style operation

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 24 Mar on DX Watch)

Jan 11- Apr 11 **Montserrat VP2MDX** by W2APF; HF; QSL: LoTW (verified as QRV 18 March on DX Watch)

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

DX Contests this month are work only the host country; e.g SP, OK/OM, 4X, ES, YU, BY, HB9.

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

M Apr 1 1300-1330 UTC **IRTS 70cm Counties Contest.** SSB & FM. (FM only: QSY after CQ answered) Exchange: RST + serial number (+Rx EI & GI county)

Apr 1 1330-1500 UTC **IRTS 2m Counties Contest.** SSB & FM. (FM only: QSY after CQ answered) Exchange: RST + serial number (+Rx EI & GI county)

Apr 1 1500-1730 UTC **DARC Easter Contest**, CW SSB; 80-40m; Exchange RS(T) + serial/DL Tx: DOK or "NM"

Tu Apr 2 1800-1855 UTC **RSGB 144MHz FMAC**; 2m (144.5125 - 7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) FM only <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator

Apr 2 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 144MHz UKAC**, all modes; 2m only; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.

W Apr 3 1700-2100 UTC **RSGB 144 MHz FT8 AC**, 2m (4hr): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator

Apr 3 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB 144 MHz FT8 AC**, 2m (2hr only): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator

Apr 3 2000-2100 UTC **UKEICC 80m Contest**, SSB; 3.650-3.775 only; HP>100W> LP,QRP<5W; Upload log<1hour; Exchange: 6-digit IARU locator, not RST

Apr 6-7 1200-1200 UTC **RSGB FT4 Intl Activity Day**, 160-10m: Pwr<100W or <10W, Standard FT4 mode. Exchange: 4-digit locator & signal report (not serial)

Apr 6-7 1000-0400 UTC **PODXS 070 Club 31 Flavors**, B/QPSK31/63/125 20m (6hrs max) Exchange: state/province/country(GBR)+Name/070 member No

Apr 6-7 1200-1600 UTC **EA RTTY Contest**, RTTY: HF (not WRAC bands). Exchange: RSQ + serial number/ EA Province

Apr 6-7 1500-1500 UTC **SP DX Contest**, SSB & CW: 160-10m (Not WRAC bands). Work only Polish stns. Exchange: RS(T)+serial number (Rx: 1-letter province)

SuApr 7 1000-2100 UTC **WAB Data Modes**, RTTY, PSK31, JS8, FT8, FT4; 80, 40 & 20m; (QRT 1400-1700); Exchange: RSQ/dB, serial, WAB square/country

M Apr 8 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB 80m Club Championship**, CW: (3510-65, 3565-75kHz QRS); Pwr 100/10W; Exchange: RST + serial number

Tu Apr 9 1800-1855 UTC **RSGB 432MHz FMAC**; (432.525-975 & 433.400-475MHz) FM All modes. Exchange: serial number + 6-digit IARU locator

Apr 9 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 432MHz UKAC**; 70cm only, all modes; <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator

W Apr 10 1700-2100 UTC **RSGB 432 MHz FT8 AC**, 70cm (4hr): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator

Apr 10 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB 432 MHz FT8 AC**, 70cm (2hr only): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator

ThApr 11 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 50MHz UKAC**, all modes; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.

Apr 13-14 0700-1300 UTC **J1DX CW Contest**, CW 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST+ CQ Zone (14)/JA Prefecture No.

Apr 13-14 1200-1200 UTC **OK/OM DX Contest**, SSB; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS + serial number (Rx: OK/OM 3-letter district code)

Apr 13-14 1200-2400 UTC **SKCC Weekend Sprintathon**, CW 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS T+state/province/country(GBR)+Name+'None'/SKCC No

Apr 13-14 2100-2100 UTC **Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest**, CW; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) & Satellites; Exchange: RST + ITU Zone (27)

SuApr 14 1500-1600 UTC **Hungarian Straight Key Contest**, CW 80m only Exchange: RST + serial number + Power Code (A=10W, B=100W)

W Apr 17 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB 80m Club Championship**, SSB (3600-3775kHz); Pwr 100/10W; Exchange: RS + serial number

ThApr 18 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 70MHz UKAC**; 4m only All modes. Pwr 400/40/4W Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator

Apr 19-20 2100-2059 UTC **Holyland DX Contest**, CW SSB & Data 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Work only 4X stations Exchange: RS(T) + serial number/4X Area

SaApr 20 0500-0859 UTC **ES Open HF Championship**, CW & SSB 80m & 40m Work ES only, including same one in each hour. Exchange: RS(T) + serial number

Apr 20-21 0600-0559 UTC **Worked All Provinces DX Contest, CW, SSB**: HF (Not WARC bands) Work China only. Exchange: RS(T) + serial number/BY Province

Apr 20-21 0700-0659 UTC **YU DX Contest**, CW HF (Not WARC bands) Work only YU & YT stations. Exchange: RST + ITU zone (27)

SaApr 20 0700-1900 UTC **Dutch PACCdigi Contest**. FT8 RTTY: 160-10m, QRP 5W, LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RST + 4-digit IARU locator.

Apr 20 1700-2300 UTC **EA QRP Contest**, CW 1hr on 10m,15m,40m then 2h on 80m; Pwr: A<5W, B<1W Exchange: RST + A-D (+ Rx "M" fm EA-QRP)

SuApr 21 0700-1200 UTC **EA QRP Contest**, CW 2hr on 40m then 1hr each on 20m,15m & 10m; Pwr: A<5W, B<1W Exchange: RST + A-D (+ Rx "M" fm EA-QRP)

Apr 21 0700-1900 UTC **International Vintage HF Contest**; 80 & 40m; CW SSB AM. (QRT 1100-1500) Exchange: RS(T) + 6 character locator

W Apr 24 2000-2100 UTC **UKEICC 80m Contest**, CW; 3510-60kHz only, QRP<5W, LP<100W; Exchange: 6-digit IARU locator only (No RST).

ThApr 25 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB 80m Club Championship**, Data; RTTY(3590-3620kHz), PSK(3580-90kHz) only; Pwr 100/10W; Exchange: RST + serial number

SaApr 27 0000-2400 UTC **Marconi Day** All bands & modes; QSO with SES

Apr 27-28 1200-1200 UTC **SP DX RTTY Contest**, 80m-10m (Not WARC bands) Work only SP stations Exchange RST + serial number/2 digit SP province

Apr 27-28 1400-1359 UTC **RSGB MGM Contest**, All MGM modes; 6m & 2m; Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator

SuApr 28 1700-2100 UTC **BARTG Sprint 75**; 75 Baud RTTY only, HF (Not WARC bands); Exchange: serial number

M Apr 29 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB HF FT4 Series #3**, USB 3576.79 & 82, 7047.5 & 14080kHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: signal report. Multi's: DXCC & Gx66HH

Apr 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

Apr 27-28 1200-1200 UTC **UK/EI DX Contest**, CW; HF 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST, Serial + UK/EI District Code (TN)

Apr 27-28 1300-1259 UTC **Helvetia Contest**, CW SSB Data; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Work only HB. 18hrs max. Exchange: RS(T), Tx serial/Rx HB 2-dig canton

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