

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: August 2024

DXpeditions in August 2024 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# not on DX Watch at 21 June)

- Jul 20-Aug 1 **Lord Howe I VK2/W7BRS** by W7BRS; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8 (f/h) QSL: Club Log OQRS
- Jul 23-Aug 1 **Malta 9H/LA8FTA** by LA8FTA fm Gozo I; HF; SSB FT4 FT8 QSL: LoTW
- Jul 20-Aug 4 **Greenland OX/K0MOS/p** by K0MOS fm IOTA NA-018 and/or NA-220; 20 15 10m; SSB; 10w; EFHW; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW or direct
- Jul 21-Aug 5 **South Cook Is E51KEE** by ZL2KE (QSL LoTW) & ZL4CZ as **E51CZZ** (QSL direct) fm Rarotonga I (OC-013) & Aitutaki I (OC-083); 40-10m; CW SSB
- Jul 24-Aug 20 **Nicaragua YN2RP** by NN3RP fm Granada, Rivas, Somoto; 40-10m; CW FT4 FT8 SSB; 100w; wires; QSL: LoTW
- Jul 26-Aug 10 **French Guiana TO973FY** by FY4JI; HF; SSB FT8; Paris Olympics SES QSL: EA5GL
- Jul 30-Aug 10 **Vanuatu YJ0CA** by VK2YUS fm Port Vila; 40-10m; SSB; QSL: VK2YUS Direct full QSL details on qrz.com
- Aug 1-4 **Scotland MM0UKI** by G0VJG G4IRN G4PVM GM5AUG M0SDV fm rare Flannan Is (IOTA-118); 40-6m; CW SSB; QSL: M0OXO; dates may change
- Aug 1-6 **South Cook Is E51KEE** by ZL2KE & ZL4CZ as **E51CZZ** fm Aitutaki I (OC-083); 40-10m; CW SSB; 100w; 2 stations; holiday style op QSL: IK2DUW
- Aug 3-9 **Botswana A25UX** by DB8UX; 40-10m; FT8; 10w; wire; QSL: LoTW
- Aug 3-13 **Maldives 8Q7GG** by S53RA; HF; CW SSB FT8; QRP QSL: TBA
- Aug 5-17 **Palmyra Jarvis Is N5J** by AA7JV N1DG HA7RY KN4EEI KO8SCA fm Jarvis I (IOTA OC-081); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: TBA; exact dates tentative
- Aug 10-17 **St Lucia J6/N4XTT** by N4XTT as fm POTA J6-0001; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW or N4XXT direct
- Aug 10-22 **St Pierre & Miquelon TO8FP** by VE2GCE VA2MM VE2DDZ VA2XZA VE2YNI VA2AN; 80-6m; CW SSB + digital; QSL: Club Log OQRS
- Aug 13-20 **Kyrgyzstan EX/SP9DLM** by SP9DLM & SN9GM as **EX/SN9GM**; HF; QSL: Home Call
- Aug 14-24 **Turks & Caicos VP5/K5SL** by K5SL as fm Providenciales; 40-10m; CW SSB; QSL: K5SL; holiday style operation
- Aug 15-Sep 15 **French Polynesia FO/F1SMB** by F1SMB fm Tahiti (OC-046, BH52ek); 20 17 15 10m; SSB FT-8; QSL: LoTW
- Aug 17-30 **Timor Leste 4W/VK2MET** by VK2MET fm Dili; 40-12m; CW FT8; QRP; dipoles; POTA activations; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Aug 20-27 **Vanuatu YJ0VK** by VK3HJ VK3QB VK2PN VK5XDX; 40-6m; CW, some FT8; QSL: LoTW or via M0OXO
- Aug 23-Sep 30 **Tristan da Cunha ZD9GJ** by W7GJ fm IOTA AF-029 (IF32uw); 6m; mainly EME, some SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW; dates tentative
- Aug 26-Sep 4 **Ghana 9G5AS** by M6NXW; 20 17 15 12 10; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: eQSL
- Aug 26-Sep 5 **St Paul I CY9C & CY9R** by WA4DAN W0GJ K9CT N2TU K4ZLE K9NW W4DKS WW2DX N2IEN W0PR; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY + EME SAT; QSL: LoTW or WA4DAN direct

Long-term DX operations

20 Jun 2024 for 3 months **Minami Torishima JG8NQJ/JD1** by JG8NQJ; HF; CW FT8; 50w; spare time operation; QSL: LoTW or via JA8CJY

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

After the VHF Field Day & IOTA Contest last month, digital modes PSK/RTTY feature this month with ILLW weekend as the fun event.

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.**

- May4-Aug4 0000-2400 UTC **UKSMG Summer Marathon; all modes**, but split into 'Legacy' & Digital sections; 6m band only; Exchange: 4-digit locator only.
- Th Aug 1 2000-2200 UTC **SKCC Sprint Europe**, CW, 160m-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + State/province/country + Name+ SKCC No./"None"
- Sa Aug 3 1200-2359 UTC **European HF Championship, CW & Phone HF** (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS(T) + 2-digit year first licensed
- Aug 3 1400-1800 UTC **WAB 2m QRP Phone**, 2m <10W Exchange: RS + serial number + WAB Square (e.g TQ72)
- Aug 3 1400-1800 UTC **RSGB 4th 2m Backpackers, All modes**; 2m portable only QRP (<5W or <25W) /P (not /M) Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
- Aug 3 1400-2000 UTC **RSGB 2m Low Power Contest. All VHF Modes**; Pwr<25W; Exchange: RS(T), serial number, 6-digit square & 2-letter UK Postcode (TN)
- Aug 3-4 0000-2359 UTC **Batavia FT8 Contest**; WSJT WW-Digi contest mode; 80-10m FT8 sub-bands (Not WARC bands) Exchange: 4-character grid square
- Su Aug 4 0800-1200 UTC **RSGB 70cm Low Power Contest. All VHF Modes**; Pwr<25W; Exchange: RS(T), serial number, 6-digit square, 2-letter UK Postcode (TN)
- Aug 4 1400-1700 UTC **SARL HF Phone Contest, Phone 80, 40 & 20m** Exchange: RS + serial number
- Tu Aug 6 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

Aug 6 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 144MHz UKAC, Phone & CW** 2m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W Aug 7 1700-2100 UTC RSGB 144MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
 Aug 7 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB 144MHz FT8 AC, FT8** (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th Aug 8 1900-2130 UTC RSGB 50MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Sa Aug 10 0000-2359 UTC FISTS Saturday Sprint, CW, 80m-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + State/province/country + Name+ FISTS No./"0"
 Aug 10-11 0000-2359 UTC **WAE DX Contest, CW,** 80-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number + QTC (previous contacts) Work non-EU station only
 Aug 10-11 1200-2400 UTC **SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, CW,** 160m-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + State/province/country + Name+ SKCC No./"None"
Su Aug 11 1300-1600 UTC SARL HF Digital Contest, RTTY & PSK31, 80, 40 & 20m Exchange: RST + serial number
Tu Aug 13 1800-1855 UTC RSGB 432MHz FMAC; (432.525-975 & 433.400-475MHz) FM. Exchange: serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
 Aug 13 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 432MHz UKAC, Phone & CW** 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W Aug 14 1700-2100 UTC RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
 Aug 14 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8** (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th Aug 15 1900-2130 UTC RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes; 4m only, Pwr <40/4W; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
 Aug 17-18 0000-2400 UTC **International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend (ILLW)** All bands & modes; work ILLW SES (QSO rather than contest format)
Sa Aug 17 0000-0800 UTC SARTG WW RTTY Contest, RTTY 80-10m (Not WARC bands), LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RST + serial number
 Aug 17-18 0800-0800 UTC **Russian District Award, CW SSB,** 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Work RU stations only: Exchange: RST + serial number/RU District
Sa Aug 17 1600-2400 UTC SARTG WW RTTY Contest, RTTY 80-10m (Not WARC bands), LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RST + serial number
 Aug 17-18 1800-0559 UTC **North American QSO Party, SSB,** 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Work NA stations only: Exchange: Name (+ state/province/NA country)
 Aug 17-18 2100-2100 UTC **CVA Brazilian WW DX Contest, CW** 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + DX (UF, RN, YL, QRP, HQ, MIL, TEEN)
Su Aug 18 0800-1600 UTC SARTG WW RTTY Contest, RTTY 80-10m (Not WARC bands), LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RST + serial number
 Aug 18 0000-2359 UTC **FISTS Sunday Sprint, CW,** 80m-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + State/province/country + Name+ FISTS No./"0"
Th Aug 24 0000-0200 UTC SKCC Sprint, CW, 160m-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + State/province/country + Name + SKCC No./"None"
 Aug 24-25 1200-1200 UTC **YO DX HF Contest, CW & Phone,** 80-10m (Not WARC bands); LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number/YO district
 Aug 24-25 1200-1200 UTC **WW Digi DX Contest, FT4/FT8** 160-10m (10kHz sub-bands 1.84/844, 3.58/59, 7.08/9, 14.08/9, 21.08/9, 28.08/9) Exchange: 4-digit square
 Aug 24-25 2100-2100 UTC **CVA Brazilian WW DX Contest, SSB** 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS + DX (UF, RN, YL, QRP, HQ, MIL, TEEN)
Su Aug 25 1400-1700 UTC SARL HF Contest, CW, 80, 40 & 20m Exchange: RST + serial number
 Aug 26-27 1300-0400 UTC **QCX Monthly Challenge, CW;** 80,40,20m, 3x1hr@ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig
 Aug31-Sep1 1200-1200 UTC **UKEI DX SSB Contest, SSB;** HF 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST, Serial, District Code (e.g.TN)
 Aug31-Sep1 1200-1159 UTC **Russian WW Multi-Mode Contest; CW SSB RTTY BPSK:** 160-10m; Exchange:RST(Q) + Serial / 2-character Oblast

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