

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: January 2025

DXpeditions in January 2025 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# confirmed active at 24 December on DX Watch)

- Dec 23-Jan 3 **Ogasawara JD1BMH#** by JG7PSJ fm Chichijima (IOTA AS-031); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL: JD1BMH Buro or JG7PSJ direct
- Dec 26-Jan 4 **Dominica J75K** by FM5WD IV3JVJ IK3ZAZ fm IOTA NA-101; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8; QSL: LoTW or via IV3JVJ
- Dec 29-Jan 14 **Trinidad & Tobago 9Y4/WA3DX** by WA3DX fm Trinidad; 40-10m; FT4 FT8; QSL: LoTW QSL or WA3DX direct
- Dec 29-Jan 14 **Galapagos HD8FG** by HC2FG fm Santa Cruz I; 6m, check 50.313 or 50.323 MHz; FT8; QSL: LoTW or direct to Miami address (see qrz.com)
- Dec 30-Jan 3 **Mariana Is KH0/AJ6VJ** by AJ6VJ fm San Roque; 40 20 17 15 12 10m; CW SSB FT8; 50w; vertical; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Dec 30-Jan 3 **Mariana KH0/JO1VRK** by JO1VRK fm Saipan I (IOTA OC-086; 40 20 17 15 12 10m; CW FT8 FT4 RTTY SSB; QSL: LoTW
- Jan 1-Feb 8 **Guyana 8R1TM** by PY1SAD; HF; CW SSB + digital; QSL: LoTW or via PY1SAD direct
- Jan 4-5 **Gambia C5RK** by F4GJE; 80-10m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: EA7FTR
- Jan 5-12 **Honduras K6VHF/HR9** by K6VHF fm Roatan I; 80-6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8; 100w; QSL: LoTW or K6VHF (B/d)
- Jan 10-31 **Benin TY5C** by F5NVF; HF, perhaps 6m; CW FT8, some SSB; QSL: LoTW
- Jan 11-12 **Senegal 6W1RD** by F4GJE; 80-10m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: EA7FTR
- Jan 12-15 **American Samoa KH8/OE3GEA** by OE3GEA; 30-10m; CW; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or OE3GEA (B/d)
- Jan 12-27 **Marquesas TX7N** by F6BCW F5SDD + 12 op team fm Hiva Oa I; 160-6m; 5 stations; 24hrs/7days; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Jan 17-Feb 2 **Mozambique C8K** by OK1BOA +7 OK ops in Czech DXpedition team; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB CW RTTY FT8 FT4 PSK; QSL: LoTW or via OK6DJ
- Jan 18-28 **Aruba P40AA** by DL4MM; 160-10m; CW FT8 SSB; QSL: Club Log OQRS; QRV in CQ 160m CW Contest
- Jan 19-27 **Martinique FM/F4IFF** by F4IFF fm IOTA NA-107; HF; SSB + digital; QSL: EB7DX
- Jan 21-Feb 3 **St Helena ZD7DPX** by IZ2DPX; @ZD7CTO; 160-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: IK2DUW or via Club Log OQRS
- Jan 23-26 **Turks & Caicos VP5/OE3GEA** by OE3GEA fm Providenciales I (IOTA NA-002); 30-10m; CW; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or OE3GEA (B/d)
- Jan 27-Feb 15 **Rwanda 9X2AW** by DF2WO fm KI48xb; 160-10m; CW FT4 SSB; QSL: LoTW or M0OXO OQRS
- Jan 28-Feb 2 **Turks & Caicos VP5/KD8RTT** by KD8RTT fm Providenciales I; HF; QSL: LoTW or KD8RTT direct

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

Happy New Year & good DX. January is a good month to try CW Top Band e.g. the QCX Monthly Challenge, Cwops Mini-CWT, 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
- W** 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 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
- W** Jan 1 1700-2100 UTC **RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr)** 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
- Jan 1 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only)** 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
- Jan 1 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)**
- Th** Jan 2 2000-2200 UTC **SKCC Sprint Europe, CW**; 160-6m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + State/Country(GBR) + Name + SKCC No."/NONE"
- Sa** Jan 4 1300-1700 UTC **RSGB AFS Contest, CW**; 80 & 40m = 3510-70kHz (QRS>3565), 7000-40 kHz (callsign every 3 QSOs in each min) Exchange: RST, serial
- Jan 4 - 5 1200-1200 UTC **WW PMC Contest, SSB, CW**; 160-10m (not WARC bands), QRP<5<LP<100<HP<1500W; Exchange: RS(T) + CQ Zone/PMC (not serial)
- Jan 4 - 5 1800-2359 UTC **ARRL RTTY Roundup, RTTY, Digital**, 80-10m (not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number/State or Province
- Sa** Jan 4 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 5 0400-0700 UTC **EUCW 160m Contest CW**; 1810-40kHz only, Exchange: RST, name, "NM" or AGEU (FISTS,GQRP,FOC,Essex CW) Club & Member No
- M** Jan 6 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)

Tu Jan 7 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 7 2000-2230 UTC **RSGB 144MHz UKAC**; 2m only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.

W Jan 8 1700-2100 UTC **RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8** (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
 Jan 8 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8** (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.

Th Jan 9 2000-2230 UTC **RSGB 50MHz UKAC**; 6m only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Sa Jan 11 0000-2359 UTC **YB DX Contest, SSB**; HF (not WARC bands), LP<100W, HP<1500W, Exchange: RS + serial number
 Jan 11 1900-2300 UTC **WAB 1.8MHz Phone**; 160m only, Exchange: RS + Serial No. + WAB Square/Country
 Jan 11-12 1200-1200 UTC **UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest, BPSK63**; 80-10m (not WARC bands),Pwr: QRP<5W, LP<50W; Exchange: RSQ + Serial No./UBA Section
 Jan 11-12 1800-0559 UTC **North American QSO Party, CW**; 160-10m (not WARC bands), Exchange: Name + NA state/province/country

Su Jan 12 0900-1059 UTC **DARC 10m Contest, CW, SSB**; 10m only; Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number + "NM"/DOK (DARC District).
 Jan 12 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)

Tu Jan 14 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 14 2000-2230 UTC **RSGB 432MHz UKAC**; 70cm only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.

Th Jan 16 2000-2230 UTC **RSGB 70MHz UKAC**; 70cm only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
 Jan 18-19 1200-1159 UTC **Hungarian DX Contest, CW, SSB**; HF (not WARC bands; Exchange: RST + serial number/2-letter HA county

Sa Jan 18 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 18-19 1800-0559 UTC **North American QSO Party, SSB**; 160-10m (not WARC bands), Exchange: Name + NA state/province/country
 Jan 18-19 2000-0559 UTC **Feld Hell Sprint, Hellshriber**; 160, 80 & 40m, Exchange: RST+ FH No. + State/Province/Country(GBR) + IARU locator

M Jan 20 2000-2200 UTC **RSGB FT4 Contest 80-10m**: FT4 Standard **not Contest** mode, Pwr:100W/10W, Exchange: 4-digit locator+report (**no serial**) **logs in <24hrs**
W Jan 22 0000-0200 UTC **SKCC Sprint, CW**; 160-10m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + State/Country(GBR) + Name + SKCC No./"NONE"
 Jan 24-26 2200-2200 UTC **CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW**, 160m only, Exchange: RST + State/province/CQ Zone (14)
 Jan 25-26 0600-1800 UTC **REF Contest; CW**; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS + Serial No./Department
 Jan 25-26 1200-1200 UTC **BARTG RTTY Sprint**, 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: Serial No.
 Jan 25-26 1300-1300 UTC **UBA DX Contest; SSB**; 80-10m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + Serial No. (+ ON Province)
 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 27-28 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 29 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 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