Month on the Air by G3MGQ: May 2025

DXpeditions in May 2025 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (**# not active** at 28 March on DX Watch)

Apr 22-May 1   **Tanzania 5H1KB** by DL2SBY fm Zanzibar I; HF; focus on 6m; low power QSL: LoTW; or DL2SBY direct
Apr 22-May 1   **Mayotte FH/F4LJA #** by F4LJA fm IOTA AF-027; 80 40 20m + 60m; mainly FT8, some SSTV; wires; QSL: F4LJA
Apr 19-May 2   **Gambia C5R** by YU5R & F5RAV as **C5LT#** fm nr Kololi; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW
Apr 26-May 5   **Ogasawara JD1BPG** by JE1HXZ fm Haha I; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL: LoTW
Apr 24-May 6   **Prince Edward & Marion Is** ZS8W by YL2GM fm Marion I (IOTA AF-021); 160-6m; CW SSB; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
Apr 25-May 7   **Austral Is TX9A** by 9A2NA 9A3MR 9A9R DK8ZZ fm IOTA OC-152; HF; QSL: DK8ZZ
Apr 29-Jun 15   **Nambia V51/HB9SHD** by HB9SHD; 40-6m; SSB + digital; QSL: LoTW
May 2-4   **Isle of Man GD3JIM** by GM3JIM, **GD2TT & GM6DX** likewise, fm Castletown (IOTA EU-116, WAB SC26; IO74qb); HF; 3 stations; QSL: LoTW
May 2-18   **Curacao PJ2/PD1DRE** by PD1DRE; 40 20 10m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: eQSL
May 4-26   **Cape Verde Is D44TWO** by DF2WO & KN6ZZI as **D44ZZI** fm Ponta Achada; 160-10m, incl 60m; SSB CW FT8 FT4; QSL: M0OXO
May 7-14   **Guernsey GU6EFW** by ON6EF + 6 other Belgian operators fm IOTA-114; HF incl WARC bands; SSB CW digital; QSL: ON6EF (B/d)
May 8-15   **El Salvador YS3/PY8WW** by PY8WW fm Zacatillo I (IOTA NA-190, EK63ch); 80-6m; SSB CW + digital; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
May 9-11   **Guernsey GU80LIB** by Guernsey Amateur Radio Society; HF; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
May 13-18   **Honduras HR4** by PY8WW fm Tiger I (IOTA NA-060); 40-10m; CW SSB + digital; QSL: PY8WW OQRS
May 16-29   **Bonaire PJ4M** by PH2M fm IOTA-006 (FK52uf); 80-10m; mainly FT8, some SSB; 100w; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or PH2M direct (w/3 USD)
May 20-27   **Martinique TO3E** by AB2E fm IOTA NA-107; focus: WARC+ low bands; CW, FT8 RTTY; QRV for CQ WPX CW Contest; QSL: LoTW or AB2E direct
May 20-30   **Kosovo Z68Y** by OH2YLL & OH2LGW as **Z68OM**; 160-10m, incl 60m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: OH2YL
May 22-   **Aland Is OH0ERF** by DG0OCG DL1STL DL1TAM DL5ARI DL5AXI DO6KD; 40 20 15 10 6 2m + 6.7cm; SSB CW FT8 QO100; QSL: OH0ERF
May 22-Jun 1   **Palau T88FG** by JF1GHX,JK1SZX as **T88SG** fm Koror I (OC-009); 160-6m; SSB FT8 QSL T88FG via LoTW, JF1GHX direct, T88SG via JK1SZX Buro
May 26-Jun 8   **French Polynesia TX5U** by F6BCW fm Tikehau, Tuamotu Archipelago (BH54uv); 40-6m; CW SSB; QSL: LoTW (after 6 months) or via Club Log OQRS
May 27-Jun 2   **Niue E6RS** by ZL1RS fm Makefu; 6m, perhaps 10m; FT8 EME; QSL: LoTW or via ZL1RS
May 27-Jun 2   **St Barthelemy FJ/NP4G** by NP4G; HF; POTA activation BL-0001; QSL: LoTW holiday style operation

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

The big DX one this month is CQ WW WPX CW Contest & the RSGB May 2m Contest but several RTTY & PSK ones too. For some fun, try Mills-on-the-Air. For 2025, the May 2m Contest is now a 6 hour event on the first Sunday of a full weekend in May to co-ordinate with the European 2m contest that weekend but, with the 70cm Trophy on the Saturday,.still offers a full weekend of RSGB VHF contests. The first Backpackers event has moved to align with this new May 2m contest slot
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.**

	May3-Aug3	0000-2400 UTC	**UKSMG Summer Marathon; all modes**, but split into 'Legacy' & Digital sections**; 6m band only; Exchange: 4-digit locator only
M	May 1	1300-1900 UTC	**AGCW QRP Party, CW** 80-10m (Not WARC bands); 5W(A)/20W(B) Exchange: RST + serial number /A or B
Sa	May 3	0300-0859 UTC	**RCC Cup, SSB, CW;** 80-10m (Not WARC bands) Mults: ITUs/band, 1 RCC Members/band; Exchange: RS(T) + ITU Zone(27) /RCC No.
	May 3	1400-2200 UTC	**RSGB 432MHz Trophy Contest** Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6 character locator
	May 3-4	1200-1200 UTC	**F9AA Cup, PSK;** 80-10m (Not WARC bands) & 2m; Class: A>100W, B>10W>C; Exchange: RST + serial number.
	May 3-4	1200-1159 UTC	**ARI International DX Contest, CW, RTTY & Phone;** 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + (Rx: I Province)
	May 3-4	1400-1400 UTC	**RSGB 432MHz – 245GHz Contest , All modes;** Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6 character IARU locator
Su	May 4	1000-1400 UTC	**WAB 7MHz, AM FM SSB**; 40m only; LP<10W<HP; Exchange: RS + name + WAB Square(e.g TQ72)
	May 4	1100-1500 UTC	**RSGB 144MHz May Contest**; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator+ 2-letter post code (TN).
	May 4	1100-1500 UTC	**RSGB 144MHz 1st Backpackers**; 2m portable only QRP (<5W or <25W) /P (not /M) Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
Tu	May 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
	May 6	1900-2130 UTC	**RSGB 144MHz UKAC**; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
W	May 7	1700-2100 UTC	**RSGB 144 MHz FT8 AC,** 2m (4hr): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator

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Th May 8	1900-2130 UTC	**RSGB 50MHz UKAC**; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Sa May 10	0000-2359 UTC	**FISTS Saturday Sprint, CW;** 80-10m (Not WARC bands); 5W<Pwr<100W; Exchange: RS(T), First name, FISTS No./"0"
May 10-11	0000-2400 UTC	**Mills-on-the-Air Weekend** All bands & modes; QSO with SES near wind & water mills. **(e.g West Kent ARS at Nutley with GB2NW)**
May 10-11	1200-1159 UTC	**CQ-M International DX Contest, CW & SSB;** 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS(T) + serial number
May 10-11	1200-1200 UTC	**VOLTA WW RTTY Contest, RTTY** 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + serial number + CQ Zone (14)
Su May 11	0900-1200 UTC	**RSGB 70MHz Contest CW;** Exchange: RST + serial number + 6 character locator + 2-letter post code (TN)
M May 12	1900-2030 UTC	**RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB** (3600-3775kHz); Pwr 100/10W; Exchange: RS + serial number
Tu May 13	1800-1855 UTC	**RSGB 432MHz FMAC;** (432.525-975 & 433.400-475MHz) FM. Exchange: serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
May 13	1900-2130 UTC	**RSGB 432MHz UKAC;** 70cm only, all modes; Pwr <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
May 13	1900-2029 UTC	**DARC FT4 Contest, 80m** only (USB 3576.79kHz**)** Pwr<100W or <10W, Exch: sig. rpt + 4-digit locator; Multi's: DXCC
W May 14	1700-2100 UTC	**RSGB 432 MHz FT8 AC,** 70cm (4hr): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
May 14	1900-2100 UTC	**RSGB 432 MHz FT8 AC,** 70cm (2hr only): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
Th May 15	1900-2130 UTC	**RSGB 70MHz UKAC; 4m only**,**All modes;** Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator
Sa May 17	0600-2100 UTC	**UN DX, SSB, CW;** 80-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS(T) + Tx: Serial /Rx: Kazakhstan District Code
May 17-18	1200-1200 UTC	**EU PSK DX Contest, BPSK63** HF (Not WARC bands) 80 -10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + EU Code
May 17-18	1200-1200 UTC	**HM King of Spain Contest, CW** 160m-10m (Not WARC bands) Work EA stations Exchange RST + serial number/Province
May 17-18	2100-0200 UTC	**Baltic Contest, SSB & CW**, 80m only. Exchange: RST + serial number.
Su May 18	0000-2359 UTC	**FISTS Sunday Sprint, CW;** 80-10m (Not WARC bands); 5W<Pwr<100W; Exchange: RS(T), First name, FISTS No./"0"
M May 19	1900-2100 UTC	**RSGB HF FT4 Series #5,** USB 3576.79, 7047.5, 14080, 21140, 28180kHz**:** Pwr<100W or <10W, Exch: sig. rpt. Multi's: DXCC & Gx66HH
W May 21	1900-2030 UTC	**RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data** Exchange: RST + serial number
May 24-25	0000-2359 UTC	**CQ WW WPX, CW** 160 -10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number
May 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
Th May 29	1900-2030 UTC	**RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW** Exchange: RST + serial number

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