

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: October 2025

DXpeditions in October 2025 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# **not active** at 29 September on DX Watch)

Sep 21-Oct 1 **Ogasawara JH1WCL/JD1** by JH1WCL; HF; CW FT8; QSL: LoTW or JH1WCL direct
Sep 27-Oct 2 **Ogasawara JQ3JUK/JD1** by JQ3JUK fm Chichijima I; 160-6m; FT8; 50w; QSL: LoTW or via JQ3JUK direct w/ SAE + 3USD
Sep 19-Oct 3 **Christmas I VK9/SP9FIH** by SP9FIH fm IOTA OC-002 (OH29uo); 30-10m; SSB FT4 FT8; QSL: LoTW
Sep 19-Oct 3 **East Kiribati T32K** by VK4MAP fm IOTA OC-124; 80 40 20 15 12 10m; SSB; 100w; dipole, 4 ele Moxon; holiday operation; QSL: VK4MAP Direct
Sep 22-Oct 4 **Mauritius 3B8/5B4AQN** by 5B4AQN; 40-6m, perhaps 80m; mainly CW; holiday style operation; QSL: 5B4AQN
Sep 22-Oct 6 **Micronesia V6D** by DG2RON DJ7TO DJ9KH DK5WL DL1KWK DL2RNS DL4SVA DL7JOM DL7VEE fm Chuuk I (IOTA OC-011, QJ57wl); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or DL4SVA
Sep 29-Oct 10 **Uganda 5X2I#** by HA5AO; 80-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: HA5AO
Sep 21-Oct 12 **Seychelles S79/DL2SBY#** by DL2SBY; HF; QSL: LoTW or DL2SBY direct
Oct 1-8 **Bhutan A52G** by PG5M fm Dochula @3100m ASL; 40-6m; CW, some FT8 using MSHV (v2.76.3); QSL: LoTW see Web for QSL details; dates +/- 1
Oct 3-7 **Christmas I VK9QO** by JA3GEP JA1COU BA7LVG BH6BEZ; 80-6m; CW SSB FT4 FT8; QSL: LoTW or via JA3GEP
Oct 3-12 **Mariana Is WH0RU** by JG7PSJ fm Saipan I (IOTA OC-086); HF; QSL: LoTW or JG7PSJ direct w/ SASE
Oct 4-27 **Burkina Faso XT2AW** by DF2WO fm Ouagadougou; 160-6m, incl 60m; CW FT4 SSB; QSL: LoTW or via M0OXO OQRS
Oct 5-25 **Guatemala TG9BBV** by VE7BV; 40-6m; CW SSB, perhaps FT8; QSL: LoTW or VE7BV (B/d)
Oct 8-13 **Svalbard JW7XK** by LA7XK, LA6VM as **JW6VM**, LA9DL as **JW9DL**; HF; CW SSB digital; QSL: Home Call, **JW5X** in Scandinavian Activity SSB
Oct 8-15 **Fernando de Noronha PY0FB** by PY2DV; 80-6m; SSB; some FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW, via M0URX OQRS or PY2DV
Oct 8-15 **Grenada J38DX** by GM5RDX & 2M0IJU as **J38LD**; 80-6m; focus on SSB, some FT8; QSL: M0OXO
Oct 9-20 **North Cook Is E51MWA** by N7QT WA7CPA N7JP KC7EFP N9ADG KN2P; 160-10m; QSL: LoTW or via M0URX (See Web for details)
Oct 16-20 **Tanzania 5H3MB** by IK2GZU; 80-10mw; SSB CW RTTY FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or IK2GZU (B/d)
Oct 17-28 **Angola D2A** by EC7R CT7BOL D2ACE EC1T EA1ACP D2XX CT2GFW CT7APE CT1FFU EA5EL; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL: EA7FTR
Oct 17-29 **Saba & St Eustatius PJ6Y** by W6IZT W2FQ NM1Y & YOTA team fm Saba I; 160-6m, incl 60m; CW SSB FT8; QRV for CQWW DX SSB; QSL: LoTW see Web for QSL details
Oct 18-Nov 12 **Gambia C5** by F5RAV as **C5LT** (until Oct 31) & YT3PL as B; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW
Oct 20-29 **Dominica J79FJ** by FM5FJ; HF; CW SSB, perhaps FT8; QSL: KU9C
Oct 20-Nov 7 **Wallis & Futuna Is FW5K** by NC7M NG7E N7JI K6VHF KA6BIM W7HER fm IOTA OC-054; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW See Web for QSL details; QRV for CQWW DX SSB Contest
Oct 29-Nov 12 **Madagascar 5R8TT** by I1FQH I1HJT I2PJA IK2CKR IK2HKT IK2RZP IV3ZXQ fm Nosy Be I (IOTA AF-057); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; 5R8XX on FT8; QSL: LoTW or via 5R8TT OQRS
Oct 30-Nov 10 **Sierra Leone 9L8MD** by 14 op team fm IJ38ke; 160-6m, incl 60m (5.357MHz); CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL: IK2VUC
Oct 31-Nov 20 **Burundi 9U1RU** by R7AL OK8AU RW9JZ W8HC SP6EQZ RU3UR UA3QLC R2BW R5EC; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW

Long-term DX operations:

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

Lots of HF contests in the Autumn, particularly 80m short ones, when HF is usually at its best. The WAB DX Contest starts the month with the Oceania* SSB & CW on successive weekends. In the middle, it's Worked All Germany with the JOTA weekend as a fun event and CQ* WW DX SSB Contest as the big one at the end.

Modes allowed in RSGB VHF contests are only SSB, CW, FM, AM, JT6M, ISCAT & FSK441.

W	Oct 1	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
	Oct 1	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
	Oct 1	2000-2100 UTC	UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB ; 80m only, Exchange: 6-digit square only (Cumulative Sept-Apr contest - individual & Club team entries)
Th	Oct 2	0000-0100 UTC	Walk for the Bacon 40m Contest CW QRS <13wpm QRP <5W 1hr only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No
	Oct 2	1700-2000 UTC	SARL 80m QSO Party, SSB ; 80m; Exchange: RS + serial number + 4-digit IARU locator

F	Oct 3	0200-0300 UTC	Walk for the Bacon 40m Contest CW QRS <13wpm QRP <5W 1hr only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No
	Oct 3	0700-1000 UTC	German Telegraphy Contest, CW, 80m & 40m; Exchange: RST (DL also LDK)
Sa	Oct 4	1400-2200 UTC	RSGB 1.2GHz Trophy, all modes; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial + No, 6-digit IARU locator
	Oct 4	1400-2200 UTC	RSGB 2.3GHz Trophy, all modes; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial + No, 6-digit IARU locator
	Oct 4	1600-1800 UTC	International HELL Contest; 80m (3580-3600kHz) only, Exchange: RST + QSO number; Score: QSO's & QTC's*
Oct 4-5	0600-0600 UTC		Oceania DX Contest, Phone, 160-10m (Not WARC), work Oceania stations only . QRP<5W, LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RS + QSO number
Oct 4-5	1200-1200 UTC		Russia WW Digital Contest, RTTY, BPSK63; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) <100W Exchange: RST(Q)+QSO number/Oblast
Oct 4-5	1400-1400 UTC		RSGB & IARU 432MHz-248GHz Contests; Phone & CW; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit locator
Su	Oct 5	0900-1100 UTC	International HELL Contest; 40m (7040-7050kHz) only, Exchange: RST + QSO number; Score: QSO's & QTC's*
Su	Oct 5	0600-1000 UTC	UBA ON Contest, SSB, 80m only, Exchange: RS + serial number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section)
M	Oct 6	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW; 80m (3.520-3.560MHz), <100W, Exchange: Both callsigns + serial number + Name
Tu	Oct 7	1800-1855 UTC	RSGB 144MHz FMAC; 2m FM only (144.5125-144.7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) <50W; Exchange: RS, Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator
	Oct 7	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 144MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 2m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W	Oct 8	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
	Oct 8	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th	Oct 10	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 50MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Oct 11-12	0600-0600 UTC		Oceania DX Contest, CW, 160-10m (Not WARC), work Oceania stations only . QRP<5W, LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RS + QSO number
Oct 11-12	1200-1200 UTC		Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB; 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + serial number
Su	Oct 12	0600-1000 UTC	UBA ON Contest, CW, 80m only, Exchange: RST + serial number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section)
Tu	Oct 14	1800-1855 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FMAC; 70cm FM only (432.525-432.975,433.400-433.475MHz) <50W;Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
	Oct 14	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 432MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W	Oct 15	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data; RTTY & PSK on 80m (3.520-3.560MHz), <100W, Exchange: Both callsigns + serial number + Name
Th	Oct 16	0000-0100 UTC	Walk for the Bacon 20m Contest CW QRS <13wpm QRP <5W 1hr only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No
	Oct 16	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes; 4m only, Pwr <40/4W; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
F	Oct 17	0200-0300 UTC	Walk for the Bacon 20m Contest CW QRS <13wpm QRP <5W 1hr only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No
Sa	Oct 18	2000-2359 UTC	Feld Hell Sprint; 160-6m (Not 20m or WARC bands), Pwr<100/5W Exchange: RST + FH No + State/Province/Country + 4-digit Locator
Oct 18-19	0000-2400 UTC		Scouts International Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) All bands, all modes; Exchange: Greetings (QSO format, not contest)
Oct 18-19	0000- 2400 UTC		JARTS WW RTTY Contest, Baudot only; 80-10m (Not WARU bands); Exchange: RST + age (YL=00, Club=99)
Oct 18-19	0001-2359 UTC		10-10 International Fall Contest, CW; 10m only; Exchange: Name + zero or 10-10 No. + state/province/country
Oct 18-19	1500-1459 UTC		Worked All Germany Contest, CW & SSB; 80-10m (Not WARU bands); Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + DOK area code/"NM"
Oct 18-19	1500-1500 UTC		Stew Perry Topband Challenge, CW; 160m only, Exchange: 4-digit IARU locator
Su	Oct 19	0000-0200 UTC	Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW; 20m & 15m (Band edge+30-50kHz), Single Op only, Exchange: RST + QSO number
	Oct 19	0700-1000 UTC	UBA ON 2m Contest, CW & Phone; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section)
	Oct 19	0900-1300 UTC	RSGB 50MHz AFS Contest, All modes; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square (+ UK&CD: 2-letter Postcode (TN)
W	Oct 22	2000-2100 UTC	IRTS 80m Evening Counties, SSB & CW; 80m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (EI/GI stns; + county code)
Th	Oct 23	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB; 80m (3.60-3.65 & 3.70-3.775MHz), <100W, Exchange: RS + serial number
Oct 25-26	0000-2359 UTC		CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB, 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + CQ Zone (14)
M	Oct 27	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB HF FT4 Series #10, USB 3576.79, 7047.5, 14080, 21140, 28180kHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exch: sig. rpt. Multi's: DXCC, Gx66HH
Oct 27-28	1300-0400 UTC		QCX Monthly Challenge, CW; 160-10m, 3x1hr @ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig
W	Oct 29	2000-2100 UTC	UKEICC 80m Contest, CW; 80m only, Exchange: 6-digit square only (Cumulative Sept-Apr contest - individual & Club team entries)

Weekly Wednesdays CWops Mini-CWT, CW;160-10m (not WARC); straight key; call "CQ CWT" 28-38kHz up from band edge; Ex change: 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 Activity: CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB (Oct 25-26, 2025)

Call	CQWW	CQZ QSL	Notes
3B9KW	Rodrigues I	39 LoTW	By M0CFW; QRV Oct 21-29 as 3B9/M0CFW
4L6AM	Georgia	21 4L6AM Direct	By 4L6AM; high power
C5	Gambia	35 LoTW	By F5RAV as C5LT and YT3PL as C5R; QSL via homecall
C5Y	Gambia	35 LoTW	By PC3M PA3EYC PA3GRM PA4UUS PA2LO; QRV Oct 23-29; CW SSB, some FT8 FT4; QSL manager: PH3T
CR2M	Azores	14 LoTW	By W6NV CU2CE
E2A	Thailand	26 LoTW	By HS4RAY E21EIC E20NKB HS0ZDY LA7JO DL3DXX SP3LPG; tx on 3.600 MHz only on 75/89m
HP1Z	Panama	07 LoTW	By HP1JW HP1STB HP1XT ZS6DAR; fm site in hills @2500 foot altitude; 1kw
IH9/OK1M	African Italy	33 OK1M	By OK1M
J62K	St Lucia	08 K9HZ	By J68HZ J69DS NY3B W0CN W0ZB WA4PGM
J75A	Dominica	08 F5VHJ	By FM5BH F5VHJ FM5FJ JF2QNM
JD1BQP	Ogasawara	27 LoTW	By JP1IHD; fm Chichijima (QL17cb); QRV Oct 19-Nov 2QSL via JD1BQP Buro
KH6J	Hawaii	31 AH6OZ	By AA6AA KH7U N6TV N6TJ KX7M NH7T JH7OHF JJ1CBY; @KH6YY
KH0/KC0W	Mariana Is	27 KC0W Direct	By KC0W
P40W	Aruba	09 LoTW	By W2GD; QRV Oct 20-27; WARC CW; QSL via N2MM
PJ2/DH8BQA	Curacao	09 LoTW	By DH8BQA; QRV Oct 24-Nov 6; QSL via Club Log OQRS
PJ6Y	Saba & St Eustatius	08 LoTW	By W6IZT W2FQ NM1Y and YOTA team; QRV Oct 17-29; 80-6m; CW SSB FT8
TF/W4BB	Iceland	40 W4BB Direct	By W4BB; QRV Oct 23-27
TO2M	Martinique	08 VE3LA	By VE3LA
TO4K	St Barthelemy	08 LoTW	By M5RIC GW4XUM G3NKC G4CL
V26B	Antigua & Barbuda	08 LoTW	By WT3Q N3BNA N3OC K3RA KC2GOW AA3R K3MTT NM2O N2ZN
V55Y	Namibia	38 DK2WH	By DK2WH
VP2VRX	Br Virgin Is	08 LoTW	By N4XTT W3MLJ KC1KUG K4BEN; QRV Oct 23-28 using VP2V/homecall