

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: April 2026

DXpeditions in April 2026 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# **not active** at 28 March on DX Watch)

- Feb 26-May 15 **Minami Torishima JG8NQJ/JD1** by JG8NQJ fm IOTA OC-073 (QL64xg); 17 15 12m; mainly CW, some FT8; 50w; spare time operation; QSL: JA8CJY
- Mar 6-Apr 2 **Benin TY5FR** by DL1BUG fm Cotonou; 80-10m; CW SSB; 100w; wire; QRV for ARRL DX CW; QSL: LoTW via DL1BUG (B/d) or Club Log OQRS
- Mar 8-Apr 4 **Sint Maarten PJ7AA** by AA9A 40-6m; CW, some SSB; QSL: Club Log OQRS via AA9A
- Mar 9-Apr 12 **Bahamas C6APS** by WA4PAW fm Treasure Cay, Abaco I; 20-10m; FT8 CW SSB; 20w; spare time op; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS, WA4PAW direct
- Mar 14-Apr 3 **Guadeloupe FG/F5HRY** by F5HRY fm Marie Galaante I; HF; CW SSB; QSL: LoTW or F5HRY direct
- Mar 15-Apr 3 **Vanuatu YJ1JX #** by JK1JXZ fm Port Vila; 80-6m; QSL: LoTW
- Mar 18-Apr 2 **Vanuatu YJ0CA** by VK2YUS; 40-10m; SSB; QSL direct only: 3/19-21 Eastern Rd, Turramurra, NSW, 2074, Australia
- Mar 20-Apr 1 **Bangladesh S21WD** by DJ4MX DK6SP DL3ON M0SDV S21ABO S21TV fm IOTA AS-140; 160-10m, including 60m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL: LoTW QRV for CQ WPX SSB
- Mar 22-Apr 1 **St Kitts & Nevis V4/K5ZD** by K5ZD; 80-10m; CW SSB; QSL: LoTW QRV for CQ WPX SSB; using **V47T** (QSL via W2RQ)
- Mar 23-Apr 18 **St Kitts & Nevis V4/SP9FIH (& as V47K #)** by SP9FIH; 30-6m; SSB FT8 FT4, perhaps RTTY; QSL: LoTW or Club Log OQRS
- Mar 25-Apr 1 **Madeira CT9/DF7EE** by DF7EE fm Santana; HF, incl 60m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW
- Mar 25-Apr 2 **Martinique FM/EA1BP** by EA1BP; HF; mainly SSB; QRV for WPX SSB using TO7O; QSL: LoTW, via EA1BP Buro & Club Log OQRS
- Mar 28-Apr 4 **Sint Maarten PJ7KB** by KJ9B fm Fort Amsterdam Historic Site (POTA SX-0002); HF; mainly SSB FT; 100w; Buddistick QSL: KJ9B
- Mar 28-Apr 11 **Easter I CE0Y/DJ4EL** by DJ4EL fm Rapa Nui (IOTA SA-001); 20-6m; mainly SSB; 800w; QSL: LoTW, via DJ4EL (B/d) or Club Log OQRS
- Mar 30-Apr 6 **Canary Is EA8/DA2DX** by DA2DX fm Fuerteventura I (AF-004); HF; CW SSB RTTY FT4 FT8; h'day op; QSL: LoTW. Club Log OQRS, DA2DX direct (no EQSL/Email)
- Apr 3-May 20 **Rodrigues I 3B9N** by VU3OPT; 20 15 10m; CW; QSL: VU3OPT
- Apr 8-8 **Svalbard JW/KK6IK** by KK6IK fm Spitsbergen I (JQ78tf); 40-15m; CW; QRP; QSL: LoTW
- Apr 11-May 1 **St Kitts & Nevis V47EM** by G0TLE fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts I; @V47JA; 80-10m; CW SSB; holiday op; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS, G0TLE direct
- Apr 16-30 **Bermuda VP9KF** by G4BKI fm Bailey Bay; 160-10m; CW; QSL only direct to Paul Evans, 15 Watch Knob Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778, USA
- Apr 17-22 **Fiji 3D2JK** by SP5APW fm Lakeba I (IOTA OC-095); 20-6m; mainly FT8, SSB; QSL: LoTW or Club Log OQRS
- Apr 19-30 **Marquesas TX9W** by Oklahoma DX Assn fm Atuona, Hiva Oa I (IOTA OC-027); 160-6m; CW FT8 FT4 SSB RTTY; 6 stns; QSL: LoTW or via K5WE
- Apr 23-May 1 **Lesotho 7P8WR** by IZ?EVI IZ?EWJ IZ6DSQ; HF; SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW
- Apr 25-May 8 **Gambia C5C** (SSB CW) & **C5D** (RTTY PSK FT8) by F4AGG F5RAV; HF; QSL C5C via F5RAV direct; C5D via LoTW only

Long-term DX operations:

6 Jan'25 until 6 Apr'26 **Benin TY5GG** by F5NVF fm Godomey, Abomey-Calavil HF; Spiderbeam, multiband dipole; QSL: LoTW or via F5RAV direct

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 WAP, HB9.

NB: Modes allowed in RSGB VHF contests are **only** SSB, CW, FM, AM, JT6M, ISCAT & FSK441. The dedicated MGM Contest has been dropped for 2025. 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

- W** Apr 1 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**
- Tu** Apr 7 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 7 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 144MHz UKAC**, all modes; 2m only; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
- W** Apr 7 1700-2100 UTC **RSGB 144 MHz FT8 AC**, 2m (4hr): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
- Apr 7 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB 144 MHz FT8 AC**, 2m (2hr only): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
- Apr 4-5 1200-1200 UTC **EA RTTY Contest**, RTTY: HF (not WRAC bands). Exchange: RSQ + serial number/ EA Province
- Apr 4-5 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)
- M** Apr 6 1300-1330 UTC **IRTS 70cm Counties Contest**. SSB & FM. (FM only: QSY after CQ answered) Exchange: RST + serial number (+Rx EI & GI county)
- Apr 6 1330-1500 UTC **IRTS 2m Counties Contest**. SSB & FM. (FM only: QSY after CQ answered) Exchange: RST + serial number (+Rx EI & GI county)

M Apr 6 1500-1730 UTC **DARC Easter Contest**, CW SSB; 80-40m; Exchange RS(T) + serial/DL Tx: DOK or “NM”
Th Apr 9 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 50MHz UKAC**, all modes; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
 Apr 11-12 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 11-12 0700-1300 UTC **JIDX CW Contest**, CW 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST+ CQ Zone (14)/JA Prefecture No.
 Apr 11-12 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 11-12 1200-2400 UTC **SKCC Weekend Sprintathon**, CW 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS T+state/province/country(GBR)+Name+’None’/SKCC No
 Apr 11-12 1200-1200 UTC **Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest**, CW; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) & Satellites; Exchange: RST + ITU Zone (27)
 Apr 11-12 1200-1800 UTC **IG-RY WW RTTY Contest**, RTTY: 80-10m (not WRAC bands). LP<100W, HP<1500W; Exchange: RSQ + 4-digit year licensed
Su Apr 12 1500-1600 UTC **Hungarian Straight Key Contest**, CW 80m only Exchange: RST + serial number + Power Code (A=10W, B=100W)
M Apr 13 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB 80m Club Championship**, CW: (3510-65, 3565-75kHz QRS); Pwr 100/10W; Exchange: RST + serial number
Tu Apr 14 1800-1855 UTC **RSGB 432MHz FMAC**; (432.525-975 & 433.400-475MHz) FM All modes. Exchange: serial number + 6-digit IARU locator
 Apr 14 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 432MHz UKAC**; 70cm only, all modes; <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
W Apr 14 1700-2100 UTC **RSGB 432 MHz FT8 AC**, 70cm (4hr): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
 Apr 14 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB 432 MHz FT8 AC**, 70cm (2hr only): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
Th Apr 16 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 70MHz UKAC**; 4m only All modes. Pwr 400/40/4W Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator
 Apr 17-18 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
Sa Apr 18 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 18-19 0600-0559 UTC **Worked All Provinces DX Contest**, CW, SSB: HF (Not WARC bands) Work China only. Exchange: RS(T) + serial number/BY Province
Sa Apr 18 0700-1900 UTC **Dutch PACCdigi Contest**. FT8 RTTY: 160-10m, QRP 5W, LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RST + 4-digit IARU locator.
 Apr 18 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)
Su Apr 19 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 19 0700-1900 UTC **International Vintage HF Contest**; 80 & 40m; CW SSB AM. (**QRT 11:00-15:00hrs**) Exchange: RS(T) + 6 character locator
W Apr 22 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB 80m Club Championship**, SSB (3600-3775kHz); Pwr 100/10W; Exchange: RS + serial number
Sa Apr 25 0000-2400 UTC **Marconi Day** All bands & modes; QSOs with SES
 Apr 25-26 1200-1200 UTC **SP DX RTTY Contest**, 80m-10m (Not WARC bands) Work only SP stations Exchange RST + serial number/2 digit SP province
Su Apr 26 1700-2100 UTC **BARTG Sprint 75**; 75 Baud RTTY only, HF (Not WARC bands); Exchange: serial number
M Apr 27 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB HF FT4 Series #3**, USB 3576.79, 7047.5, 14080, 21140, 28180kHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exch: sig. rpt. Multi's: DXCC & Gx66HH
 Apr 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
 Apr 25-26 1200-1200 UTC **UK/EI DX Contest**, CW; HF 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST, Serial + UK/EI District Code (e.g.TN)
 Apr 25-26 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
W Apr 29 2000-2100 UTC **UKEICC 80m Contest**, CW; 3510-60kHz only, QRP<5W, LP<100W; Exchange: 6-digit IARU locator only (No RST).
Th Apr 30 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB 80m Club Championship**, Data; RTTY(3590-3620kHz), PSK(3580-90kHz) only; Pwr 100/10W; 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