

## Month on the Air by G3MGQ: May 2026 *DRAFT*

***DXpeditions in May 2026*** (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# **not active** at 26 April on DX Watch)

- Apr 11-May 1 **St Kitts & Nevis V47EM** by G0TLE fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts I (NA 104); 80-10m; CW SSB; holiday op; QSL: LoTW, Club Log OQRS or G0TLE direct
- Apr 15-May 1 **Honduras KD0VUY/HR5** by KD0VUY fm rural San Jeronimo, Copan; 20-10m; SSB ST8; 100w; QSL: KD0VUY
- Apr 23-May 1 **Lesotho 7P8WR** by IZ?EVI IZ?EWJ IZ6DSQ; HF; SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW
- Apr 25-May 1 **South Africa ZS6/NA9VY#** QSL: LoTW by NA9VY fm KG45ek; 40 20 15 10m, perhaps 30m; mainly SSB FT8 FT4; operation mainly 1400-2000z
- Apr 25-May 1 **Niue E6MGA#** by ZL1MGA; 40 20, perhaps 15 10m; SSB + digital; QSL: qrz.com (no paper QSLs)
- Apr 17-May 4 **Bonaire PJ4TB** by PE1OJR fm IOTA SA-006; 40-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW
- Apr 26-May 4 **Ogasawara JD1BMH** by JG7PSJ fm Chichijima I (IOTA AS-031); 40-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL: JD1BMH Buro or JG7PSJ direct
- 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
- 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
- Apr 16-May 22 **Rodrigues I 3B9G** by VU3OPT; 20 15 10m; CW; 400w; QSL: VU3OPT
- Mar 25-May 31 **Galapagos HD8R** by LU5DX; HF; QSL: M0OXO; QRV for CQ WPX SSB
- Mar 26-May 31 **Western Sahara S09S** by S01A S01AH fm Tifariti, Sahrawi Republic; HF; SSB CW EME QO-100+ digital; 100w; QSL: LoTW or Club Log OQRS
- May 4-9 **South Cook Is E51TLM** by K7TLM KD7YZE fm Rarotonga I (IOTA OC-013); 28.060m 28.385 MHz; CW SSB; 5w; end-fed wire; QSL: K7TLM B/d
- May 8-9 **Jersey MJ/KO7T** by KO7T fm IOTA EU-013; 17-10m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; QSL: LoTW or Club Log OQRS
- May 13-21 **St Kitts & Nevis V49B** by EI8CN fm Basseterre, St Kitts I; HF; FT8 FT4 SSB, some CW; QSL: LoTW. via Club Log OQRS or EI8KN direct; holiday op.
- May 14-22 **Tonga A31AA** by JH3QFL fm Nuku'alofa; HF; 500w, and 100w on 6m; FT8 on 80-6m; QSL: LoTW or JH3QFL direct
- May 17-19 **Wales MW/HB9EMP** by HB9EMP; HF; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW or HB9EMP direct w/ SAE + 3 GS
- May 20-Jun 19 **Namibia V5/N7XOB** by N7XOB; 7.165 and 14.265 MHz; SSB; QSL: LoTW
- May 24-Jun 1 **St Kitts & Nevis V4/WW6W** by WW6W fm St Kitts I; QSL: LoTW or WW6W direct; QRV for CQWW WPX CW Contest
- May 25-28 **Ascension I ZD8KX** by M0HXC; HF; CW FT8 FT4; QSL via eQSL
- May 25-Jun 3 **Chatham Is ZL7IO** by ZL3IO; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; QSL: LoTW or DK7AO; QRV for CQ WPX CW
- May 26-Jun 2 **Martinique TO3E** by AB2E; @FM5BH; QSL: LoTW QRV for CQ WPX CW Contest
- May 26-Jun 6 **Bolivia CP7DX** by 9 Argentinian ops fm Tarija (FG78pl); 160-2m, incl 60m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: Club Log OQRS or via LU1FM; QRV for CQ WPX CW
- May 27-Jun 8 **Bonaire PJ4CB** by WA7RAR fm Bonaire locations, some POTA; 20-10m; SSB CW; 1/4λ vertical; QSL: WA7RAR Direct (no SASE or GS required)
- May 28-Jun 1 **Maldives 8Q7QR** by JJ1DQR; HF; holiday style operation; QSL: JJ1DQR#; QRV for CQ WPX CW

### Long-term DX operations:

- Apr 19-Jun 16 **Kenya 5Z4/MM0ZBH** by MM0ZBH; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or MM0ZBH direct w/ SAE only
- May 5-Jul 20 **French Polynesia FO/F6BCW** by F6BCW fm Tikehau, Tuamotu; 80-6m; CW SSB; QSL: LoTW, via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS

### Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!) *DRAFT*

**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.**

From 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.**

- May2-Aug2 0000-2400 UTC **UKSMG Summer Marathon; all modes**, but split into 'Legacy' & Digital sections; 6m band only; Exchange: 4-digit locator only
- F** 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 2 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 2 1400-2000 UTC RSGB 432MHz Trophy Contest Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6 character locator
- May 2-3 1200-1200 UTC F9AA Cup, PSK; 80-10m (Not WARC bands) & 2m; Class: A>100W, B>10W>C; Exchange: RST + serial number.
- May 2-3 1200-1159 UTC ARI International DX Contest, CW, RTTY & Phone; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + (Rx: I Province)

May 2-3	1400-1400 UTC	RSGB 432MHz – 245GHz Contest , All modes; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6 character IARU locator
<b>Su</b> May 3	1000-1400 UTC	WAB 7MHz, AM FM SSB; 40m only; LP<10W<HP; Exchange: RS + name + WAB Square(e.g TQ72)
<b>Tu</b> May 5	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 5	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 144MHz UKAC; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
<b>W</b> May 6	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 144 MHz FT8 AC, 2m (4hr): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
May 6	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 144 MHz FT8 AC, 2m (2hr only): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
<b>Th</b> May 7	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 50MHz UKAC; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
May 9-10	0000-2400 UTC	<b>Mill-on-the-Air</b> All bands & modes; QSO with SES near wind & water mills. (e.g West Kent ARS at Nutley with GB2NW)
May 9-10	1200-1159 UTC	CQ-M International DX Contest, CW & SSB; 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS(T) + serial number
May 9-10	1200-1200 UTC	VOLTA WW RTTY Contest, RTTY 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + serial number + CQ Zone (14)
<b>Su</b> May 10	0900-1200 UTC	RSGB 70MHz Contest CW; Exchange: RST + serial number + 6 character locator + 2-letter post code (TN)
<b>M</b> May 11	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB (3600-3775kHz); Pwr 100/10W; Exchange: RS + serial number
<b>Tu</b> May 12	1800-1855 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FMAC; (432.525-975 & 433.400-475MHz) FM. Exchange: serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
May 12	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 432MHz UKAC; 70cm only, all modes; Pwr <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
May 12	1900-2029 UTC	DARC FT4 Contest, 80m only (USB 3576.79kHz) Pwr<100W or <10W, Exch: sig. rpt + 4-digit locator; Multi's: DXCC
<b>W</b> May 13	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 432 MHz FT8 AC, 70cm (4hr): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
May 13	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 432 MHz FT8 AC, 70cm (2hr only): Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
<b>F</b> May 15	0000-2359 UTC	FISTS 24hr Mechanical Key Sprint, CW; 160m up (Not 60m or WARC); Exchange: RST etc + Mykey SK/SS/BUG/FAB
<b>Sa</b> May 16	0600-2100 UTC	UN DX, SSB, CW; 80-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS(T) + Tx: Serial /Rx: Kazakhstan District Code
May 16-17	1200-1200 UTC	EU PSK DX Contest, BPSK63 HF (Not WARC bands) 80 -10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + EU Code
May 16-17	1200-1200 UTC	HM King of Spain Contest, CW 160m-10m (Not WARC bands) Work EA stations Exchange RST + serial number/Province
May 16-17	1400-1400 UTC	RSGB 144MHz May Contest; All modes 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator+ 2-letter post code (TN).
May 16-17	2100-0200 UTC	Baltic Contest, SSB & CW, 80m only. Exchange: RST + serial number.
<b>Su</b> May 17	1000-1400 UTC	RSGB 144MHz 1st Backpackers; 2m portable only QRP (<5W or <25W) /P (not /M) Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator, Post code
<b>M</b> May 18	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
<b>W</b> May 20	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data Exchange: RST + serial number
<b>Th</b> May 21	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 70MHz UKAC; 4m only, All modes; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator
May 25-26	1300-0400 UTC	QCX Monthly Challenge, CW; 80,40,20m, 3x1hr@ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig
<b>Th</b> May 28	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW Exchange: RST + serial number
May 30-31	0000-2359 UTC	CQ WW WPX, CW 160 -10m (Not WARC bands) 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**

**FISTS Mechanical Medley** on 15th. of each month (<https://fists.co.uk/activitiescalendar.html#fistsbks2026>)