

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: October 2026

DXpeditions in October 2026 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (**# not active** at 27 September on DX Watch)

- Sep 19-Oct 2 **Cape Verde Is D4SAL** by EA7KNT fm Boa Vista I (IOTA AF-086); HF; SSB; QSL: D4SAL
- Sep 23-Oct 5 **Naoero C21DA** by VK4MAP fm Meneng District, Naoero (was Nauru); 80 40 20 17 15 10m; SSB; Spiderbeam, dipole; holiday op; QSL: VK4MAP +4\$US
- Sep 24-Oct 4 **Greenland OX3LX** by OX3LX fm Aasiat I (IOTA NA-134, GP38nq); mainly 30-10m, spare time operation; QSL: OZ0J
- Sep 24-Oct 6 **Ogasawara JD1BON** by JA1Ull, JI1LET as **JD1BOK**, **JE1NVD/JD1**, **JI1CRM/JD1** fm Chichijima I (AS-031, TA33jr); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; 200w; SpiderBeam, Dipole; QSL: Some use LoTW, others direct only
- Aug 25-Oct 10 **Namibia V51WH** by DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-6m, incl 60m; QSL: DK2WH; QRV as **V55Y** in CQWW RTTY Contest
- Sep 20-Oct 10 **Maldives 8Q7JH** by DJ3JH fm Thulhagiri I (IOTA AS-013, MJ64me); 20 15 10m; CW SSB FT8; verticals; QSL: LoTW or via DJ3JH (B/d)
- Sep 30-Oct 11 **Dem Rep Congo 9T0MD** by MDXC Team; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8 RTTY; QSL: LoTW or via IK2VUC (B/d)
- Sep 21-Oct 12 **Samoa 5W0AF** by SP5EAQ fm Apia; 40-10m, perhaps 80m; SSB; QSL: LoTW
- Oct 1-7 **Micronesia V61GSE** by JR1GSE fm Chuuk State, Weno I (IOTA OC-011); 80-6m; FT8 SSB CW; inverted-V; holiday op; QSL LoTW or Club Log OQRS
- Oct 1-31 **Juan Fernandez Is XR0Z** by CE3VTZ & **XQ7I** fm Alexander Selkirk I (IOTA SA-101) for 10 days; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or via M0UXR
- Oct 1-Nov 4 **Gambia C5R** by YU5R F5RAV E70A; HF; QSL: YU5R Direct w/SAE; QRV in CQWW DX SSB
- Oct 3-Nov 20 **Solomon Is H44MS** by DL2GAC; 80-10m; mainly FT8, some SSB; QSL: LoTW or via DL2GAC (B/d)
- Oct 5-25 **Somalia 6O2M** by OG2M fm Garowe, Puntland; 40-10m; SSB CW; spare time operation; QSL: LoTW
- Oct 7-12 **Svalbard JW5X** by LA6VM LA9DL LA7X fm Longyearbyen; HF CW SSB FT8 QSL: LoTW (Scandinavian Activity Contest as JW6VM JW9DL JW7XK)
- Oct 7-17 **Iceland TF/PD9DX** by PD9DX; HF; SSB FT8 FT4; QRV for Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB; QSL: M0URX
- Oct 7-21 **Solomon Is H49A** by 9A3MR 9A2NA 9A3CJY 9A4WY 9A7Y DK8ZZ fm Guadalcanal I (OC-047); HF + 6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or via DK8ZZ
- Oct 8-30 **Albania ZA/AE5X** by AE5X; 20-10m; CW; 10w; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW
- Oct 10-12 **Malta 9H** by IK8YFU IU8GUK I8YGG IU8HEP fm IOTA EU-023; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW or via IK8YFU direct
- Oct 11-16 **Vanuatu YJ1JXZ** by JK1JXZ fm Port Vila; 80-6m; QRV after 5pm local time weekdays, all day during the weekend; QSL: LoTW
- Oct 15-Nov 2 **eSwatini 3DA0GY** by LA9GY fm Piggs Peak, HHohho; HF; QSL: LoTW; QRV in Worked All Germany SSB and CQWW DX SSB
- Oct 16-20 **Bangladesh S21HRG** by 13 ops fm Tetulia, Panchagarh; (NL46el); 80-10m; SSB FT8 CW; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS; QSL manager: S21RAK
- Oct 16-29 **Lesotho 7P8GE** by DL7DF DK1BT DL4WK DL6SAK DL7BO DL7UFR; HF, incl 60m; QSL: LoTW OQRS <https://webufr.dl7ufr.selfhost.eu/7p8/oqrs.php>
- Oct 17-20 **Bermuda W9HT/VP9** by W9HT; HF + 6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or via W9HT Direct
- Oct 17-31 **Sao Tome & Principe I S9R** by EC7R D2ACE CT1BOL D2IM CT1BZG CT3MD; 160-6m, incl 60m; CW SSB + digital; QSL: TBA
- Oct 17-Nov 2 **Ogasawara JD1BQP** by JP1IHD fm Chichijima I; 160-6m; 200, 100w; EFHW, hexbeam, 6m yagi; QSL: LoTW
- Oct 19-Nov 19 **Tanzania 5H3MB** by IK2GZU fm Ilembula; 80-10m; CW; QSL via IK2GZU (B/d)
- Oct 22-26 **Micronesia V63SC** by JM1LBO fm Pohnpei I (IOTA OC-010); 80-2m; FT8 SSB; QSL: LoTW, via JM1LBO Buro or direct w/ SASE
- Oct 23-31 **Nepal 9N7XT** by DL4XT fm Kathmandu; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; 100-500w; QSL: LoTW
- Oct 26-Nov 25 **Lesotho 7P9EA** by HB9CCS fm Thaba-Tseka (KG0hl); HF; CW SSB; QSL: HB9CCS
- Oct 28-Nov 6 **St Kitts & Nevis V47JA** by W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL: LoTW or via W5JON direct
- Oct 28-Nov 9 **Senegal 6W/I2YSB & 6W/IK2HKT** by IV3FSG I1FQH I1HJT I2PJA I2YSB IK2AQZ IK2CKR IK2HKT; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL: LoTW or via I2YSB
- Oct 30-Nov 6 **Antigua V26JJ** by JA3FHL JA3PJL JH3UHG JJ2RCJ JA0JHQ; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Oct 30-Nov 12 **American Samoa KH8A** by DJ9KH DK5WL DL1KWK DL2RNS DL4SVA DL6KAC DL6KVA DL7JOM DL7VEE fm IOTA OC-045 (AH45op); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; QSL: Club Log OQRS or LoTW after 6 mths; see Web for full QSL details
- Oct 31-Nov 14 **Wallis & Futuna FW3GT** by GM3GAV fm Futuna I (OC-118); mainly 40-10m, some 80 60m; CW FT8; 600w; vertical; gd take-off to EU, QSL: M0OXO

Long-term DX operations:

May'26-Nov'26 **Willis I VK9WX** by VK4WXW, fm Aussie Met Weather Stn, SSB FT8, 40-10m, vertical. QSL via M0OXO

Pre-contest activity: CQWW DX SSB Contest (Oct 24-25, 2026)

Call	CQWW	CQZ	QSL	Notes
3B9KW	Rodrigues I	39	LoTW	By M0CFW; QRV Oct 20-28 as 3B9/M0CFW outside contest
3DA0GY	eSwatini	38	LoTW	By LA9GY; QRV Oct 15-Nov 2
7Q6UJ	Malawi	37	Club Log	By W4UJ + PVRC ops QSL: Club Log OQRS
C41X	Cyprus	20	M0OXO	By M5RIC, QSL: M0OXO OQRS
C5R	Gambia	35	YU5R	By C5R F5RAV M0NPT; C5R QRV Oct 1-Nov 4 fm Banjul; CW SSB FT4 FT8
CQ3W	Madeira	33	LoTW	By DF8EE; QRV as CT9/DF7EE outside contest; QSL via Club Log OQRS
FP/WF2A	St Pierre & Miquelon	5	LoTW	By WF2A as FP/WF2A; QRV Oct 21-26; POTA PM-0025 Oct 22-23; QSL via Club Log OQRS
GM5E	Shetland Is	14	LoTW	By G4AFF fm Mainland (IOTA EU-012); QRV Oct 22-26 outside contest on WARC bands using GM4AFF/p
HQ9X	Honduras	8	LoTW	By NV1U; QRV Oct 18-26 as NV1U/HR9 fm Roatan I (NA-057); HF; SSB; QSL via Club Log OQRS or NV1U (B/d 3\$)
IH9/OK1M	African Italy	33	OK1M	By OK1M; Pantelleria I (IOTA AF-018)
J75A	Dominica	8	LoTW	By FM5BH FM5FJ F5VHJ FM1HN; Oct 17-27 w/ own call signs; QSL via Club Log OQRS, F5VHJ Buro or G5FCR drct
JD1BQP	Ogasawara	27	LoTW	By JP1IHD
MJ/TA1HZ	Jersey	14	LoTW	By TA1HZ; QSL via TA1HZ direc
PJ4K	Bonaire	9	KU9C	By K1DG K9VV KM3T N3RD N6KT VA7RR W1MD W4PA WA3LRO
V63SC	Micronesia	27	LoTW	By JM1LBO; fm Pohnpei I (IOTA OC-010)
VP2VXX	Br Virgin Is	8	LoTW	By KC1KUG W3MLJ KN2P; QRV outside contest as VP2V/; 160-6m; QSL via Club Log OQRS
ZA/OK5D	Albania	15	OK1DTP	By OK1DTP; low power

Contests: (to enjoy or avoid!)

Lots of HF contests in the Autumn, particularly 80m short ones, when HF is usually at its best. 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. **Avoid 14.325 & 14.198 MHz (by day) & 7.098 & 7.198 (by night) in the Hurricane season**

Th	Oct 1	1700-2000 UTC	SARL 80m QSO Party, SSB; 80m; Exchange: RS + serial number + 4-digit IARU locator
F	Oct 2	0700-1000 UTC	German Telegraphy Contest, CW, 80m & 40m; Exchange: RST (DL also LDK)
Sa	Oct 3	1400-2200 UTC	RSGB 1.2GHz Trophy, all modes; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial + No, 6-digit IARU locator
	Oct 3	1400-2200 UTC	RSGB 2.3GHz Trophy, all modes; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial + No, 6-digit IARU locator
	Oct 3	1600-1800 UTC	International HELL Contest; 80m (3580-3600kHz) only, Exchange: RST + QSO number; Score: QSO's & QTC's*
	Oct 3-4	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 3-4	1200-1159 UTC	Russia WW Digital Contest, RTTY, BPSK63; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) <100W Exchange: RST(Q)+QSO number/Oblast
	Oct 3-4	1400-1400 UTC	RSGB & IARU 432MHz-248GHz Contests; Phone & CW; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit locator
Su	Oct 4	0600-1000 UTC	UBA ON Contest, SSB, 80m only, Exchange: RS + serial number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section)
	Oct 4	0900-1100 UTC	International HELL Contest; 40m (7040-7050kHz) only, Exchange: RST + QSO number; Score: QSO's & QTC's*
M	Oct 5	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW; 80m (3.510-3.570MHz N.B <15wpm >3.565), pwr <10 ,100W, Exchange: Both callsigns + serial number
Tu	Oct 6	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 6	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 144MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 2m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W	Oct 7	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
	Oct 7	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
	Oct 7	2000-2100 UTC	UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB; 80m only, Exchange: 6-digit square only (Cumulative Sept-Apr contest - individual & Club team entries)
Th	Oct 8	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 50MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Sa	Oct 10	0001-2359 UTC	10-10 Int. Day Sprint, CW; 10m only; Pwr: QRP<5, Low<150W<High; Exchange: Name + zero or 10-10 No. + state/province/country
	Oct 10-11	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 10-11	1200-1200 UTC	Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB ; 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + serial number
Su Oct 11	0600-1000 UTC	UBA ON Contest, CW , 80m only, Exchange: RST + serial number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section)
Tu Oct 13	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 13	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 432MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W Oct 14	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Oct 14	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Oct 14	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data; PSK (3.580 - 90MHz) RTTY (3.590-3.620MHz), Pwr: 10, 100W, Exchange: Both callsigns + Serial No
Th Oct 15	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 15	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes ; 4m only, Pwr <40/4W; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
F Oct 16	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 17	2000-2359 UTC	Feld Hell Sprint ; 160-6m (<u>Not</u> 20m or WARC bands), Pwr<100/5W Exchange: RST + FH No + State/Province/Country + 4-digit Locator
Oct 17-18	0000-2400 UTC	Scouts International Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) All bands, all modes; Exchange: Greetings (QSO format, not contest)
Oct 17-18	0000- 2400 UTC	JARTS WW RTTY Contest, Baudot only ; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + age (YL=00, Club=99)
Oct 17-18	1500-1459 UTC	Worked All Germany Contest, CW & SSB ; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + DOK area code/"NM"
Oct 17-18	1500-1500 UTC	Stew Perry Topband Challenge, CW ; 160m only, Exchange: 4-digit IARU locator
Su Oct 18	0000-0200 UTC	Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW ; 20m & 15m (Band edge+30-50kHz), Single Op only, Exchange: RST + QSO number
Oct 18	0700-1000 UTC	UBA ON 2m Contest, CW & Phone ; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section)
Oct 18	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)
Oct 18-19	2300-0100 UTC	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest CW; HF (160-10m, Not WARC) Pwr <5W; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No
W Oct 21	2000-2100 UTC	IRTS 80m Evening Counties, SSB & CW ; 80m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (EI/GI stns; + county code)
Th Oct 22	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB ; 80m (3.600-3.775MHz), Pwr: 10, 100W, Exchange: RS + serial number
Oct 24-25	0000-2359 UTC	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB , 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + CQ Zone (14)
M Oct 26	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 26-27	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 28	2000-2100 UTC	UKEICC 80m Contest, CW ; 80m only, Exchange: 6-digit square only (Cumulative Sept-Apr contest - individual & Club team entries)
Oct31Nov1	1200-1200 UTC	UK/EI DX Contest, SSB ; HF (80-10m, not WARC bands); QRP< 5W<Low<100W<High pwr. Exchange: RS+serial+UK/EI district (TN)

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

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