

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: October 2023

DXpeditions in October 2023 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# Not all verified QRV on DX Watch or QRZ.com)

until Oct 1 **Albania ZA/SV1ENG** by SV1ENG; 40-10m; mainly CW; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS

until Oct 1 **French Polynesia FO** by K6VVK fm Moorea I (IOTA OC-046); HF + 6m; SSB CW FT8 FT4; holiday style operation QSL: LoTW

until Oct 1 **Greenland OX3LX** by OZ1DJJ fm Qaanaaq (FQ57jl); HF, incl 60m; mainly FT8 QSL: OZ0J

until Oct 3 **Lord Howe I VK9LAA** by W7Yaq K7AR; 160-6m; 500w; 2 stations; QRV for CQWW DX RTTY; QSL: LoTW or via W7Yaq; call sign requested

until Oct 3 **Crete SV9/OH1VR** by OH1VR fm nr Chaina; 160-6m; mainly CW QSL: OH1VR Direct

until Oct 8 **Uganda 5X3K** by OK1BOA OK1FCJ OK6DJ; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or OK6DJ

until Oct 8 **Botswana A22EW** by VA3QY; 20-10m, perhaps 6m QSL: eQSL

until Oct 8 **Iceland TF/KA9VDU** by KA9VDU; HF; CW SSB FT8; holiday style operation; fm 1700z each day QSL:

until Oct 8 **Montenegro 4O1OK** by OK4MD OK1TE OK1MDX OK1MDR OK1SIM; 40-10m; CW SSB, some FT8; holiday op; QSL: LoTW or OK1VEI (B/d)

until Oct 9, **Tuvalu T22T** by Rebel DX Group; HF; CW SSB FT8 (f/h); 10 stations QSL: LoTW

until Oct 13, **Timor Leste 4W/JH2EUV** by JH2EUV fm Dili; 80-6m; spare time operation QSL: LoTW

until Oct 16 **Senegal 6W** by IV3FSG; HF; SSB + digital; spare time operation QSL: Club Log OQRS

until Oct 17 **East Kiribati T32AZ** by KH6QJ; HF; QSL: KH6QJ (B/d)

until Oct 22 **Tristan da Cunha ZD9W** by YL2GM fm IOTA AF-029; 160-10m, 6m on FT8; CW (up 1) SSB (up 5); QSL: LoTW see Web for full QSL details

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Oct 1-9 **Belize V31DN** by KM4DYR fm Ambergris Cay (IOTA NA-073); 40 20 10m; SSB; Parks on the Air activation QSL: KM4DYR Direct

Oct 1-14 **Samoa 5W0LM** by 9A7Y 9A2NA S50B 9A3MR fm Apia; 160-6m; focus on CW, also SSB FT8; Hexbeam, verticals QSL: 9A3MR

Oct 1-31 **Vanuatu YJ0TT** by NC7M N7JI K6VHF W6UC NG7E fm Port Vila; 160-6m + 23cm EME; CW SSB, digital; dates TBA QSL TBA ops personal call signs

Oct 2-10 **St Vincent J88PI** by GW4DVB fm Palm I; 40 20 17 15 10m; SSB SSTV FT8 QSL: GW4DVB Direct

Oct 2-6 **French Polynesia FO** by K6VVK fm Rangiroa I (IOTA OC-066); HF + 6m; SSB CW FT8 FT4; holiday style operation QSL: LoTW

Oct 2-15 **French Polynesia TX6D** by DK1BT DL4WK + 3 more fm OC-046 (BH52gm); 160-10m; CW SSB, digital; QSL: LoTW, via TX6D OQRS or DL7DF B/d

Oct 4-11 **East Kiribati T32AN** by K3AAN CX3AN fm Kiritimati I (IOTA OC-024); 40-6m; SSB CW; holiday style operation QSL: EB7DX

Oct 4-15 **Marshall Is V73AH** by DL2AH; 80-6m; SSB FT8; Windom, TripleLeg; QSL: LoTW, Club Log OQRS or DL2AH direct

Oct 4-17 **Swains I W8S** by DJ9RR DL2AMD DL6JGN KO8SCA NG7M PA2KW PA3EWP PA4WM PA5X PG5M ; HF; CW SSB FT8 RTTY QSL: M0OXO OQRS

Oct 10-22 **Mayotte TO8FH** by Radio Club De Provins; 160-6m; CW SSB + digital; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or F5GSJ

Oct 10-23 **Niue E6AM** by LZ1GC; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or LZ1GC (B/d)

Oct 10-30 **Tuvalu T2C** by DL7VEE + team fm Funfuti (IOTA OC-015); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; 4 stations; QSL: LoTW or via DL4SVA

Oct 12-Nov 6 **North Cook Is E51JAN** by SP9FIH fm Manikiki Atoll (IOTA OC-014, AH99lo); HF QSL: Club Log OQRS

Oct 18-30 **Micronesia V63AH** by DL2AH fm Kosrae (IOTA OC-059); 80-6m; SSB FT8; Windom, TripleLeg; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or DL2AH direct

Oct 20-Nov 4 **Chatham I ZL7/SP5EAQ** by SP5EAQ; 80-10m; SSB; QRV for CQ DX CW QSL: LoTW

Oct 22-Dec 5 **Vanuatu YJ0CA** by VK2YUS fm Port Vila; 40-10m; SSB; wires, verticals; QSL: see qrz.com for QSL details

Oct 25-31 **Micronesia V6SZ** by the Yokohama DX Club fm Chuuk (IOTA OC-011); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; as time permits; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS.

Oct 25-31 **Saba & St Eustatius PJ5** by W5JON fm St Eustatius; 60-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL: LoTW or via W5JON direct

Oct 26-Nov 9 **Temotu H40WA** by The Intrepid-DX Group fm IOTA OC-065 (RH29vg); 160-10; CW SSB FT8 (f/h); QSL: LoTW or via M0URX; QRV for CQWW SSB

Oct 27-31 **Micronesia V63CB** by JJ2CJB fm Pohnpei I (IOTA OC-010); 40-10m; SSB, some CW FT8; 500w; QSL: LoTW or JJ2CJB direct

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.

N.B. UKEICC 80m Contests: Register your Team for this Teams competition by the end of November 2021 & log submission to robot BEFORE 2200z

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| Sep30-Oct1 | 1200-1200 UTC | UKEICC DX SSB Contest; 80-10m (Not WARC bands), QRP<5W, LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RST + serial number (UK/EI + District) |
| Su Oct 1 | 0500-2300 UTC | WAB HF, Phone, 20m, 15m & 10m Exchange: RS + serial number + WAB square/country |
| Su Oct 1 | 0600-0900 UTC | UBA ON Contest, SSB, 80m only, Exchange: RS + serial number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section) |
| M Oct 2 | 1900-2030 UTC | RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW; 80m (3.520-3.560MHz), <100W, Exchange: Both callsigns + serial number + Name |
| Tu Oct 3 | 0700-1000 UTC | German Telegraphy Contest, CW, 80m & 40m; Exchange: RST (DL also LDK) |
| Oct 3 | 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 3 | 1900-2130 UTC | RSGB 144MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 2m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square. |
| Oct 3 | 2000-2100 UTC | IRTS 80m Evening Counties, SSB & CW; 80m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (EI/GI stns; + county code) |
| W Oct 4 | 1900-2100 UTC | RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator |
| Oct 4 | 1900-2100 UTC | RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator |
| Oct 4 | 2000-2100 UTC | UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB; 80m only, Exchange: IARU 6-digit square (Cumulative Sept-Apr contest - individual & Club team entries) |
| Th Oct 5 | 0000-0100 UTC | Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, CW (QRS 13wpm max), 40m only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name & FP No/power |
| Oct 5 | 1700-2000 UTC | SARL 80m QSO Party, SSB; 80m; Exchange: RS + serial number + 4-digit IARU locator |
| F Oct 6 | 0200-0300 UTC | Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, CW (QRS 13wpm max), 40m only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name & FP No/power |
| Sa Oct 7 | 1400-2200 UTC | RSGB 1.2GHz Trophy, all modes; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial + No, 6-digit IARU locator |
| Oct 7 | 1400-2200 UTC | RSGB 2.3GHz Trophy, all modes; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial + No, 6-digit IARU locator |
| Oct 7 | 1600-1800 UTC | International Hell Contest; 80m (3580-3600kHz) only, Exchange: RST + QSO number; Score: QSO's & QTC's* |
| Oct 7-8 | 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 7-8 | 1200-1200 UTC | Russia WW Digital Contest, RTTY, BPSK63; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) <100W Exchange: RST(Q)+QSO number/Oblast |
| Oct 7-8 | 1400-1400 UTC | RSGB & IARU 432MHz-248GHz Contests; Phone & CW; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit locator |
| Su Oct 8 | 1600-1800 UTC | International Hell Contest; 40m (7040-7050kHz) only, Exchange: RST + QSO number; Score: QSO's & QTC's* |
| Oct 8 | 0600-0900 UTC | UBA ON Contest, CW, 80m only, Exchange: RST + serial number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section) |
| Tu Oct 10 | 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 10 | 1900-2130 UTC | RSGB 432MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square. |
| W Oct 11 | 1700-2100 UTC | RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square. |
| Oct 11 | 1900-2100 UTC | RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square. |
| W Oct 11 | 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 12 | 1900-2130 UTC | RSGB 50MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square. |
| Oct 14-15 | 0000-2400 UTC | Scouts International Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) All bands, all modes; Exchange: Greetings (QSO format, not contest) |
| Oct 14-15 | 0600-0600 UTC | Oceania DX Contest, CW, 160-10m (Not WARC), work Oceania stations only. QRP<5W, LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RST + serial number |
| Oct 14-15 | 1200-1200 UTC | Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB; 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + serial number |
| Su Oct 15 | 0000-0200 UTC | Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW; 20m & 15m (Band edge+30-50kHz), Single Op only, Exchange: RST + QSO number |
| Oct 15 | 0700-1000 UTC | UBA ON 2m Contest, CW & Phone; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section) |
| M Oct 16 | 1900-2030 UTC | RSGB FT4 Contest Series #8; 80 & 40m, QRP<10W, LP<100W; Exchange: signal report + 4-digit IARU locator |
| Th Oct 19 | 0000-0100 UTC | Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, CW (QRS 13wpm max), 20m only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name & FP No/power |
| Oct 19 | 1900-2130 UTC | RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes; 4m only, Pwr <40/4W; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square. |
| Sa Oct 21 | 0200-0300 UTC | Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, CW (QRS 13wpm max), 20m only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name & FP No/power |
| Oct 21 | 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 21-22 | 0001-2359 UTC | JARTS WW RTTY Contest, Baudot only; 80-10m (Not WARU bands); Exchange: RST + age (YL=00, Club=99) |
| Oct 21-22 | 0001-2359 UTC | 10-10 International Fall Contest, CW; 10m only; Exchange: Name + zero or 10-10 No. + state/province/country |
| Oct 21-22 | 1500-1459 UTC | Worked All Germany Contest, CW & SSB; 80-10m (Not WARU bands); Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + DOK area code/"NM" |
| Oct 21-22 | 1500-1500 UTC | Stew Perry Topband Challenge, CW; 160m only, Exchange: 4-digit IARU locator |
| Su Oct 22 | 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 25 | 2000-2100 UTC | UKEICC 80m Contest, CW; 80m only, Exchange: 6-digit square only (Cumulative Sept-Apr contest - individual & Club team entries) |

ThOct 26 1900-2030 UTC **RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB**; 80m (3.60-3.65 & 3.70-3.775MHz), <100W, Exchange: RS + serial number
 Oct 28-29 0000-2359 UTC **CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB**, 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + CQ Zone (14)
 Oct 30-31 1300-0400 UTC **QCX Monthly Challenge, CW**; 160-10m, 3x1hr @ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig

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

Pre-contest Activity CQ WW DX Contest, SSB (Oct 28-29, 2023)

| Call | CQWW/DXCC | CQZ | QSL | Notes |
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| 3G0Y | Easter I | 12 | CE2ML | By CE2ML CE2LR; QRV Oct 22-29 as XR0Y; HF; CW SSB, some FT8; 3G0Y previously used in 2001 |
| 5B/HA5PP | Cyprus | 20 | HA5PP | By HA5PP |
| 8P5A | Barbados | 8 | LoTW | By W2SC; QSL via HA1AG |
| CR2B | Azores | 14 | EA1BP | By EA1BP; Sao Miguel I (IOTA EU-003) |
| FG4KH | Guadeloupe | 8 | LoTW | By F1DUZ; QRV Oct 17-Nov 7 |
| H40WA | Temotu | 28 | LoTW | By team |
| HQ9A | Honduras | 7 | LoTW | By VE3DZ fm Roatan I (NA-0157); QRV Oct 19-31; HF' CW SSB FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS or VE3DZ |
| IH9/OK1M | African Italy | 33 | OK1M | By OK1M; low power |
| IR0A | Sardinia | 15 | OM2FY | By OK8WW |
| J62K | St Lucia | 8 | K9HZ | By J68HZ J69DS WA4PGM W0CN |
| JD1BQP | Ogasawara Is | 27 | JP1IHD (B/d) | By JP1IHD; QRV Oct 26-Nov 2; 160-10m; SSB |
| KH6J | Hawaii | 31 | LoTW | By KH7U NH7T AA6AA KX7M N6TV N6TJ; @KH6YY |
| KP2B | US Virgin Is | 8 | EB7DX | By WP3A |
| KP3J | Puerto Rico | 8 | EB7DX | By EB7DX |
| LX8M | Luxembourg | 14 | LoTW | By LX1ER ON2PSA ON4BW ON4EI ON4EM ON7IO ON7ZB; low power |
| MD4K | Isle of Man | 14 | G3NKC | By the Manx Kippers Contest Group |
| OY6A | Faroe Is | 14 | TBA | By EA3NT MM0NDX MM0OKG + local ops; guest ops QRV Oct 26-30 as OY/ |
| P40W | Aruba | 9 | LoTW | By W2GD; QRV Oct 24-30; some 160 CW and WARC before the contest; QSL via N2MM |
| PJ2T | Curacao | 9 | LoTW | By W0CG W3ACO W7MAH K0PZH VE4GV WX4W W5GAI W4IPC KG5XR |
| PY0F | Fernando de Noronha | 11 | PY7RP | By PY7RP |
| TO5A | Martinique | 8 | LoTW | By FM5BH FM5FJ M0JHQ F5VHJ; QSL via F5VHJ (USA via WA6WPG), REF Buro |
| V26B | Antigua & Barbuda | 8 | LoTW | By K3RA + others |
| V47T | St Kitts & Nevis | 8 | LoTW | By N2NT K5ZD KL9A; fm St Kitts; QSL via W2RQ |
| V49R | St Kitts & Nevis | 8 | N2HX Direct | By N2HX; QRV before and after as V4/N2HX |
| V6SX | Micronesia | 27 | LoTW | By JA1WWO JJ1LIB JN1RVS AH7C JA1CCH JH1ECG JH1EPI JF1UOX JA2FIA; fm Chuuk (IOTA OC-011); QRV Oct 25-31; 80-6m; CW SSB FT4 FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS |
| V63CB | Micronesia | 27 | LoTW | By JJ2CJB; Pohnpei (IOTA OC-010) |
| V85RH | Brunei | 28 | LoTW | By JO1RUR |
| YJ0CA | Vanuatu | 32 | See Info | By VK2YUS; QRV Oct 22-Nov 5; 40-10m; SSB; wires, verticals |
| ZL7/SP5EAQ | Chatham I | 32 | LoTW | By SP5EAQ |
| ZL7IO | Chatham I | 32 | LoTW | By ZL3IO |