

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: December 2023

DXpeditions in December 2023 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# Not verified QRV on DX Watch)

until Dec 3 **Madagascar 5R8VE** by F4EZG fm Nosy Faly I (IOTA AF-057); 20-10m; SSB FT8; QSL: F4EZG
until Dec 4 **Honduras HQ9X** by K1XM KQ1F W1UE N9NC NG7A; QRV in ARRL 160m & FT Roundup; FT4/8 focus on JA Qs after the contest; QSL: KQ1F
until Dec 5 **Vanuatu YJ0CA** by VK2YUS fm Port Vila; 40-10m; SSB; wires, verticals; QSL: see qrz.com for QSL details
until Dec 5 **Timor Leste 4W8X** by DL6FBL + team; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY, perhaps FT8; 2 sites, 500m apart; QSL: LoTW or Club Log OQRS
until Dec 5 **Christmas I VK9XGM** by GM3WOJ GM4YXI fm IOTA OC-002; 80-10m; SSB CW FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS or N3SL
until Dec 5 **Tanzania 5H3FM** by HB0DSP; HF; SSB FM FT8; 100w; QSL: LoTW or via HB9DSP (B/d)
until Dec 6 **Sierra Leone 9L5M** by M0KRI; 80-6m; FT8 CW SSB; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or G3SVK
until Dec 7 **Cocos (Keeling) I VK9CY** by YL2GM EA5EL fm (IOTA OC-003); 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, Club Log, OQRS for Buro/Direct later.
until Dec 8 **Tanzania 5H3MB** by IK2GZU; HF; SSB CW RTTY FT8; dipoles, ground plane; spare time operation; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or IK2GZU (B/d)
until Dec 8 **St Martin TO9W** by K9NU N9EP FS4WBS W9AP K9EL; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4 RTTY; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
until Dec 9 **Vietnam 3W9C** by SP5APW fm Con Son I (AS-130); 20 17 15 10m, SSB FT8, some CW; 6m FT8 tx 53.313/53.323, rx 50.313/50.323; 100w; QSL: LoTW
Dec 1-21 **East Kiribati T32TT** by Rebel DX Group; 160-6m; focus on FT8 FT4 some CW SSB; QSL: LoTW; begin & end dates are approximate
Dec 4-12 **British Virgin Is VP2VMM** by Team Vertical; mainly 20-10m; CW SSB + digital; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest; QSL: LoTW
Dec 4-16 **Micronesia V6EU** by DL2AWG DK2AMM DL2AMD DF4GV fm Chuuk I (OC-011); 160-10m, 6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8; QSL: LoTW, Club Log OQRS or DL2AWG
Dec 6-19 **Burkina Faso XT2AW** by DF2WO fm Ouagadougou; HF; CW SSB FT4 FT8; 100w; QSL: M0OXO OQRS
Dec 7-14 **Surinam PZ5NH** by JA0JHQ; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL: JA0JHQ
Dec 11-22 **Cape Verde Is D44MCS** by OE3MCS fm Sal I (IOTA AF-068); 40-10m, perhaps 6m; SSB CW, perhaps FT8 and RTTY; QSL: LoTW or OE3MCS
Dec 26-Jan 5 **St Vincent & Grenadines J87TT** by PA2LO fm Ratho Mill, St. Vincent (NA-109, FK93jd); 40-6m; SSB CW + digital; QSL: LoTW or via PA2LO Buro
Dec 27-Jan 6 **Rodrigues I 3B9AT** by IK3ZAZ IV3JVJ fm IOTA AF-017; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or via IV3JVJ
Dec 29-Jan 16 **French Guiana TO2FY** by F4GPK fm Korou; @FY5KE; HF; SSB; holiday style operation; QSL: eQSL

Long-term DX operations

* from Nov 16 until Apr 2024 **Namibia V51WH** by DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-10m, incl. 60m; **V55Y** in contests; QSL: DK2WH

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

There are no Big ones in December, the last of the the year being the CQ Worldwide DX CW Contest over the last weekend of Nov.

CW on 160m features prominently in December.

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| 1Dec-31Jan | 0000-2400 UTC | UKSMG Winter Marathon, All modes ; 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + 4-digit square. |
| Th Dec 1 | 1800-2200 UTC | NRAU 10m Activity Contest , 10m only; 1 hour in turn on CW, SSB, FM, Digital; Exchange: RS(T) + 6-digit IARU locator |
| Dec 1 - 3 | 2200-1600 UTC | ARRL 160m Contest ; CW; 160m only, work USA & Canadian stns only. Exchange: RST (+ARRL/RAC Section) |
| Dec 2 - 3 | 1200-1159 UTC | PRO CW Contest , CW; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + serial number (+ Pro-CW Club Ref) |
| Su Dec 3 | 1000-1400 UTC | RSGB 2m AFS Contest ; 2m only, Exchange: RST + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator. |
| Tu Dec 5 | 1900-1955 UTC | RSGB 144MHz FMAC ; 2m FM only (144.5125-144.7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) <50W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator |
| Dec 5 | 2000-2230 UTC | RSGB 144MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 2m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square |
| W Dec 6 | 1700-2100 UTC | RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator |
| Dec 6 | 1900-2100 UTC | RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator |
| W Dec 7 | 1900-2100 UTC | RSGB 144MHz FT8 AC ; 2m FT8 only (144.174 MHz); Pwr <100/10W; Exchange: Report + 4 digit IARU locator |
| Dec 9 - 10 | 0000-2359 UTC | ARRL 10m Contest, Phone & CW , 10m only, Exchange: RST + serial number/State/Province. |
| Dec 9 - 10 | 1200-2359 UTC | SKCC Weekend Sprint, CW ; 180-6m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + Country/State + Name + SKCC No/"None" |
| Tu Dec 12 | 2000-2100 UTC | RSGB 432MHz FMAC ; 70cm FM only (432.525-432.975,433.400-433.475MHz) <50W;Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator |
| Dec 12 | 2100-2230 UTC | RSGB 432MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square. |
| W Dec 13 | 1700-2100 UTC | RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square. |
| Dec 13 | 1900-2100 UTC | RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square. |
| Th Dec 14 | 2000-2230 UTC | RSGB 50MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square. |
| F Dec 15 | 1800-2200 UTC | Russian 160m Contest ; CW, SSB; 160m only; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No/Oblast code |
| Dec 16 | 0000- 2359 UTC | Feld Hell Sprint, Hellschriber ; HF (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST , FH#, State/province/country, Locator, QRP (if <5W) |
| Dec 16 | 0000-2400 UTC | OK DX RTTY Contest, RTTY , 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RST + CQ zone (14) |
| Dec 16-17 | 1400-1400 UTC | Croatian CW Contest, CW ; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number |
| Tu Dec 19 | 2000-2230 UTC | RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC, All modes ; 23cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square. |
| Th Dec 21 | 2000-2230 UTC | RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes ; 4m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square. |
| Tu Dec 26 | 0830-1059 UTC | DARC Christmas Contest, CW, SSB ; 80 & 40m; Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number/DOK. |
| Dec 25-26 | 0300-0400 UTC | QCX Monthly Challenge, CW ; 80,40,20m, 3x1hr @ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig |
| Tu Dec 26 | 1400-1600 UTC | RSGB 50MHz Christmas Contest;All modes ; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (each band) + 6-digit IARU locator. |
| W Dec 27 | 1400-1600 UTC | RSGB 70MHz Christmas Contest; All modes ; 4m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (each band) + 6-digit IARU locator. |
| W Dec 27 | 0000-0200 UTC | SKCC Sprint, CW ; 160-6m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + Country/State + Name + Power/SKCC No. |
| Th Dec 28 | 1400-1600 UTC | RSGB 1440MHz Christmas Contest; All modes ; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (each band) + 6-digit IARU locator. |
| F Dec 29 | 1400-1600 UTC | RSGB 432MHz Christmas Contest; All modes ; 70cm only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (each band) + 6-digit IARU locator. |
| 26Dec-6Jan | 0000-2400 UTC | WAB Christmas Party, all modes, (QSOs, not a contest) , Exchange: WAB Book number |
| Sa Dec 30 | 0000-2359 UTC | RAC Winter Contest, CW & Phone , 160m-2m (Not 4m or WARC bands), Exchange: RS(T) + serial number/VE Province |
| Sa Dec 30 | 1200-2359 UTC | YOTA (Youngsters on the Air) Contest, CW, SSB ; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS(T) + Ops Age (in 2023) |
| Dec 30-31 | 1500-1500 UTC | Stew Perry Topband Challenge, CW , 160m only, Exchange: IARU 4-digit square |

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, CW (November 25-26, 2023)

| Call | CQWW/DXCC | CQZ | QSL | Notes |
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| 3B8M | Mauritius | 39 | M0OXO | By G0CKV G3XTT K0AV KX7M M0SDV WD6T 4O3A |
| 3B9KW | Rodrigues I | 39 | LoTW | By M0CFW; QRV Nov 19-Dec 1 as 3B0/M0CFW |
| 4L2M | Georgia | 21 | EA7FTR | By 4L2M; high power |
| 4L5O | Georgia | 21 | LoTW | By 4L5O; high power; QSL via N3SL |
| 4L8A | Georgia | 21 | LoTW | By 4L8A; QSL via M0OXO |
| 4L9M | Georgia | 21 | LoTW | By 4L9M; focus on low bands |
| 4L0G | Georgia | 21 | EA7FTR | By LY2BMX |
| 4W8X | Timor Leste | 28 | DJ4MX | By 20 op team |
| 7A2A | Indonesia | 28 | YB2DX | By team; QSL Direct |
| 7O73T | Yemen | 21 | UA3DX | By RA9USU |
| 7Q6M | Malawi | 37 | LoTW | By K6ZO |
| 8P5A | Barbados | 08 | LoTW | By W2SC; QSL via HA1AG |
| 8P9A | Barbados | 8 | LoTW | By GU4YOX; IOTA NA-021; QRV as 8P9OX before contest; QSL via GU4YOX (B/d) |
| 9M6NA | East Malaysia | 28 | LoTW | By JE1JKL; Labuan I (IOTA OC-133); QSL via Club Log OQRS |
| 9Z4A | Trinidad & Tobago | 09 | 9Z4A | By N2TTA |
| AB2E/VP9 | Bermuda | 05 | LoTW | By AB2E; QRV Nov 23-27; low bands + WARC; CW, some FT8; QSL via AB2E direct w/\$2 + SAE outside US |
| AH2R | Guam | 27 | LoTW | By K2ZW NH2C W13O |
| BY1CW | China | 24 | BA1GA | By ops; high power |
| C37N | Andorra | 14 | LoTW | By K1CC K1EP K1MM W4WF; QRV on WARC bands prior to contest; QSL via C37NL (B/d) |
| C6AQQ | Bahamas | 08 | LoTW | By AD3F |
| CR3A | Madeira | 33 | LoTW | By TF3CW OM3RM OM3GI OM3BH OM2VL OM7JG HA3NU; @CR3DX |
| CW5W | Uruguay | 13 | CX6VM | By N5ZO |
| D4C | Cape Verde Is | 35 | LoTW | By team |
| E2A | Thailand | 26 | LoTW | By LA7JO 5B4AGN N6VI ZL3WW HS0ZDY HS4RAY E25KAE E20NKB E21EIC; QSL via E21EIC |
| EA8/HA5PP | Canary Is | 33 | HA5PP | By HA5PP |
| FG/OK6RA | Guadeloupe | 8 | OK6RA | By OK6RA; QRV Nov 8-27; 40-10m, perhaps 6m; CW SSB FT8; 100w; QSL: OK6RA Direct |
| FS/K0CD | St Martin | 8 | K0CD | By K0CD |
| FW5N | Wallis & Futuna | 32 | LoTW | By ZL3CW; @FW1JG; QRV Nov 20-30 as FW2CW; CW; focus WARC bands; QSL: Club Log OQRS |
| GJ0KYZ | Jersey | 14 | LoTW | By GJ0KYZ |
| GS7V | Shetland Is | 14 | N3SL | By GM3WOJ GM4YXI; QRV as GS2MP before and after |
| GU4CHY | Guernsey | 14 | GU4CHY | By GU4CHY; QSL Direct, high power; 15m if 10m is dead |
| HB0/HB9RB | Liechtenstein | 14 | Club Log | By HB9RB; OQRS; QRV Nov 24-29; 160-10m; CW FT8 |
| HO2T | Panama | 07 | LoTW | By K2GO K9VV; points split between PVRC and FCG; QSL via KU9C |
| HQ9CW | Honduras | 7 | LoTW | By N5NHJ; Sandy Bay, Roatan I (NA-057); 10 or 15m; QRV Nov 22-29; 20-6m; CW; 100w; QSL via N5NHJ |
| HQ9X | Honduras | 07 | KQ1F | By K1XM KQ1F W1UE N9NC NG7A fm Chillax Roatan (IOTA NA-057) |
| IH9YMC | African Italy | 33 | LoTW | By IH9YMC; low power |
| IR0A | Sardinia | 15 | OM2FY | By OK8WW |
| JW7QIA | Svalbard | 40 | LoTW | By LA7QIA |
| K8R | Swains I | 32 | LoTW | By AA7JV HA7RY HA2NA; QRV Nov 22-27; QSL via HA7RY |
| KP2B | US Virgin Is | 08 | EB7DX | By WP3A; high power |
| LN8W | Norway | 14 | LA6YEA | By LB1GB LB8IB LA3BO LA6YEA LA0GE LA1TV LA9WDA LB3RE LB3SA LA7MFA |

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| MD4K | Isle of Man | 14 | G3NKC | By G3NKC |
| MM2N | Scotland | 14 | MM2N | By MM0GPZ MM0CCC MM0GOR |
| NP4Z | Puerto Rico | 08 | N4AO | By NP4Z |
| OH5Z | Finland | 15 | LoTW | By team |
| OX7AM | Greenland | 40 | OZ1ACB | By OZ7AM; fm Kangerlussuaq |
| OZ5W | Denmark | 14 | LoTW | By OZ1RH OH1SSIC OZ1ISY OZ1ETA OZ2KL OZ2U OZ5BD OZ2A |
| P3D | Cyprus | 20 | VE3DZ | By VE3DZ; QRV as 5B4AQW Nov 19-28 |
| P44W | Aruba | 09 | LoTW | By W2GD; QRV Nov 20-28; 160m + WARC; SSB CW; QSL via N2MM |
| PJ2T | Curacao | 09 | LoTW | By W0CG K8ND W5MJ NA2U W8WTS N7IR VA7DX VE7KW WI9WI; QSL via KU9C direct |
| PJ4A | Bonaire | 09 | K4BAI | By K4BAI KU8E N8VW; QRV Nov 21-28; QSL K3MD and N8VW via CBA, others via K4BAI |
| P3AA | Cyprus | 20 | RW3RN | By R2AA |
| PJ4K | Bonaire | 09 | KU9C | By WA3LRO W1MD K3CT N3RD W4PA K5PI N2RC |
| PJ7EE | Sint Maarten | 08 | LoTW | By KC9EE; QRV Nov 20-29; CW; holiday style operation |
| PJ7PL | St Martin | 08 | N2XH | By N2HX; QSL Direct; QRV as V4/N2HX before and after |
| PZ5MA | Surinam | 09 | LY5W | By RN5M |
| RD1A/mm | At Sea | 40 | RD1A | By RD1A QSL (B/d) |
| S79 | Seychelles | 39 | TBA | By G3WPH G4IRN G4PVM GD4XUM; S79K requested; QRV Nov 21-28 |
| SJ3W | Sweden | 14 | LoTW | By ops |
| TF/OU2I | Iceland | 40 | OZ2I | By OZ2I; QRV before and after; all bands; 100w; inverted-L |
| TI5/VA3RA | Costa Rica | 07 | VE3IKV | By VE3IKV; QSL Direct |
| TI7W | Costa Rica | 07 | M0URX | By KL9A |
| TK4W | Corsica | 15 | Club Log | By DJ2MX DJ4MX DK2CX DK6SP F5SNJ HA8RT; QSL OQRS |
| TO1A | French Guiana | 09 | LoTW | By F5HRY; @FY5KE; low power |
| TO7A | Martinique | 08 | UT5UGR | By UT5UGR |
| TO9W | St Martin | 08 | LoTW | By K9EL K9NU N9EP W9AP FS4WBS; QRV Nov 26-Dec 8; 160-6m; CW SSB Digi; Club Log OQRS/W9ILY |
| TO0T | St Barthelemy | 08 | KB9DVC | By KC9SNM KB9DVC KB9DVB; QRV Nov 22-29; CW SSB; holiday style operation |
| V26K | Antigua & Barbuda | 08 | AA3B | By AA3B; QRV Nov 10-27 |
| V47T | St Kitts & Nevis | 08 | LoTW | By N2NT; fm St Kitts; QRV Nov 19-28 as V47NT 160-10m; CW, some SSB; QSL via W2RQ |
| V48A | St Kitts & Nevis | 08 | LoTW | By WX4G; @V47JA; QRV Nov 21-Dec 1 as V47RB; 80-6m; CW FT4 FT8 SSB; QSL via Club Log OQRS |
| VL6K | Australia | 29 | LoTW | By VK6WX; focus on 80m (~0900 to 0100 Sat/Sun); QSL via Club Log OQRS |
| VP5M | Turks & Caicos | 08 | LoTW | By K4QPL; first 24 hours only; QSL via K4QPL direct |
| ZF1A | Cayman Is | 08 | Club Log | By N6MJ, QSL OQRS |
| ZL7IO | Chatham I | 32 | LoTW | By ZL3IO |