

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: January 2026

DXpeditions in January 2026 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (**# not active** at 23 December on DX Watch)

Dec 21-Jan 2 **Surinam PZ5OZ** by OZ0J; @PZ5RA; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8, perhaps RTTY; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or OZ Buro
Dec 26-Jan 3 **Azerbaijan 4K/DL4XT** by DL4XT; HF; CW SSB FT8; vertical, dipole; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
Dec 30-Jan 3 **Mariana Is KH0/AJ6VJ** by JO1VRK fm Saipan I; 40 20 17 15 12 10m; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
Dec 30-Jan 3 **Monaco 3A/MM0NDX** by MM0NDX & MM0SAJ as **3A/MM0SAJ**; HF w/focus 160-30m, incl 60m; SSB FT8 FT4 RTTY; QSL: LoTW or via EB7DX
Dec 7-Jan 5 **Guatemala TG9/AF4CZ#** (n/c since 8 Dec) by AF4CZ; 40-10m;; FT8 FT4, perhaps SSB; spare time operation; QSL: LoTW
Dec 22-Jan 15 **French Guiana TO2FY** by F4GPK; 40 20 15 10m; SSB QSL: LoTW
Dec 22-Jan 18 **Cambodia XU7GNY #** (n/c since 27 Nov) by DL7BO; 160-6m, focus on low bands; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or DL4WK
Jan 1-Feb 16 **Grenada J38WG** by WE9G fm IOTA NA-024 (FK92ef); 160-6m; mainly FT8, some CW SSB; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or WE9G (B/d)
Jan 7-15 **Palau T88HS** by JA6KYU, JA6EGL as **T88SM**, JH6OPP as **T88XE** fm Koror; 160-6m; CW SSB AM FM; QSL: Home Call
Jan 10-22 **Lakshadweep Is VU7RS** by DX India Foundation VU2RS +10 others fm Agatti I; 160-6m, focus on low bands; CW SSB + digital; QSL: M0OXO
Jan 11-29 **Aruba P40AA** by DL4MM; HF; CW FT8 SSB; QRV for CQ 160m Contest; QSL: LoTW, via DL4MM or Club Log OQRS
Jan 12-Feb 15 **San Felix & Ambrosio CE0X** by XQ7IR team SSB/FT8 & PY7RP remote op team CW/FT8 fm San Ambrosio I (SA-013); 160-10m;; QSL: M0URX
Jan 13-21 **Sint Maarten PJ7/IZ2DPX** by IZ2DPX; & fm St Martin as **FS/IZ2DPX/m**; 60-6m; SSB FT4 FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or IZ2DPX (B/d)
Jan 18-24 **Maldives 8Q7JI** by DS1TUW fm Dhaalu Atoll; 80-10m; CW FT8; QSL: LoTW or via DS1TUW direct
Jan 18-30 **Barbados 8P9CB** by WA7RAR fm Sea Cliff Cottage; 20-10m; SSB CW; QSL: LoTW or WA7RAR direct QTHR (SASE/green stamps NOT required)
Jan 19-26 **Maldives 8Q7EL** by IW5ELA fm Vaavu Atoll; HF; mainly CW; holiday style operation; QSL: IW5ELA
Jan 20-Feb 10 Guadeloupe FG4KH QSL: LoTW by F1DUZ; 80-10m; SSB; QSL via F1DUZ (B/d)
Jan 22-28 **Micronesia V6HUCHIDA** QSL: Club Log OQRS by JA1XGI fm Chuuk I (IOTA OC-011, QJ57wj); 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; QRV for CQ 160m CW
Jan 22-Mar 31 **Curacao PJ2/W2APFJ2** by W2APF; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or W2APF direct
Jan 30-Feb 3 **St Kitts & Nevis V47JA** by W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL: LoTW or W5JON direct

Long-term DX operations:

20 Nov'25 until 24 Mar'26 **Namibia V51WH** by DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-6m, incl 60m; QSL: DK2WH; QRV for CQWW DX RTTY using **V55Y**

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!)

Happy New Year & good DX. January has 3 AFS 80-40m Contests & is good to try Top Band e.g. WAB 1.8MHz Phone, CQ WW 160m Contest CW leg

*** 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.

N.B. UKEICC 80m Contests: Cumulative Sept-Apr contests for individual & Club team entries; log submission robot BEFORE 2200z

until Jan 31	0000-2400 UTC	UKSMG Winter Marathon, All modes ; 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + 4-digit square.
Dec26-6Jan	0000-2400 UTC	WAB Christmas Party, all modes , Classes: HF/Mixed & VHF; all bands. Exchange: WAB book numbers
Th Jan 1	0000-0100 UTC	AGB New Year Snowball Contest; CW, SSB, Digital , 80m only; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No. + (Rx) Mem No.
Jan 1	0800-1100 UTC	SARTG New Year RTTY Contest , 80 & 40m, Exchange: RST + QSO No. + name + happy new year. (+/Member No.)
Jan 1	1400-1700 UTC	AGCW VHF Contest, CW ; 2m only, Pwr A<5W, B<50W, C>50W; Exchange: RST+ /QSO No.+ /A,B or C +/6-digit IARU locator
Jan 1	1700-1800 UTC	AGCW UHF Contest, CW ; 70cm only, Pwr A<5W, B<50W, C>50W; Exchange: RST+ /QSO No+ /A,BorC +/6-digit IARU locator
Jan 1	2000-2200 UTC	SKCC Sprint Europe, CW ; 160-6m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + State/Country(GBR) + Name + SKCC No."NONE"
W Jan 7	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
Jan 7	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
Jan 7	2000-2100 UTC	UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB ; 80m (3650-3775kHz only) QRP<5<LP<100W Exchange: 6-character square only (no RST or serial number)
Sa Jan 3	1300-1700 UTC	RSGB AFS Contest, CW ; 80 & 40m = 3510-70kHz (QRS>3565), 7000-40 kHz (callsign every 3 QSOs in each min) Exchange: RST, serial
Jan 3 - 4	1200-1200 UTC	WW PMC Contest, SSB, CW ; 160-10m (not WARC bands), QRP<5<LP<100<HP<1500W; Exchange: RS(T) + CQ Zone/PMC (not serial)

Jan 3 - 4	1800-2359 UTC	ARRL RTTY Roundup, RTTY, Digital , 80-10m (not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number/State or Province
Sa Jan 3	2000-2300 UTC	EUCW 160m Contest CW ; 1810-40kHz only, Exchange: RST, name, "NM" or AGEU (FISTS,GQRP,FOC,Essex CW) Club & Member No
Su Jan 4	0400-0700 UTC	EUCW 160m Contest CW ; 1810-40kHz only, Exchange: RST, name, "NM" or AGEU (FISTS,GQRP,FOC,Essex CW) Club & Member No
M Jan 5	1700-1800 UTC	IRTS 80m Counties Contest; SSB & CW : (3510-60, 3600-50, 3700-75kHz); Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No. (+ County from EI & GI stns)
Tu Jan 6	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
Jan 6	2000-2230 UTC	RSGB 144MHz UKAC ; 2m only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
W Jan 7	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Jan 7	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th Jan 8	2000-2230 UTC	RSGB 50MHz UKAC ; 6m only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Sa Jan 10	0000-2359 UTC	YB DX Contest, SSB ; HF (not WARC bands), LP<100W, HP<1500W, Exchange: RS + serial number
Jan 10	1900-2300 UTC	WAB 1.8MHz Phone ; 160m only, Exchange: RS + Serial No. + WAB Square/Country
Jan 10-11	1200-1200 UTC	UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest, BPSK63 ; 80-10m (not WARC bands),Pwr: QRP<5W, LP<50W; Exchange: RSQ + Serial No./UBA Section
Jan 10-11	1800-0559 UTC	North American QSO Party, CW ; 160-10m (not WARC bands), Exchange: Name + NA state/province/country
Su Jan 11	0900-1059 UTC	DARC 10m Contest, CW, SSB ; 10m only; Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number + “NM”/DOK (DARC District).
Jan 11	1300-1700 UTC	RSGB AFS Contest, PSK63 RTTY ; 80&40m (3580-90kHz,7040-60kHz), Exchange: RS + serial No. (callsign every 3 QSOs within 1 min)
Tu Jan 13	1900-1955 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FMAC ; 70cm FM only (432.525-432.975,433.400-433.475MHz) <50W;Exchange: RS, Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator
Jan 13	2000-2230 UTC	RSGB 432MHz UKAC ; 70cm only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Th Jan 15	2000-2230 UTC	RSGB 70MHz UKAC ; 70cm only, all *modes, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Sa Jan 17	1300-1700 UTC	RSGB AFS Contest, SSB ; 80 & 40m (3600-3775,7060-7200kHz), Exchange: RS + serial number (callsign every 3 QSOs within 1 min)
Jan 17-18	1200-1159 UTC	Hungarian DX Contest, CW, SSB ; HF (not WARC bands; Exchange: RST + serial number/2-letter HA county
Jan 17-18	1800-0559 UTC	North American QSO Party, SSB ; 160-10m (not WARC bands), Exchange: Name + NA state/province/country
Jan 17-18	2000-0559 UTC	Feld Hell Sprint, Hellshriber ; 160, 80 & 40m, Exchange: RST+ FH No. + State/Province/Country(GBR) + IARU locator
M Jan 19	2000-2200 UTC	RSGB FT4 Contest 80-10m: FT4 Standard not Contest mode, Pwr:100W/10W, Exchange: 4-digit locator+report (no serial) logs in <24hrs
Jan 23-25	2200-2200 UTC	CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW , 160m only, Exchange: RST + State/province/CQ Zone (14)
Jan 24-25	0600-1800 UTC	REF Contest; CW ; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS + Serial No./Department
Jan 25-26	1200-1200 UTC	BARTG RTTY Sprint , 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: Serial No.
Jan 24-25	1300-1300 UTC	UBA DX Contest; SSB ; 80-10m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + Serial No. (+ ON Province)
Jan 24-25	2200-1000 UTC	Australia Day CW, SSB, Digi (FT4,8) ; 160-10m (not WARC bands), Exchange: RS(T) & 4-digit IARU locator.
Jan 26-27	1300-0400 UTC	QCX Monthly Challenge, CW ; 80,40,20m, 3x1hr@ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig
W Jan 28	0000-0200 UTC	SKCC Sprint, CW ; 160-10m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + State/Country(GBR) + Name + SKCC No./”NONE”
W Jan 28	2000-2100 UTC	UKEICC 80m Contest, CW ; 3510-60kHz only;QRP<5<LP<100W; Upload log<1hour; Exchange: 6-digit square only (no RST or serial)

Weekly Wednesdays CWops Mini-CWT, CW;160-10m (not WARC); straight key; call “CQ CWT” 28-38kHz up from band edge; Ex change: 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