

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: August 2026

Dxpeditons in August 2026 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (**# not active** at 30 July on DX Watch)

Jul 7-Aug 4 **Benin TY5FR** by DL1BUG fm Cotonou (JJ16fj); 160-10m; CW SSB; 100w; QRV for ARRL DX CW; QSL: LoTW, via DL1BUG (B/d), Club Log OQRS
Jul 26-Aug 6 **South Cook Is E51CZZ** by ZL4CZ fm Rarotonga I; HF; SSB; QSL: IK2DUW
Jul 30-Aug 7 **Tuvalu T2JK#** by JK1JXZ fm Funafuti; 80-6m; QRV after 5pm Tuvalu time weekdays, all day weekends; may extend stay until Aug 14; QSL: LoTW
Jul 23-Aug 8 **Azerbaijan 4K/DL4XT#** by DL4XT fm Baku; 20-10m; SSB CW FT8; 100w; 1/4 wave vertical; QSL: LoTW or Club Log OQRS
Jul 25-Aug 9 **Trinidad & Tobago 9Y4/8P6PE** by 8P6PE fm Chaguanas; HF; several POTA activations; end-fed long wire, Buddipole; QSL: LoTW. via eQSL or QRZ
Jul 22-Aug 14 **South Cook Is E51KEE** by ZL2KE fm Rarotonga I; HF; CW, some SSB; QSL: LoTW, via IK2DUW, Club Log OQRS or eQSL
Aug 5-10 **Bahamas C6AYM** by K9GY; 80-6m; CW; QRV for WAE CW; QSL: LoTW
Aug 5-12 **Aland Is OH0ERF** by DL1TAM DL5AXI DL5ARI DO6KD DL1STL DG0OCG; 160-10m, perhaps 6m; CW SSB FT8; holiday style op. QSL: DK0ERF
Aug 6-10 **Aruba P40AA** by DL4MM; 160-6m; CW SSB + digital; QRV for WAEDC Contest (SO HP); QSL: DL4MM
Aug 8-9 **Tajikistan EY35S** by YL1ZF YL2KL; QRV for WAE DX CW, M/S; QSL: LoTW or via W0VTT
Aug 15-16 **Namibia V55LH** by V51Q V51F V51WO; 80-10m; SSB CW FT8; QSL: LoTW
Aug 15-22 **Market Reef OJ0JR** by OH3JR & OH2YL as **OJ0YL**; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
Aug 15-29 **Franz Josef Land RI1FJL** by R7AL RW8A RW9JZ UA3QLC UA4Z RA4DX; 160-10m; CW SSB; QSL: LoTW
Aug 18-29 **Canary Is EA8/IZ1GDB** by IZ1GDB fm Mogan, Gran Canaria; 40 20 15 10m; QSL: IZ1GDB (B/d)
Aug 28-30 **Liechtenstein HB040A** by Liechtenstein Radio Amateur Association ops; HF; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW

Long-term DX operations:

Aug 25-Oct 10 **Namibia V51WH** by DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-6m, incl 60m; QSL: DK2WH; QRV as **V55Y** in CQWW RTTY Contest

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

After the VHF Field Day & IOTA Contest last month, digital modes PSK/RTTY feature this month with ILLW weekend as the fun event + special Eclipse events

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
Sa Aug 1	1200-2359 UTC	European HF Championship, CW & Phone HF (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RS(T) + 2-digit year first licensed
Aug 2?	1400-1800 UTC	WAB 2m QRP Phone , 2m <10W Exchange: RS + serial number + WAB Square (e.g TQ72)
Aug 1	1400-1800 UTC	RSGB 4th 2m Backpackers, All modes ; 2m portable only QRP (<5W or <25W) /P (<u>not</u> /M) Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
Aug 1	1400-2000 UTC	RSGB 2m Low Power Contest. All VHF Modes ; Pwr<25W; Exchange: RS(T), serial number, 6-digit square & 2-letter UK Postcode (TN)
Aug 1-2	0001-2359 UTC	10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB : 10m only; Exchange: Name, 10-10 number/0, state/province/country.
Su Aug 2	0800-1200 UTC	RSGB 70cm Low Power Contest. All VHF Modes ; Pwr<25W; Exchange: RS(T), serial number, 6-digit square, 2-letter UK Postcode (TN)
Aug 2	1400-1700 UTC	SARL HF Phone Contest, Phone 80, 40 & 20m Exchange: RS + serial number
Tu Aug 4	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
Aug 4	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 144MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 2m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W Aug 5	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 144MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Aug 5	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 144MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th Aug 6	2000-2200 UTC	SKCC Sprint Europe, CW , 160m-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + State/province/country + Name+ SKCC No./"None"
Th Aug 6	1800-2200 UTC	NRAU 10m Activity Contest ; CW: 1700-1800, SSB: 1800-1900, FM: 1900-2000, Digital: 2000-2100; Exchange: RS(T) + 6-digit square
Aug 8-9	0000-2359 UTC	WAE DX Contest, CW , 80-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number + QTC (previous contacts) Work non-EU station only
Aug 8-9	1200-2400 UTC	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, CW , 160m-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + State/province/country + Name+ SKCC No./"None"
Aug 8-9	1400-1400 UTC	RSGB MGM Contest, 6m, 2m : FT4, FT8, FSK441, ISCAT, JT65, RTTY, PSK but not CW EME; Exchange: RS & 4 digit IARU locator.
Su Aug 9	1300-1600 UTC	SARL HF Digital Contest, RTTY & PSK31 , 80, 40 & 20m Exchange: RST + serial number
Tu Aug 11	1800-1855 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FMAC ; (432.525-975 & 433.400-475MHz) FM. Exchange: serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Aug 11	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 432MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W Aug 12	1630-1930 UTC	Eclipse CW Contest, 80m ; 3510-3570 kHz (3565-3570 kHz QRS<15wpm); Exchange:RST (RSGB to use log with RBN for eclipse effect)
Aug 12	1630-1930 UTC	Eclipse FT8 Contest, 40m ; 7074 kHz Exchange: RS* (no serial); (RSGB to use logs with PSK Reporter to evaluate eclipse effect)
Aug 12	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Aug 12	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th Aug 13	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 50MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Aug 15-16	0000-2400 UTC	International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend (ILLW) All bands & modes; work ILLW SES (QSO rather than contest format)
Aug 15-16	0000-1600 UTC	SARTG WW RTTY Contest , 80-10m (Not WARC bands), 3x8hr sessions with 8hr gaps LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RST, serial number
Aug 15-16	0800-0800 UTC	Russian District Award, CW SSB , 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Work RU stations only: Exchange: RST + serial number/RU District
Aug 15-16	1800-0559 UTC	North American QSO Party, SSB , 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Work NA stations only: Exchange: Name (+ state/province/NA country)
Aug 15-16	1800-2100 UTC	CVA Brazilian WW DX Contest, CW 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + DX (UF, RN, YL, QRP, HQ, MIL, TEEN)
M Aug 17	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT4 HF #8 Contest : 80-10m (3576 kHz,7047.5 kHz,14080 kHz,21140 kHz,28180 kHz) 100W,10W; Exchange*: RS (no serial)
Th Aug 20	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes ; 4m only, Power <50W; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Aug 22-23	1200-1200 UTC	YO DX HF Contest, CW & Phone , 80-10m (Not WARC bands); LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number/YO district
Aug 22-23	1800-2100 UTC	CVA Brazilian WW DX Contest, SSB 160-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS + DX (UF, RN, YL, QRP, HQ, MIL, TEEN)
Su Aug 23	1400-1700 UTC	SARL HF Contest, CW , 80, 40 & 20m Exchange: RST + serial number
Th Aug 26	0000-0200 UTC	SKCC Sprint, CW , 160m-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + State/province/country + Name + SKCC No./"None"
Aug 29-30	1200-1200 UTC	WW Digi DX Contest, FT4/FT8 160-10m (10kHz sub-bands 1.84/844, 3.58/59, 7.08/9, 14.08/9, 21.08/9, 28.08/9) Exchange: 4-digit square
Aug31-Sep1	1300-0400 UTC	QCX Monthly Challenge, CW ; 80,40,20m, 3x1hr@ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig

* **Standard FT4 format; DO NOT USE the dedicated Contest formats**

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>)