QRP Hours 40m contest October 2023

Date: Sunday 22 October 2023

Time CW/FT4: 0400-0459 UTC

SSB: 0500-0559 UTC

This is a single band event on 40m. The first hour is for CW/FT4 and the second hour for SSB. Note that the southern VK states and ZL will have moved to DST by the time of this event.

Recommended Frequency bands:

CW 7010-7040

FT4: 7040-7060. Suggested USB dial frequency 7047.5

You can operate on both CW and FT4 during the first hour if you wish.

SSB: 7060-7170. Avoid the digital modes around 7077 and if active, the AM net on 7125 (work them if you can).

Power

QRP power levels are 5w Cw/digital and 10w PEP on SSB.Higher powered stations are welcome to join in the contest to give QRP stations more contacts.

Contacts

Exchange serial numbers with each station worked, once on each mode. Start serial numbers at 001. You can start a new sequence for SSB or continue the sequence from the log from your first hour.Each contact is worth 1 point. Contacts with ZL stations are encouraged. Portable operation is encouraged.

Logs

Logs are invited from QRP stations only.

The following information is essential for each line of your log:

Time UTC - Band - Mode - Callsign worked - Number sent - Number received

Contacts should be listed in the order in which they happened and with the serial numbers actually sent. Include errors made as they need to be cross-checked against other logs.

Signal reports: You do not need to include signal reports either on air or in your log, but you are welcome to include signal reports in your contacts. VKCL assumes you are sending signal reports and a 3 digit serial number. N1MM logger assumes all reports are 59 or 599.

Logging Software:

1. VKCL Logger has an option for this contest. It outputs a file in Cabrillo V3 format from the View Log

menu and the Cabrillo file is compatible with the VK Log Checker. Start a new log if you used it in an earlier contest.

2. N1MM logger has a User Definable Contest option, which includes the rules for this contest.The file for this contest can be downloaded from vk4sn's website below.Instructions for installing a user defined contest are provide with N1MM logger.

http://vk4sn.com/downloads/QRPHRSRTTY-N1MM-UDC.zip

Submitting logs

Logs produced via VKCL and N1MM in Cabrillo 3 format can be uploaded directly to https://www.vklogchecker.

Do not use the Submit option in VKCL – that is only intended for the WIA contests and does not submit the log to vklogchecker.com.

If you create your log file using N1MM or FLE, go to the vklogchecker website in your web browser, select 2023 October QRP Hours and use the Submit Log option. VKLogChecker.COM will send you an email confirming your submission.

If you are using FLE, check in the help for details of how to enter contest serial numbers.The sent number and received number need to be prefixed by a special character.If you don't do that, FLE will assume the number is the RST.

Only if you cannot use vklogchecker.com or cannot make a Cabrillo file: in that case please email your log files to contests@vkqrpclub.org as a text file, or excel compatible spreadsheet. No PDFs. **Log deadline** is 8 days after the contest: **30 October**

Good luck and have fun in the contest.

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