Bringing the World Together:
The Success and Spirit of WRTC 2026

Andy Cook, G4PIQ



What is WRTC ?





50 teams at WRTC 2026

WRTC History

1990 Seattle



1996 San Francisco



2000 Slovenia



2002 Finland



2006 Brazil



2010 Russia



2014 Boston



2018 Germany



2022 (2023) Italy



2026 United Kingdom



WRTC 2026 Organising Team



Mark
M0DXR
Chairman & Programme Manager



Lee
G0MTN
Vice-Chair & Director of Rules



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G4BWP
Director of Finance



Chris
G0DWV
Director of Fundraising



Steve
M1ACB
Director of Volunteers



Georgina
M6YGL
Director of Hospitality



Andy
G4PIQ
Director of Sites and Stations



Philipp
DK6SP
Committee Member



Andy
M0NKR
Committee Member



Keith
G3WRO
Committee Member



Chris
G4FZN
Committee Member



Pauline
G8HQW
Site Build



David
G7URP
Media Manager



Julie
G4PIQ XYL
Hospitality

WRTC 2026 Other teams

Media Team

Transport
Tim G4FJK

Judging Committee

Dick N6AA
Trey N5KO
Ian G0FCT
Olof G0CKV
Rusty W6OAT
Tree N6TR

Advisory Committee

Tim K3LR
Olof G0CKV
Robert G3NSM
Bob MD0CCE
John K1AR
Kam TI5/N3KS (TI7W)
Chris DL1MGB (also on SC)

Youth & Outreach

Philipp DK6SP
Alan G4DJX
Robert G3NSM

Sanctioning Committee POCs

Doug K1DG
Chris DL1MGB
Tine S50A

NA Fundraising

Mark K1RX
Mark N5OT
Lee KY7M
Rick N6XI
Craig K9CT

Volunteers

❤️

IT Team

Stuart M1SMH
James N0WRL
Tim GW4VXE
Michael G7VJR

3.5 Years of Planning…

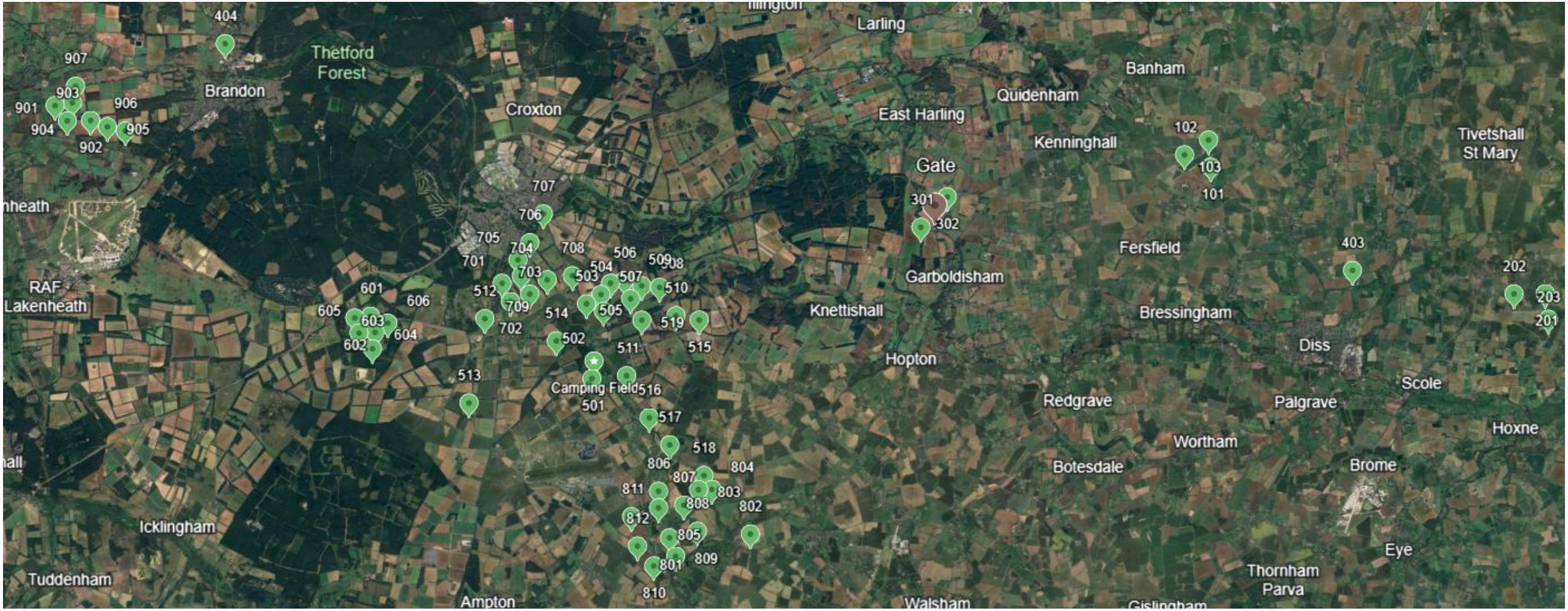
UK Awarded Hosting Rights in 2023

- c. £800k to raise
- 150 Volunteers
- Qualifying Contests
- 100 Operators
- 50 Referees
- Judging Committee
- HQ Venue
- Hardware
- Logistics
- Media and Publicity
- Youth
- Company registration
- Taxation
- Insurance
- GDPR
- Visas and Travel
- Customs
- Health and Safety
- Plaques & trophies
- QSL Cards & LOTW
- Callsigns and licensing

Preparation – 2 years to go



Preparation – Site Selection & Checking

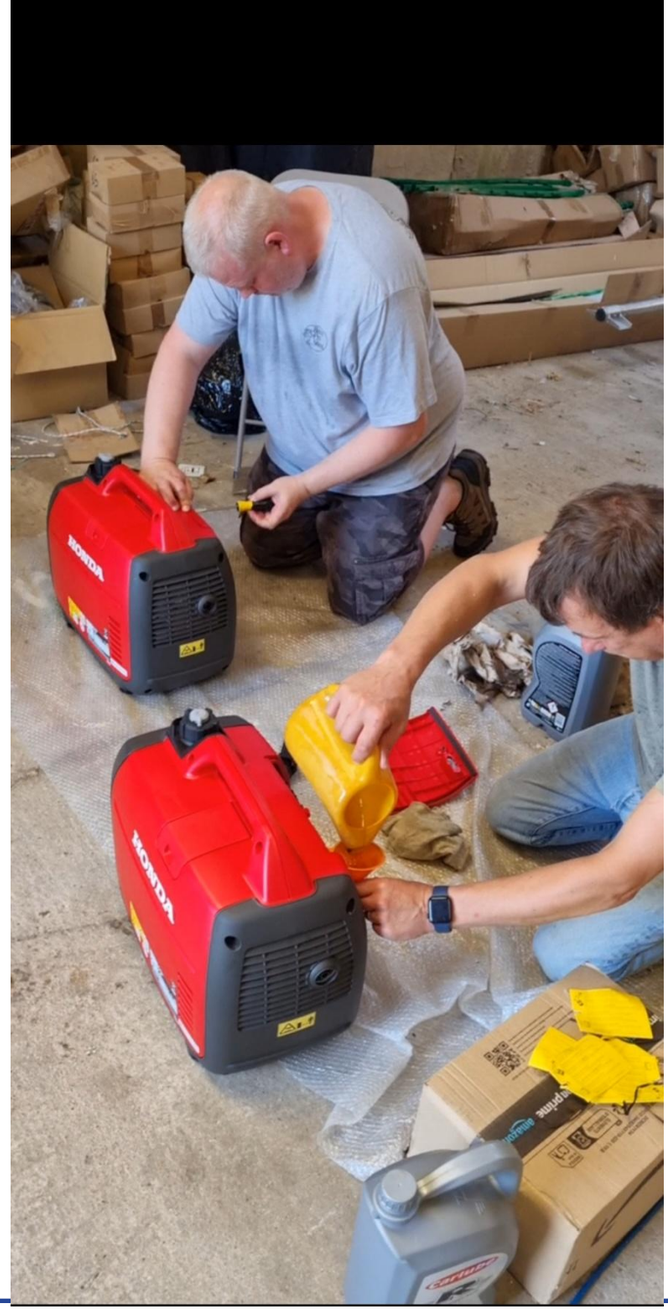


Preparation – Antenna Refurbishment



Preparation – Power

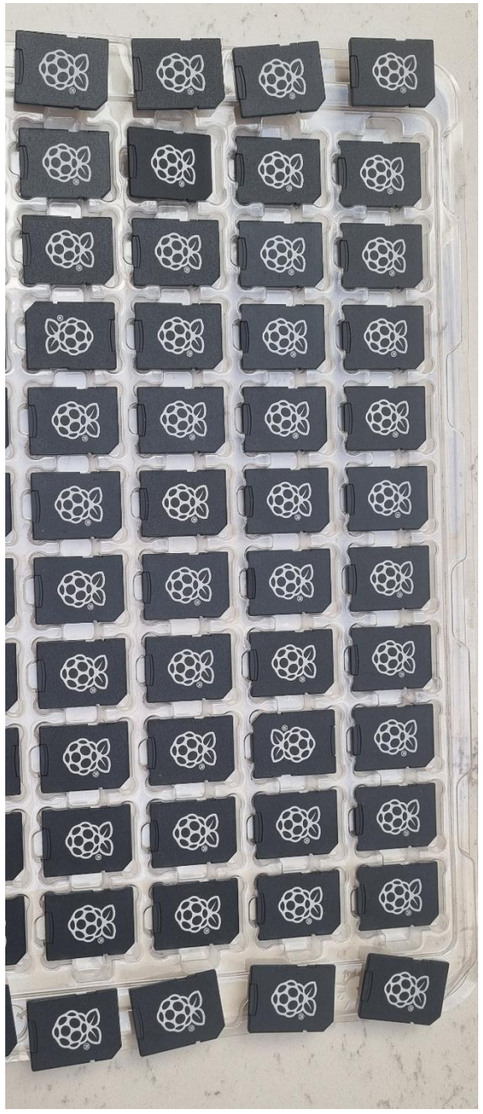




Preparation











Preparation











Preparation – Load 1 leaving Storage



Preparation – Load 2 Arriving at Staging



Pre-Positionng for Site Build & Noise Checking

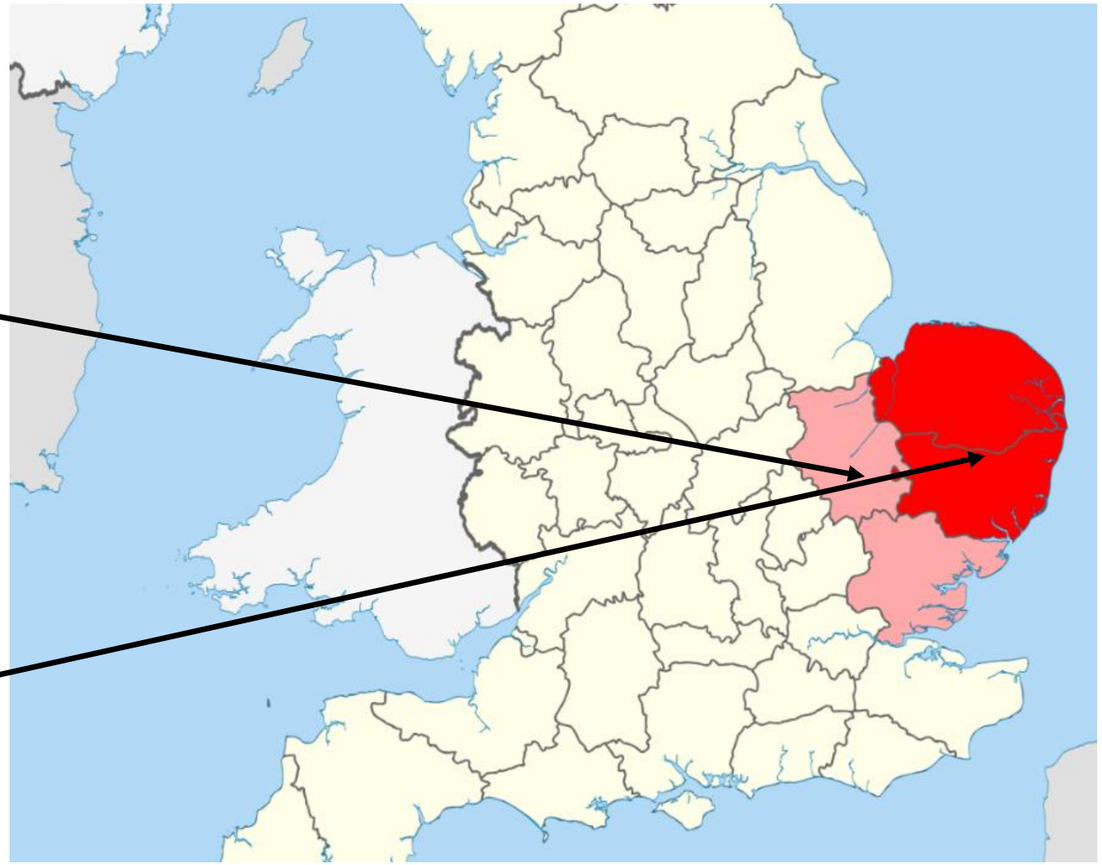




Wyboston Lakes & East Anglia 8-14th July 2026

HQ venue

Contest Sites



Saturday 4th July onwards

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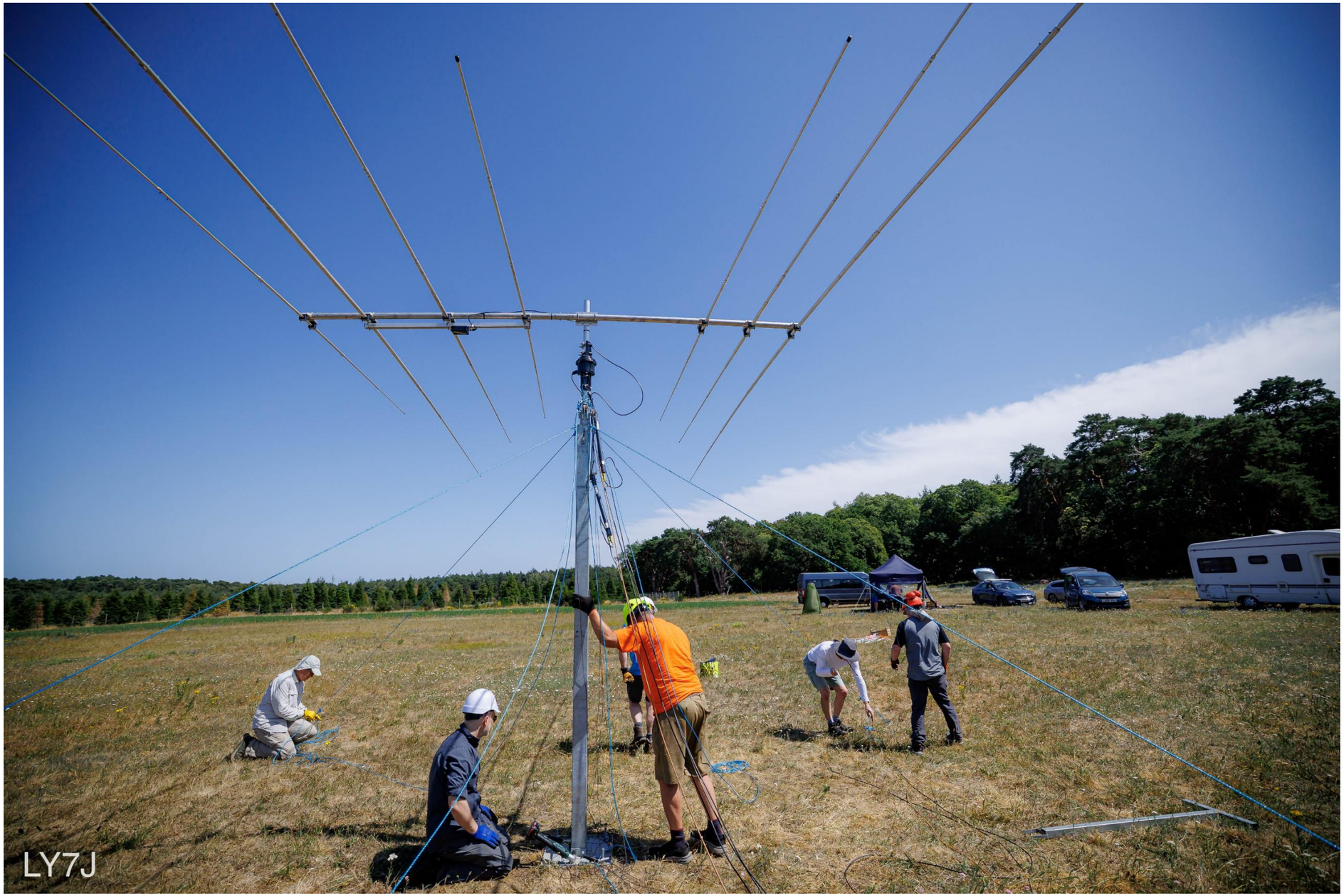
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Tuesday 7th July

Organising Team travel to HQ venue at Wyboston Lakes

Venue set up day


PADDY & SCOTT'S
BROOKS
FRAGILE
MEDIUM
SAINSBURY'S

Venue set up


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Programme of events

Tuesday 7th July

Behind the scenes:

Competitor hospitalized in car crash before departure to UK

Wednesday 8th July

Main arrival day.

Airport logistics!









Logging program / WRL Scoreboard testing

School visit



Ham Widows Ball

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Thursday 9th July

Competitors and Referees Meetings

Sightseeing day

Opening Ceremony & Gala Dinner

Competitors and Referees Meetings



Competitors and Referees Meetings

Instant poll - Show of hands



Who thinks that they will be in the **top 3** of teams?





Keeping cool !

One x 12 inch (30 cm) rotating desk fans have been acquired for each site.

WRTC will supply each team with a cool bag on Saturday morning.

Plenty of drinking water available.





Possible problems

Equipment failure and swap
QRM from WRTC stations
Deliberate QRM
Cheerleading
Severe weather
Health issues


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Friday 10th July

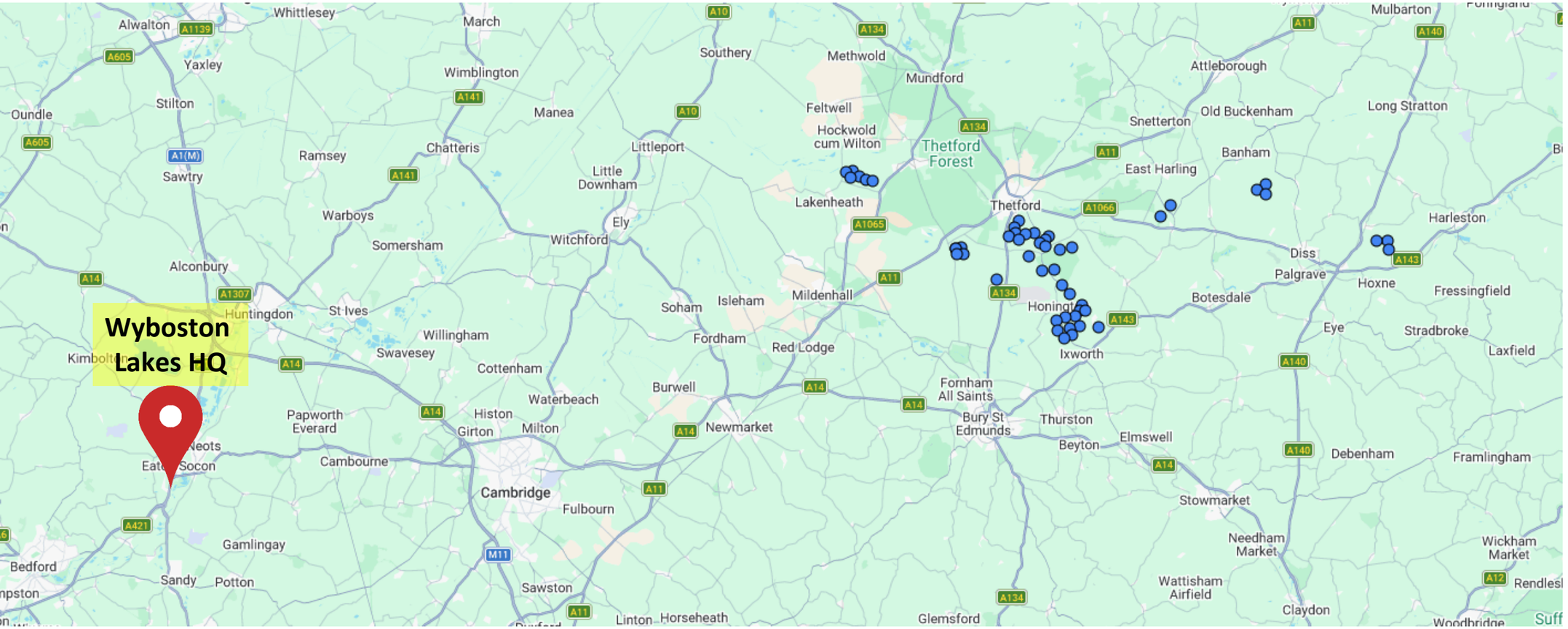
Site Draw

Site testing day

Site Draw
→ Team Draw

Travel time to sites is between 70 and 90 minutes

We'll allocate teams to the most distant sites first, so arrival on site should be at a similar time.

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18
22
23


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WRC 2024
Andy MONKR
Staff
Organising Committee
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Behind the Scenes…

Saturday 11th July

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Pet Insurance
extra
Tim
G4FJK
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REFRESH.
BREATHE.
£10.40


World Radiosport Team Championship
SPONSORED TENT
EU#6 TEAM 1
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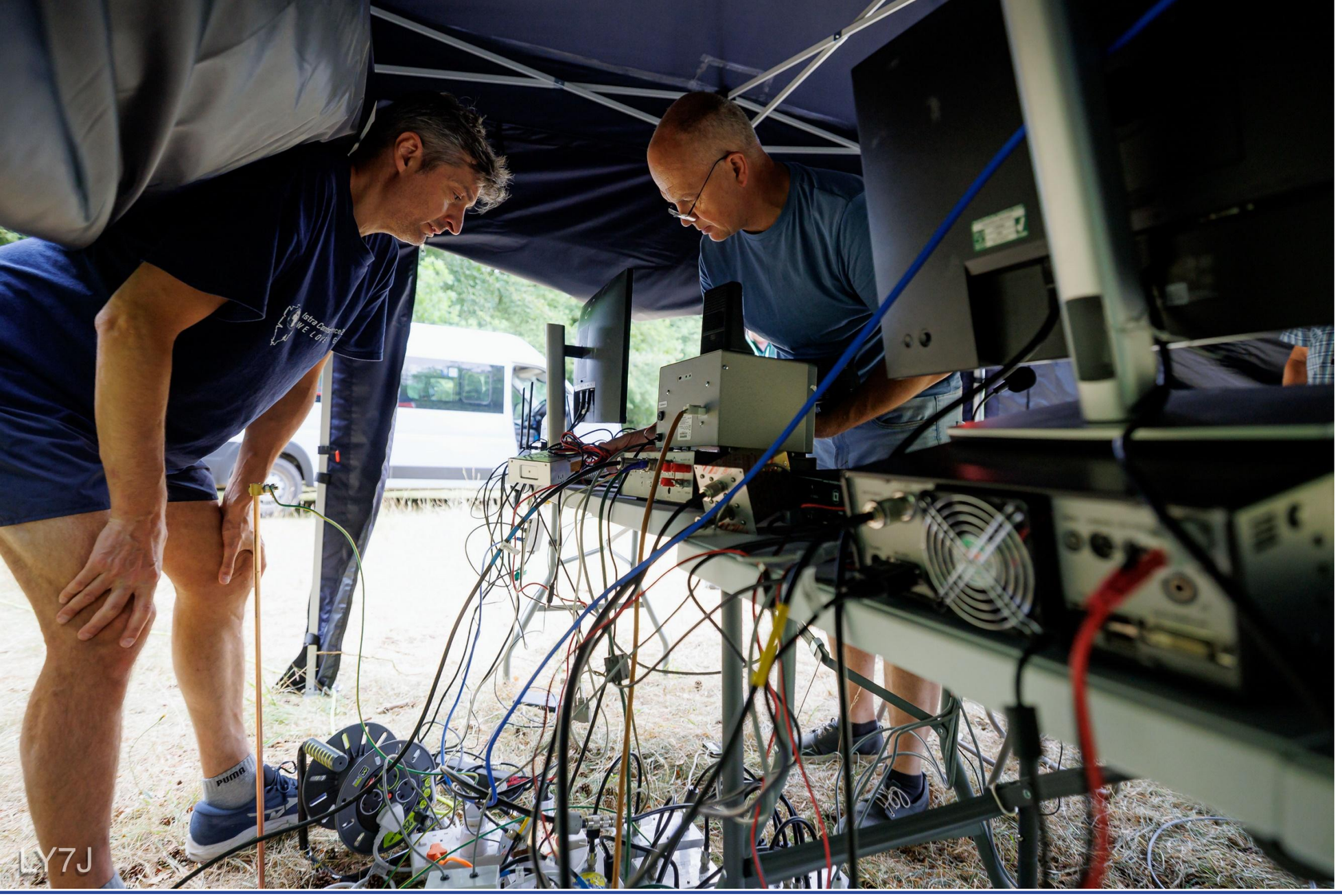
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W4IPC
Conner
DL3ON
Leon
RA9P
Alekx
R2BFL
Max
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MB1S
We wish you a lot of fun and success
Good luck!
WRTC Score Collecting Computer
R2
R1
G4IRN
Right / Left
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MB5C
MB5C
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MIC SELECTOR
MIC
MB7K
LY1J


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World Radiosport Team Championship
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EU#3 TEAM 2
In Memory of Roger, G3SXW top CW Contester and DX-peditioner
G3TXF
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the good
work!!
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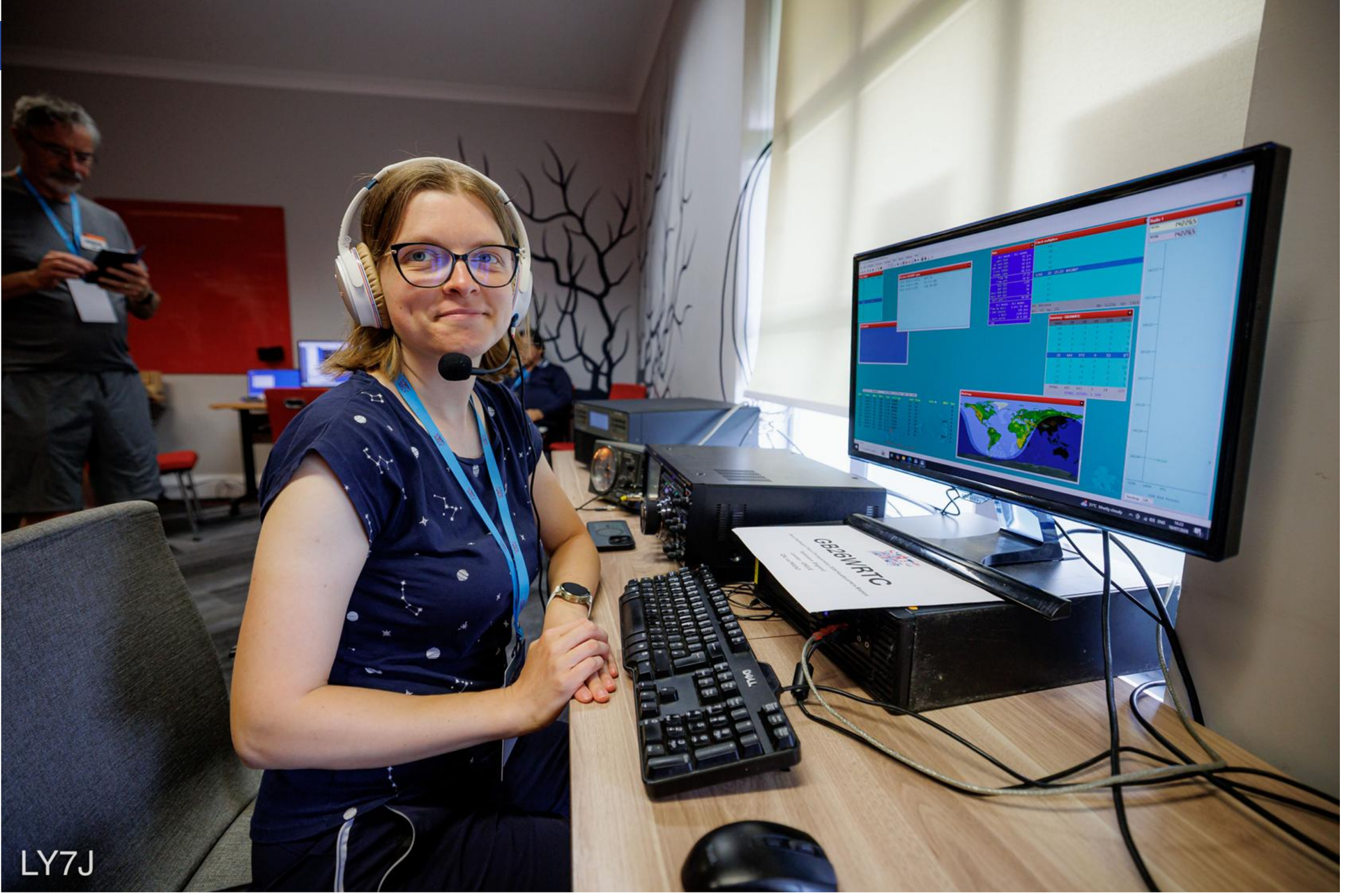
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Media Team

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1566	14200.4	20	SSB	08:52	IU3UWZ		59	59	28	0	DUPE	R
1567	14200.4	20	SSB	08:52	DKGTW		59	59	28	3		R
1568	14200.4	20	SSB	08:53	DL1ABR		59	59	28	3		R
1569	14200.4	20	SSB	08:53	OM3KUK		59	59	28	3		R
1570	14200.4	20	SSB	08:53	EA4HRU		59	59	37	3		R
1571	14200.4	20	SSB	08:54	YL7X		59	59	29	3		R
1572	14200.4	20	SSB	08:54	9A2EY		59	59	28	3		R
1573	14200.4	20	SSB	08:55	OK1TEP		59	59	28	3		R
1574	14200.4	20	SSB	08:55			59	59				R

08:55:03 GB26WRTC SR 0356z SS 2011z RUN Op: M9JCK

Time remaining
03:05

World Radio League

CURRENT LEADERS

1st Place

WRTC2022 Champions



Team Leader
Yuri Onipko - VE3DZ



Team Mate
Yaroslav Oliinyk - UW7LL

5789 QSOs | 488 Multipliers | 7,610,360 Points

2nd Place

EU #3 Team 1



Team Leader
Manfred Wolf - DJ5MW



Team Mate
Ulrich Ann - DM5EE

6047 QSOs | 457 Multipliers | 7,540,043 Points

3rd Place

EU



Team Leader
Emir-Braco Memic - E77DX



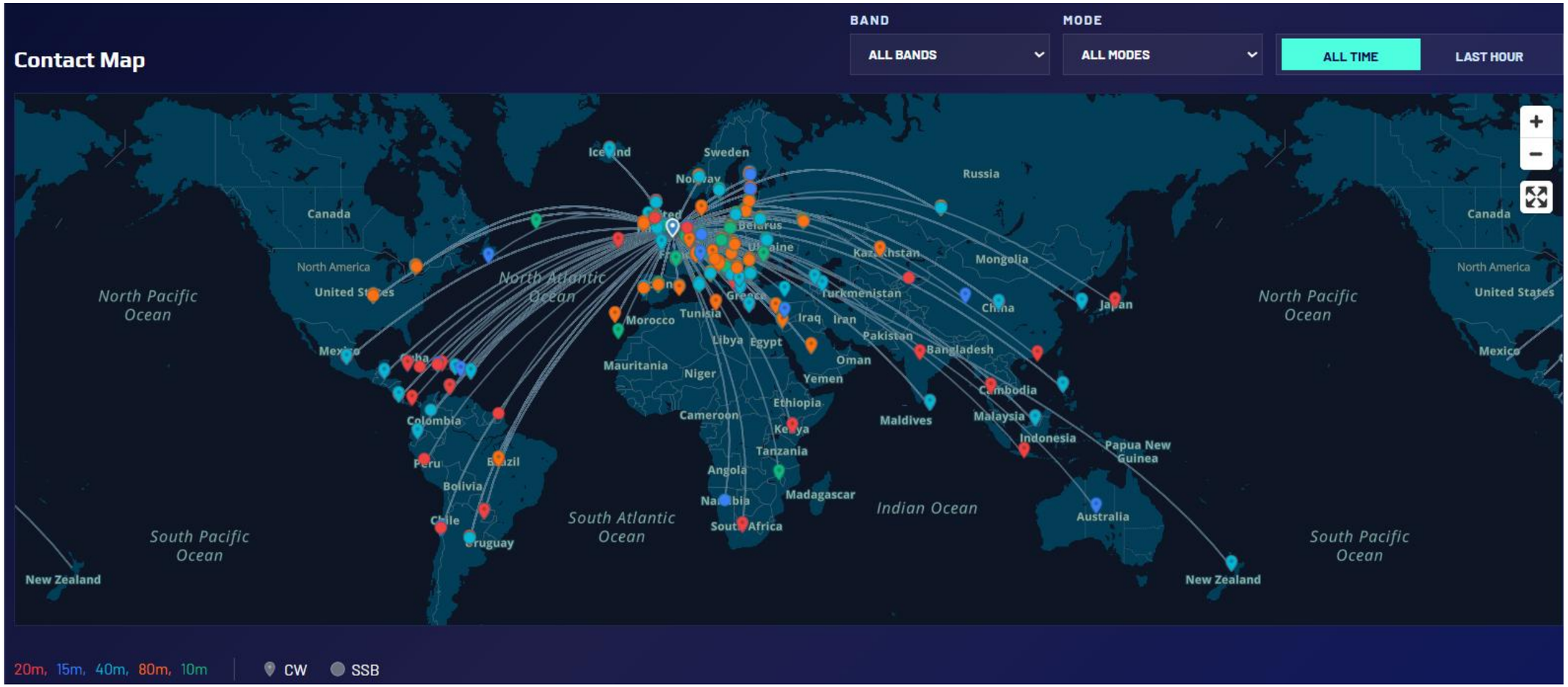
Team Mate
Sven Lovric - DJ4MX

6122 QSOs | 469 Multipliers | 7,534,954 Points

LIVE LEADERBOARD

No.	Team Name	Team Leader	Team Mate	# QSOs	Fastest QSOs/hr	Overall QSOs/hr	QSO Points	Multipliers	Points
1	WRTC2022 Champ...	VE3DZ Yuri	UW7LL Yaroslav	5789	398 QSOs/hr	241.2 QSOs/hr	15595	488	7610360
2	EU #3 Team 1	DJ5MW Manfred	DM5EE Ulrich	6047	416 QSOs/hr	252 QSOs/hr	16499	457	7540043
3	EU #6 Team 1	E77DX Emir-braco	DJ4MX Sven	6122	442 QSOs/hr	255.1 QSOs/hr	16066	469	7534954
4	EU #9 Team 2	US2YW Slava	IK4VET Andrea	5642	414 QSOs/hr	235.1 QSOs/hr	15169	484	7341796
5	NA #6	N6MJ Daniel m	KL9A Christopher	5835	352 QSOs/hr	243.1 QSOs/hr	15411	462	7119882
6	NA #1 Team 1	K5ZD Randall a	W2SC Thomas	5828	428 QSOs/hr	242.8 QSOs/hr	15998	445	7119110

Contact Map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ALL TIME
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Canada
North America
United States
Mexico
Cuba
Colombia
Peru
Brazil
Bolivia
Chile
Uruguay
North Pacific Ocean
North Atlantic Ocean
South Pacific Ocean
South Atlantic Ocean
Indian Ocean
New Zealand
Iceland
Sweden
Norway
Russia
Belarus
Ukraine
Kazakhstan
Mongolia
China
Japan
Turkmenistan
Iraq
Iran
Pakistan
Bangladesh
Oman
Yemen
Greece
Tunisia
Morocco
Libya
Egypt
Mauritania
Niger
Cameroon
Ethiopia
Kenya
Tanzania
Angola
Namibia
South Africa
Madagascar
Maldives
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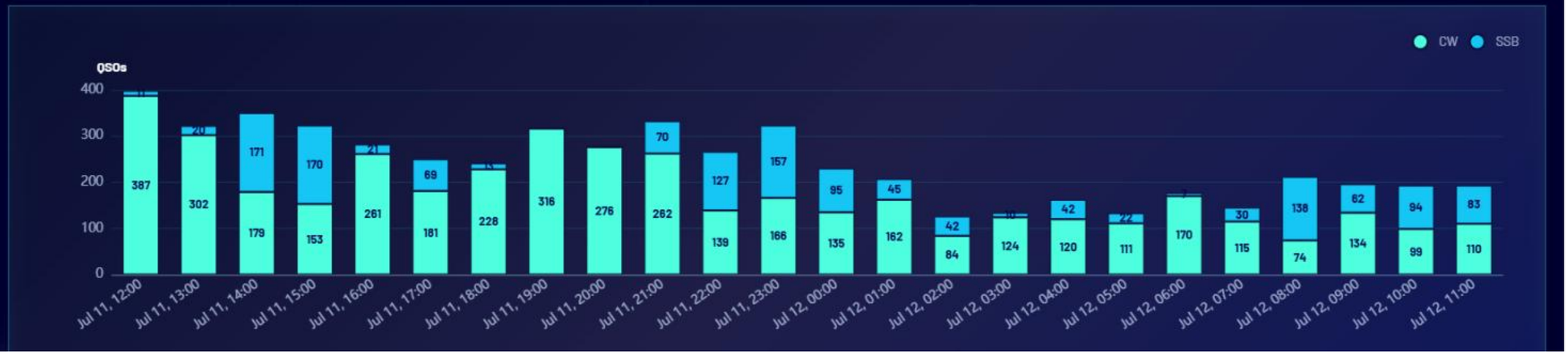
Australia
20m, 15m, 40m, 80m, 10m
CW
SSB

Band Over Time



Mode Over Time



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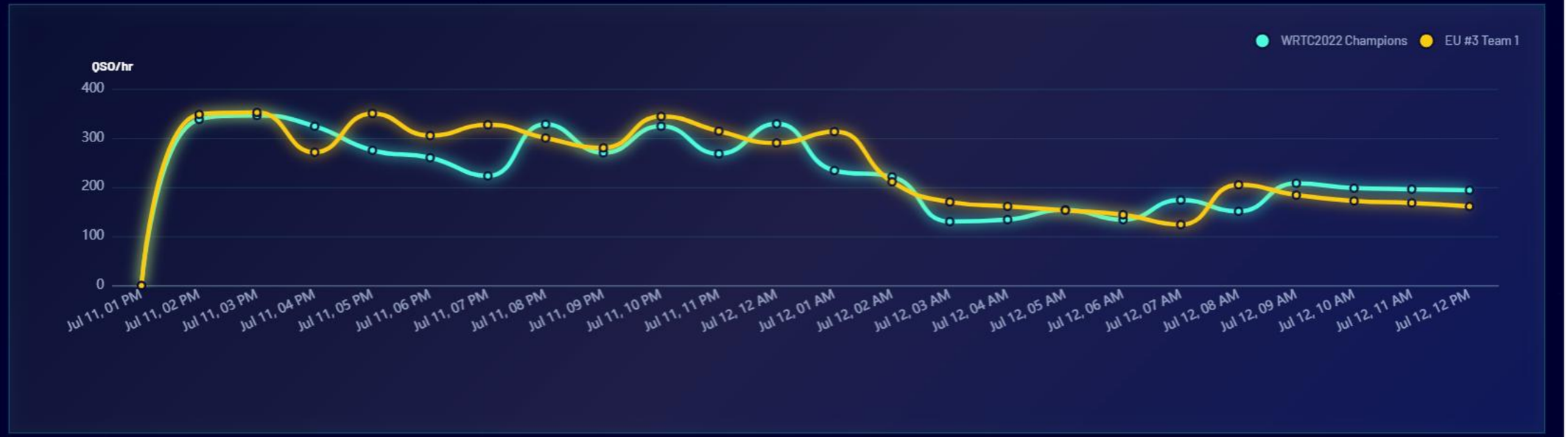
World Radio League

QSO Rate Over Time



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Amateur radio team seeks world championship glory





Contest statistics

Fastest clock hour was **428 QSOs / hour** by **K5ZD / W2SC**

Several teams had 400+ QSO clock hours

Over **30 teams** worked **5000 raw QSOs**


PULL HANDLE ↓ PUSH DOOR TO OPEN
MIND YOUR HEAD
EMERGENCY DOOR
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Sunday 12th July

Competitors Return

Sites tear down begins

Judging Committee analyse logs and produce results

Monday 13th July

Sightseeing Day

Closing Ceremony & Celebration




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2026
2nd Place
UH DMSEE

One week later…

- WRTC Contest logs are published online.
- Community analysis identifies some anomalies…
- Judging Committee continue investigation.



L-R
Dick N6AA (Chief Judge)
Trey N5KO
Ian G0FCT
Olof G0CKV
Rusty W6OAT
+ Tree N6TR remote


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Appendix 1. Details of the Pirate Multipliers

Fifteen callsigns were used on the air during the contest by persons other than the callsign's licensees, which resulted in bogus multiplier-enhancing contacts in WRTC team's logs:

4F3OM, 4K6FO, 4S7KM, 9H1FL, 9M2LAN, 9M8YY, HC5AI, HL2CFY, HZ1TT, OD5NZ, TI1W, XE2IF, YV1LBB, ZP5KO, ZS6WAR

Appendix 2. Details of the Frequency Transfer and Resulting Team Identity Disclosures

At 12:00z the bands were crowded, and a clear frequency was very valuable. Three teams began the contest on frequencies that another station had used right up until the start, then left at the exact start time.

Appendix 3. Details of the Non-existent Claimed Multiplier QSOs

Ten contacts in MB5Q's log do not exist in the team's own audio recording. Each of them would have counted as a multiplier:

Callsign	Time	Band	kHz
6Y5WJ	0307z	80m	3537
9M2M	1214z	20m	14047
CU2CE	0813z	40m	7025
HI3K	0237z	20m	14012
HI3K	2308z	15m	21019
S21RE	1854z	20m	14054
SV5DKL	0118z	80m	3535
SV5DKL	1720z	10m	28024
UK9AA	1845z	20m	14054
Z32ZM	0719z	40m	7166

Disqualifications

MB1I	E77DX, DJ4MX	WRTC Rules, Section 12.2 (Team Identity Revealed to Others)
MB2A	US2YW, IK4VET	WRTC Rules, Section 12.2 (Team Identity Revealed to Others)
MB2M	VE3DZ, UW7LL	WRTC Rules, Section 12.2 (Team Identity Revealed to Others)
MB5Q	RW7K, KU1CW	WRTC Rules, Section 12.7 (Taking credit for excessive unverifiable QSOs or unverifiable multipliers)

Winning Plaques

#1 Score	MB5O	DJ5MW, DM5EE	7,310,308
#2 Score	MB4G	N6MJ, KL9A	6,955,083
#3 Score	MB1T	K5ZD, W2SC	6,836,480
#1 Multipliers	MB4G	N6MJ, KL9A	457
#1 Phone QSOs (with >35% CW QSOs)	MB5Y	9A6KX, 9A1UN	2369
#1 CW QSOs (with >35% Phone QSOs)	MB5P	LU9ESD, LW5HR	2745
#1 Accuracy	MB4G	N6MJ, KL9A	0.5% errors
#1 Youth	MB5Z	W0AAE, W4IPC	5,924,736

Final Scores

#	Team	Operators	Score	#	Team	Operators	Score
1	MB5O	DJ5MW, DM5EE	7,310,308	24	MB2S	NN7CW, DL4NAC	5,570,672
2	MB4G	N6MJ, KL9A	6,955,083	25	MB3W	OL5Y, OK6RA	5,490,035
3	MB1T	K5ZD, W2SC	6,836,480	26	MB4P	AA3B, W2GD	5,400,835
4	MB5C	CT1ILT, EC2DX	6,480,110	27	MB4W	IK2PFL, IK2JUB	5,383,192
5	MB7W	UA4FER, LZ2HM	6,334,972	28	MB3M	JA1BJI, M0CFW	5,355,015
6	MB7L	LY9A, LY4L	6,180,000	29	MB4O	K3PA, NS0R	5,245,254
7	MB3R	F1AKK, F8DBF	6,083,469	30	MB1S	G4IRN, GW4XUM	5,243,896
8	MB7D	LZ3FN, LZ4AX	6,024,256	31	MB5X	NH7T, WH7W	5,148,143
9	MB3K	NA8V, N9RV	5,980,380	32	MB3L	LZ2BE, LZ2XA	5,084,340
10	MB5Z	W0AAE, W4IPC	5,924,736	33	MB1A	E21EIC, BA4TB	5,002,063
11	MB5J	VE3EJ, VE5MX	5,920,512	34	MB7V	K6LA, VE3AT	4,958,696
12	MB2H	N5ZO, KI6RRN	5,900,840	35	MB5P	LU9ESD, LW5HR	4,926,404
13	MB4Z	EA8RM, EA2W	5,883,472	36	MB4L	ES7GM, YL3JA	4,842,425
14	MB3H	N2IC, K5WA	5,819,824	37	MB7F	SP5Y, SQ9ORQ	4,814,437
15	MB5Y	9A6KX, 9A1UN	5,810,616	38	MB7G	N9NB, W9RE	4,808,322
16	MB4C	RG6G, RA3CO	5,807,790	39	MB3D	UN9L, UN4Q	4,775,244
17	MB4F	N2NT, NP4Z	5,786,880	40	MB2U	VK2IA, ZL3CW	4,764,861
18	MB7M	DL3JAN, DM7XX	5,760,452	41	MB4V	KO8SCA, AD5A	4,652,928
19	MB3V	4Z4AK, HA3LN	5,736,630	42	MB3F	RA9P, R2BFL	4,608,350
20	MB2R	OM2VL, OM3RM	5,726,924	43	MB3G	HB9ARF, LY4A	4,567,956
21	MB2D	N1UR, K1XM	5,673,360	44	MB4X	W7WLW, N4ML	4,180,260
22	MB7K	WA1Z, JH5GHM	5,652,228	45	MB1N	DL3ON, EI5LA	4,021,205
23	MB2N	NN3W, KD4D	5,592,387	46	MB3B	PY2NY, PY7ZC	3,860,428

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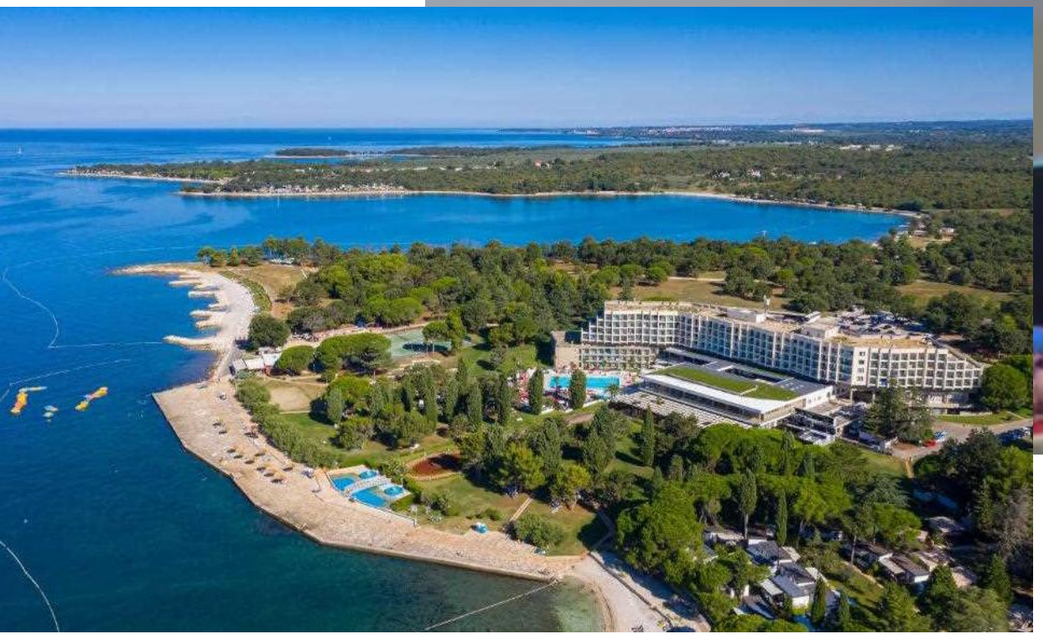


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Randy Thompson (K6ZD)
MW
Još 3 sudionika
Chris KL9A
Daniel Craig
Kees Van Oosbree

WRTC 2026 Winners



Manfred DJ5MW
Uli DM5EE



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WRTC 2030 IS COMING TO CROATIA

It is with great pleasure and pride that we announce to the global amateur radio community that the WRTC Sanctioning Committee has accepted our application and awarded the organization of WRTC 2030 to the Croatian Amateur Radio Association (HRS).

The announcement was made at the WRTC 2026 UK Awards Ceremony, held during the Istra Contest Conference 2026.

WRTC 2030 will take place in Croatia, in the northeastern region of Slavonia.

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CROATIA

Event	**WRTC 2030**
Host region	**Slavonia, Croatia**

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Future

Concluding on a positive note…

- WRTC 2026 was successfully completed
- Great atmosphere, smiling faces and memories made
- Rightful winners awarded
- WRTC can move on in a stronger position
- WRTC 2030 is announced for Croatia

Time for a rest….



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