

Results, 1979 IARU Radiosport Championship

The competition keeps increasing!

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In retrospect, the Radiosport Championship, sponsored under the auspices of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), might have been overshadowed by the preparations that the member IARU societies were making for the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) of 1979, which at the time of the contest was just a few short months away. WARC, of course, is the conference held every 20 years where the radio frequency spectrum is "divided up" among the different users, worldwide.

We like to think that those operators who participated in the third annual IARU Radiosport Championship, held 14 and 15 July 1979, would not mind if we dedicated the results of this contest to those who worked so diligently on behalf of the world Amateur Radio community, through their IARU chapters, to help make the WARC so successful. Successful at least in the regard that Amateur Radio's position as a worldwide service was very firmly established. Amateur Radio's positions in the rf spectrum have been ably represented through the long hours and hard work of these IARU stalwarts. Thanks.

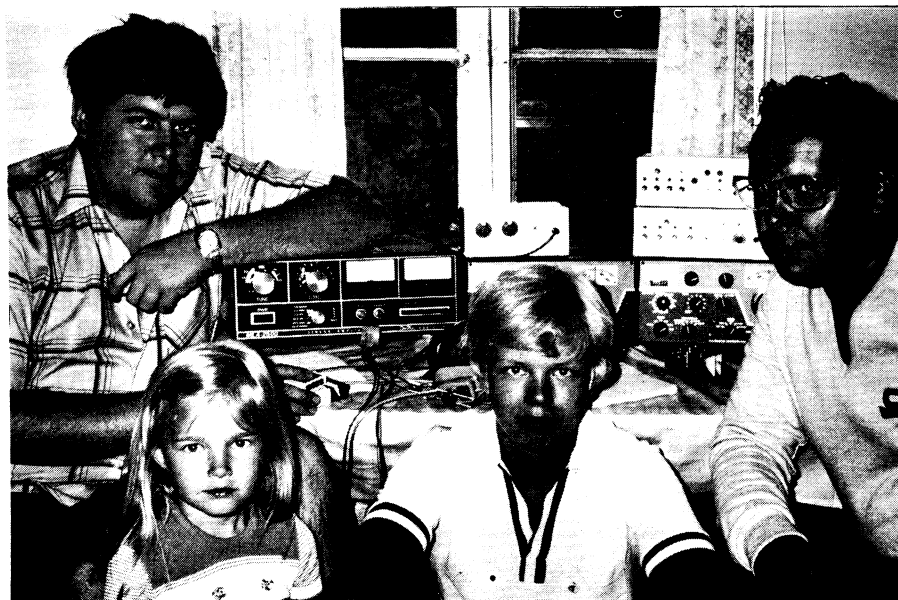
Radiosport III appears, at first glance, to be nearly a carbon copy of the 1978 contest. Of the 1513 logs received, 571 were from the U.S. and Canada and 942 from the rest of the world, as compared to 1467 entries (599 U.S./VE, 868 DX) in 1978.

Looking at the scores, top-10 listings on all modes are filled with familiar call signs from the 1978 contest. LU8DQ repeats as the top cw operator in the world. ZL1ADI again takes the worldwide mixed-mode honors, while CK7WJ continues as the world multioperator leader, just nosing out VK8BG in the process. Newcomer to the head of the phone top-10 listing is VP2ML. Last year's top U.S./VE phone man, K7RI, (fifth in the world) climbed to the number two spot, just behind 'ML.

Seems the average scores are up 10 to 20 percent in most cases. If nothing else, this says



AA6DX, number two, mixed mode in zone 6.



The Aland Island DXpedition, OHØDX, scheduled to leave the island just as the Radiosport began, worked 320 of their 110,000 QSOs, in the contest, in four hours. Left to right are; OH2BH, Petrita, OH2BRW, and OH2BNP.

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12MQP, top phone-mode-only from Italy.

that there were more stations to be worked with fewer operators willing or able to submit an entry. Contrary to the received figures, interest in working the Radiosport is growing. Witness the rather large jump in the number of multipliers (see the multiplier-leader box) available. We dare say that the FB conditions as we approach the peak of solar cycle 21 (what, no solar flare this year?) were what really made the high bands productive multiplier hunting grounds.

Three new members joined the IARU during 1979. The addition of the Fiji Association of Radio Amateurs (3D2), Cayman Radio Society (ZF) and Amateur Radio Club of Tonga (A3) brings the total to 107 members.

One of the keys to running up a big total in this contest is the multiplier total. Unlike many other worldwide contests, the multiplier is particularly important in this one. For example, top scorers have totals of about 2000 QSOs and 110 multipliers, meaning that one multiplier is worth 19 QSOs. Rather than working 50 stations per hour, if you could find three new multipliers, your score would have increased more. In other DX contests, a ratio of about six QSOs to one multiplier is average, making it more worthwhile to concentrate on QSO totals.

Those who ran up the big multiplier totals had to spend extra time at sunrise and sunset to catch the rare ones, to endure the QRN on the low bands, and the limited summertime 10-meter openings. Twenty and 15 meters proved to be the bands to run up big multiplier totals, with 24-hour DX.

SOAPBOX

Almost made myself a crispy critter while fixing an 1100-foot-long beverage antenna during an electrical storm. AA3B nearly got a new hairdo moments later when lightning came down the rotator cable. Amidst the confusion of blue light and deafening arcs, we were sure that the dreaded Wouff Hong had arrived (The K3FD crew). Thirty six hours seems like a long time. I must be getting old. I ran across KA2DX, zone 45, calling CQ — with no luck — a victim of the new call assignments (K9NE). Last year on contact number seven, only five minutes into the contest, my finals went. This year I didn't even plan to participate. . . . 33 hours and over 1000 QSOs later, I was still in there. The scoring format is interesting and motivates the participant to search for multipliers and DX QSOs. On the other hand, when conditions go to pot, you can still get in some stateside activity (KB8EC). This was my first international contest. I could only work about 22 hours on the high bands. However, I was able to make contacts with many DX stations and worked two new ones towards my DXCC, using only 300 watts and a homemade ground-plane antenna for 14, 21 and 28 MHz (15JFG). Great contest, but I still deplore the many "5-9" reports. Too many "repeat

Top Scorers

Phone and CW

ZL1ADI	2,015,384	3031	136
G3FXB	1,502,875	2485	125
VE7CC	1,277,822	2871	118
UA1DZ	1,093,064	2029	123
UB5MCS	1,086,512	2129	112
WB5NXH	953,042	2394	113
W1NG	874,104	1662	132
UY5OO	865,278	1909	106
N3RD	860,860	1894	110
VE7CMK	852,235	2201	105

Phone

VP2ML	1,511,880	3560	120
K7RI	1,380,080	3362	104
5L2AV	1,333,644	2602	103
UB5WE	1,172,626	2813	91
UR2QD	891,204	2229	92
W9RE	804,843	1806	117
HA5NP	804,816	2018	92
KP4EHP	763,920	2595	90
WA1TFF	663,612	2058	102
HB9BAM	631,722	—	89

CW

LU8DQ	1,386,948	2267	123
UP2NV	1,075,522	2166	119
K1KI	947,702	1578	139
UR2QI	760,084	2049	94
W1RM	725,040	1635	114
N2LT	720,120	1680	102
UA4WPX	682,180	1413	115
W1RR	657,459	1749	99
N4KG	631,444	1443	113
K6LL7	621,716	1836	94

Multioperator

CK7WJ	2,870,544	4628	158
VK8BG	2,847,564	3523	166
UK2GKW	2,325,862	4192	121
UK1AAA	1,935,076	3079	143
UK2BBB	1,908,012	3169	141
DT7DK	1,860,093	3744	113
UK5MAF	1,795,955	3521	115
UK2PCR	1,786,722	3222	133
KL7D	1,575,385	3273	115
G3XBN	1,526,294	3036	106

Multiplier Leaders

Phone and CW	Total	160	80	40	20	15	10	6	2
ZL1ADI	136	3	4	27	48	34	20	—	—
W1NG	132	1	13	18	43	33	22	1	1
G3FXB	125	3	14	17	41	33	16	—	1
UA1DZ	123	6	10	18	42	39	7	—	1
UA9MS	120	—	10	15	39	35	11	—	—
CW									
K1KI	139	—	14	25	47	36	16	2	—
LU8DQ	123	—	12	27	30	31	23	—	—
UP2NV	119	6	10	15	40	34	13	—	1
UA4WPX	115	—	9	20	41	36	9	—	—
W1RM	114	3	11	14	39	34	12	—	1
Phone									
VP2ML	120	1	12	13	35	33	26	—	—
W9RE	117	1	7	15	39	40	15	—	—
K7RI	104	—	7	15	42	30	10	—	—
5L2AV	103	—	6	9	34	29	24	—	1
WA1TFF	102	—	6	16	37	28	15	—	—
Multioperator									
VK8BG	166	1	6	8	52	47	44	5	3
CK7WJ	158	3	15	26	51	45	14	2	2
N4WW	148	3	14	21	46	40	23	—	1
UK1AAA	143	7	11	16	48	50	10	—	1
UK2BBB	141	5	14	24	49	38	11	—	—

info" four or five times QSOs. What happened to honest reporting in contests? (N4UH). I am appreciative of the fact that this is the only contest in which a maritime mobile station may participate. Wunderbar . . . the ships antenna amplifier system has a trap that is very effective for only 15 meters. The captain requested me to make the maximum operation on that band and to limit my time on 20 and 10. Thus my multipliers are way down on 10 and 20 meters. . . . Hope some year to be in a zone that has no land areas in it, making me the only multiplier there . . . that would be worth a 30-hour effort instead of the less than 14 hours that I was on this time out. . . . Am looking forward to many more Radiosport Championships. . . . P.S. also got my own zone without working the captain, whose rig is in the cabin next to mine, Sea Room. . . . not sporting to do so Hi! (WA7ZLC/mm Region 1). Worked at a real disadvantage — borrowed rig and inverted Vee antennas. Saturday morning, WB6WVY brought over some RG-58 and I got a vertical working. It didn't really help except to get me two extra "qs" on 10 meters and a couple of dB on some 15-meter stations. Next year, I'll either have a beam antenna or a jillion more ground radials on the vertical (the roof already looks like a spider went berserk up there.) (W2KVA/6). I didn't work too much DX outside of Europe (N4ZG). I would never have gotten on for this contest except that I had dropped a bottle of pure sulphuric acid on my arm at work. The contest was a great distraction from the pain (K1BE). Incredible conditions Saturday on 15 meters. Both Japan and Europe coming in simultaneously during a 12-hour

period! (AA4M). Despite losing out to WB0ZGD by 5k points, I enjoyed the contest. Didn't seem like Radiosport, though, without an HF blackout! (WD0ELL). Please print a list of the post office state abbreviations for all those who sent me QSL cards for Maine. MA stands for Massachusetts (K1ST). Lost a lot of sleep and tried to squeeze in some operating time between shifts at work (W7LPP/DU2). For some reason, QSO rates almost doubled when I changed my general call from "CQ TEST" to "CQ RS". I assume RS stands for Radiosport as it does in the name of the Soviet Amateur Satellites (WB1ANT). . . . I did manage to catch a KL7 to complete (finally) my WAS. Other new countries included J6, 5T5, 5L2 and a near miss on 5N2. It was a productive weekend at 'YSW. Guess I'll be working the next contest (SS) from W1MX. Have fun checking all those logs! Remember, it's only once a year (WA3YSW). (Once a year is more than enough — logchecker). This was my first contest and I didn't make very many QSOs, but I did make some strides towards my DXCC and WAS. Also got my 10-X number from QSOs made in this contest (WD4HSA). Had just recovered from Field Day when this contest came along. It took a couple of weeks to get the strength to go through all the paperwork to figure out my score. Hi! (WD0FGY). Don't know how the cw boys do it. . . . nobody sends the other station's call. . . . At least in the beginning and at the end of the transmission, each station should send both calls, but I couldn't find too many guys willing to take the time. . . . rather send CQ TEST for 15 minutes straight (KZ5HI).

Scores

Scores are listed by ITU zone, then by country within that zone. The line score (example — DM3BF 211,919-803-73-B) indicates the call sign used, total score, number of contacts, number of ITU zone multipliers, and entry class. The entry class letters are A — single operator, mixed mode; B — single operator, cw only; C — single operator, phone only; D — multioperator, single transmitter.

Almost Too Late

Table listing scores for 'Almost Too Late' section, including categories like Zone 28, Hungary, and various call signs and scores.

W/VE

Zone 1

Table listing scores for Zone 1, including categories like Alaska, British Columbia, and various call signs and scores.

Zone 2

Table listing scores for Zone 2, including categories like Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and various call signs and scores.

Zone 3

Table listing scores for Zone 3, including categories like Ontario, Quebec, and various call signs and scores.

Zone 4

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Zone 6

Table listing scores for Zone 6, including categories like East Bay, Los Angeles, and various call signs and scores.

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Table listing scores for Zone 28, including categories like H8YKU, H8KQX, H8BEK, etc.

Table listing scores for Zone 28, including categories like H8SLN, H8TTM, H8ZMN, etc.

Table listing scores for Zone 28, including categories like H87UL, H82MG, H83GO, etc.

Table listing scores for Zone 28, including categories like H87KS, H81KA, H82KR, etc.

San Diego

Table listing scores for San Diego, including categories like WA6DBC, K6ZTH, WA6WSI, etc.

San Francisco

Table listing scores for San Francisco, including categories like WD6EEQ, WA6TOE, K6LRN, etc.

San Joaquin Valley

Table listing scores for San Joaquin Valley, including categories like WA6KMW, WB6YKJ, WD6FLB, etc.

Arkansas

Table listing scores for Arkansas, including categories like WB5NBC, WA5SOG, W5E, etc.

Northern Texas

Table listing scores for Northern Texas, including categories like KA5W, AA5C, N5TP, etc.

Oklahoma

Table listing scores for Oklahoma, including categories like K0JXP/5, W5KI, W5AS, etc.

South Texas

Table listing scores for South Texas, including categories like WB5XHK, K5KJ, K5BY, etc.

B5SKZ

Table listing scores for B5SKZ, including categories like W5AC, W5DLZ, W5DLZ, etc.

Arizona

Table listing scores for Arizona, including categories like K6LL/7, K6LXN, WA7YUL, etc.

Idaho

Table listing scores for Idaho, including categories like AA6EE/7, WA6KMW, etc.

Montana

Table listing scores for Montana, including categories like W7JYW, WA6KMW, etc.

Nevada

Table listing scores for Nevada, including categories like W7VVH, WA6KMW, etc.

Oregon

Table listing scores for Oregon, including categories like AG7M, W7NI, W7MC, etc.

Utah

Table listing scores for Utah, including categories like WA7JBE, WA6KMW, etc.

Washington

Table listing scores for Washington, including categories like W7BUN, W7BUN, W7BUN, etc.

Wyoming

Table listing scores for Wyoming, including categories like N7BDM, WA6KMW, etc.

Colorado

Table listing scores for Colorado, including categories like N0ZA, W0BWJ, K0GLY, etc.

Iowa

Table listing scores for Iowa, including categories like N0ADI, W0BYA, W0BYA, etc.

Minnesota

Table listing scores for Minnesota, including categories like K0JFV, K0BCV, K0MPH, etc.

Missouri

Table listing scores for Missouri, including categories like WB9ZGD, WD9ELL, W9DX, etc.

W0ARBZ

Table listing scores for W0ARBZ, including categories like W0ARBZ, W0ARBZ, etc.

Zone 8

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Connecticut

Table listing scores for Connecticut, including categories like W1NG, K1WB, W1FVO, etc.

Eastern Massachusetts

Table listing scores for Eastern Massachusetts, including categories like W1M(XAG1E,opr), W1DNPZ, etc.

Maine

Table listing scores for Maine, including categories like W1PDG, W1SUH, N1AFC, etc.

New Hampshire

Table listing scores for New Hampshire, including categories like KA1EP, W1RRP, W1RPP, etc.

Rhode Island

Table listing scores for Rhode Island, including categories like K1ZRS, W1KIP, W1GL, etc.

Vermont

Table listing scores for Vermont, including categories like W2JSJ, W2JSJ, etc.

Western Massachusetts

Table listing scores for Western Massachusetts, including categories like N1YY, W1BAGO, N1PFP, etc.

Eastern New York

Table listing scores for Eastern New York, including categories like W2ASTM, N2AZS, W2XL, etc.

New York City - L.I.

Table listing scores for New York City - L.I., including categories like N2GC, W2MZA, KA2AEV, etc.

Northern New Jersey

Table listing scores for Northern New Jersey, including categories like K2BK, W1GD, W2UDT, etc.

Southern New Jersey

Table listing scores for Southern New Jersey, including categories like W2KI, A120, N2ATX, etc.

Western New York

Table listing scores for Western New York, including categories like K2VJ, W2QAU, K2KN, etc.

Delaware

Table listing scores for Delaware, including categories like W3GXD, W3GXD, etc.

Eastern Pennsylvania

Table listing scores for Eastern Pennsylvania, including categories like N3RD(W3XU,opr), W3EAN, W3DCT, etc.

Maryland - D.C.

Table listing scores for Maryland - D.C., including categories like N3RL, W3VPL, N3VVA, etc.

Western Pennsylvania

Table listing scores for Western Pennsylvania, including categories like W3F3Y, AF3B, K3DS, etc.

Alabama

Table listing scores for Alabama, including categories like WB4ASV, WB4ASV, WB4ASV, etc.

Georgia

Table listing scores for Georgia, including categories like AA4GA, W4QUN, W4QUN, etc.

A large table listing various international call prefixes, organized by country or region. Each entry includes a call prefix, a range of numbers (e.g., 5994-91-18-D), and the corresponding country name (e.g., UKSMAF). The table is divided into numerous sections, such as Zone 29, Zone 32, Zone 33, Zone 34, Zone 35, Zone 36, Zone 37, Zone 38, Zone 39, Zone 40, Zone 41, Zone 42, Zone 43, Zone 44, Zone 45, Zone 46, Zone 48, Zone 49, Zone 50, Zone 51, Zone 52, Zone 53, Zone 54, Zone 55, Zone 56, Zone 57, Zone 58, Zone 59, and Zone 60. Some sections also include sub-sections like 'Asianic R.S.F.S.R.', 'European Russian S.F.S.R.', 'Portugal', 'Canary Islands', 'Lithuania', 'Estonia', 'Kazakh', 'Turkoman', 'Azerbaijan', 'Georgia', 'Armenia', 'Moldavia', 'Uzbek', 'Kazakh', and 'New Zealand'. The entries are densely packed and cover a wide range of international telecommunication codes.

Zone 61
Hawaii
Zone 62
Western Samoa
Zone 64
Guam
Check Logs
Zone 29
European Russian S.F.S.R.
Zone 32
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Zone 60
New Zealand