

Worldwide Fun – 2008 IARU HF World Championship Results

Location, Location, Location . . .

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What does it take to win a contest? You need a competitive station in your targeted category, you need to be an excellent operator on your targeted mode, and you need to make the commitment to win (a.k.a. persistence). These general guidelines almost cover everything. What's left out is the more subtle factor of *Location*.

Most testers know that if you're going to operate from the Caribbean for the CQ Worldwide contests, it is extremely helpful to operate from one of the islands on the continent of South America (for example, P4). That's because QSOs from these islands to North America are worth three points, whereas QSOs from the other Caribbean islands (for example, ZF) to North America are only worth two points. This doesn't say you can't win from Caribbean islands like ZF--it's just a lot harder to make up the point differential.

The World HQ Battle

A similar "location" issue occurred in the IARU HF contest and it's also tied to the point structure of QSOs. The HQ team at EF8U took advantage of the fact that QSOs from their ITU zone 36 (which is defined as being on the continent of Africa) to the ITU zones on the European continent were worth five points. Those on the European continent working other Europeans in other ITU zones only achieved three points per QSO. The result of this "good" location is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – A Comparison of HQ First and Second

The result of the EF8U five-point QSOs is obvious when comparing the number of QSOs and number of multipliers. Although the EM5HQ team nearly doubled the number of QSOs and had approximately 10% more multipliers, the EF8U team beat them in score due to the aforementioned point differential. Congratulations to the EF8U team, consisting of EA8ZS, EA8CAC,

W/VE

Single Operator, Mixed Mode, QRP

N0KE	187,590
NX5M	154,812
N8II	84,591
NT4XT	24,624
N0LY	22,869
WK4P	22,410
VE3MGY	15,466
W3AG	11,221
VE9QRP	10,728
W5ESE	4,422

Single Operator, Mixed Mode, Low Power

W5ZL	613,612
NF4A	490,080
N5DO	384,982
NR3X	348,940
W9IU	324,712
VE3XB	256,752
K0HW	209,400
KB9OWD	194,643
VE3FDT	166,780
NR9A	152,490

Single Operator, Mixed Mode, High Power

VY2ZM	2,500,290
(K1ZM , op)	
K1DG	2,175,648
VE3EJ	2,106,893
VE3AT	2,040,850
K1LZ	1,874,925
W6YI	1,742,585
(N6MJ, op)	
N5DX	1,496,572
K5ZD	1,444,443
K5NA	1,352,592
K3ZO	1,272,360

Single Operator, Phone Only, QRP

ND0C	38,750
NN7SS	13,926
(K6UFO, op)	
WB0IWG	3,390
KD0AWW	56
KA1CQR	12
KB2JYZ	4

Single Operator, Phone Only, Low Power

N1UR	495,652
N2QT	376,350
K4AB	293,568
W4SVO	263,680
W3LL	214,156
W4TMN	153,660
VE9CEH	143,016
KA2KON	72,684
N0YO	71,586
VE3OX	54,668

Single Operator, Phone Only, High Power

K5TR	1,244,340
W7WA	979,234
VE7SZ	850,408
(VA7RR, op)	
K0RH	436,665
N6CCH	328,608
W2RDS	313,083
K5ER	309,396
K1PLX	236,882
W4LT	229,620
N4TCP	225,070

Single Operator, CW Only, QRP

N2WN	102,424
VA3SB	38,433
AA1CA	21,483
N0UB	16,128
W8TM	10,556
KA6SGT	6,525
K3WWP	5,768
K4DZR	4,920
N0TK	3,384
AA4SD	2,484

Single Operator, CW Only, Low Power

K1PT	547,857
VE3NE	510,300
WK2G	388,416
VE1RGB	373,650
W4IX	355,410
N3UA	342,183
W9JB	334,628
WD4AHZ	303,456
W5EK	299,568
W7YAQ	283,904

Single Operator, CW Only, High Power

K3CR	2,070,493
(LZ4AX, op)	
K3WW	1,390,368
N2IC	1,312,426
WC1M	1,233,316
VE3DZ	1,173,897
N4AF	1,154,874
AA3B	1,061,892
W0XB	1,051,785
N6RO	1,042,290
N6TV	1,024,386

Multioperator

NN3W	2,003,074
NR5M	1,653,232
N0NI	1,507,536
NR4M	1,164,228
VE3UTT	1,138,800
KB1H	1,103,627
W6NV	932,124
W0SD	883,618
W5WMM	717,636
K1TTT	657,293

Worldwide

Single Operator, Mixed Mode, QRP

HG5Y	915,840
US2IZ	245,152
RX1CQ	223,975
OM7DX	216,630
RW3AI	199,704
N0KE	187,590
LY4BF	161,022
NX5M	154,812
N8II	84,591
UY5VA	73,758

Single Operator, Mixed Mode, Low Power

MD0C	1,214,388
(MD0CCE, op)	
RA9DZ	1,105,366
RK9AJZ	999,572
UT2UZ	927,768
ON4CT	902,772
RU9AC	793,218
RK9AX	730,464
S51F	677,250
W5ZL	613,612
UW8SM	591,606

Single Operator, Mixed Mode, High Power

5B4All	3,885,678
(RW3QC, op)	
ZD8Z	3,597,889
(N6TJ, op)	
RG9A	2,955,924
UA9CLB	2,742,660
VY2ZM	2,500,290
(K1ZM , op)	
UP0L	2,348,808
(UN9LW, op)	
RG3K	2,347,488
(UA3QDX, op)	
RS3A	2,221,853
(RA3CW, op)	
K1DG	2,175,648
VE3EJ	2,106,893

Single Operator, Phone Only, QRP

HA1WD	208,656
I21JLF	125,050
Ti5N	98,304
(W8QZA, op)	
F5CYS	74,304
PE2KP	51,779
YO2LYN	44,940
ND0C	38,750
RZ6MP	35,190
HF30CUF	32,319
SQ2DYF	30,888

Single Operator, Phone Only, Low Power

D4C	2,975,632
(I2ADPV, op)	
C4W	1,240,078
(5B4AWN, op)	
I22FOS	919,911
EF1W	704,302
(EA1WS, op)	
ZX2B	645,699
(PY2MNL, op)	
PD1DX	503,862
N1UR	495,652
F5OWT	460,036
I25CML	423,514
N2QT	376,350

Single Operator, Phone Only, High Power

KH7B	2,129,457
(KH7XS, op)	
ZX5J	2,044,120
(PP5JR, op)	
EA5DFV	1,871,520
4L0A	1,695,408
(4L4WW, op)	
USSD	1,331,766
(UT7DX, op)	
IR2M	1,276,136
(I22FDU, op)	
CT3FQ	1,255,968
K5TR	1,244,340
PJ2X (N5ZO, op)	1,158,066
ESSRW	1,151,641

Single Operator, CW Only, QRP

OK2BYW	512,241
RA9SC	311,174
DF1DX	239,010
UA6LCJ	211,932
YL5W	204,452
UA1CUR	202,290
DD1IM	159,185
RA9JR	154,350
UX8ZA	148,302
RW0AJ	148,122

Single Operator, CW Only, Low Power

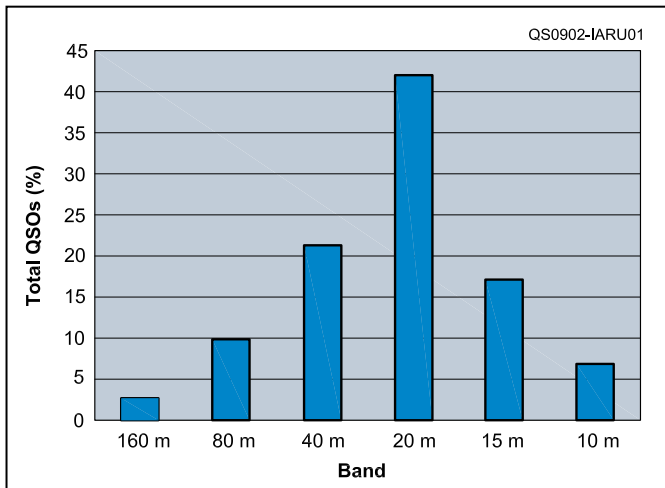
HG7T	1,333,780
RA9FTM	923,339
OL6P	843,444
(OK2WTM, op)	
RA9AP	806,144
LZ9R (LZ3YY, op)	768,614
DJ6BQ	766,921
OG6N	766,920
YT3W	764,558
OK3C	752,806
(OK2ZC, op)	
S52OP	683,049

Single Operator, CW Only, High Power

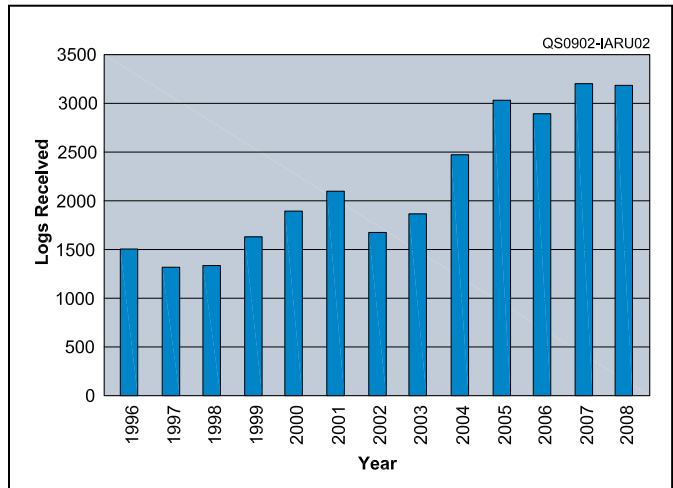
HC8N	2,441,772
(K6AW, op)	
EF3A	2,196,210
(EA3KU, op)	
DL1IAO	2,074,915
K3CR (LZ4AX, op)	2,070,493
OL8M	1,880,096
RX9SA	1,747,278
UP4L	1,697,560
(UN7LZ, op)	
UA9CDV	1,680,960
UA6LV	1,662,656
RK3FA	1,657,728

Multi-operator

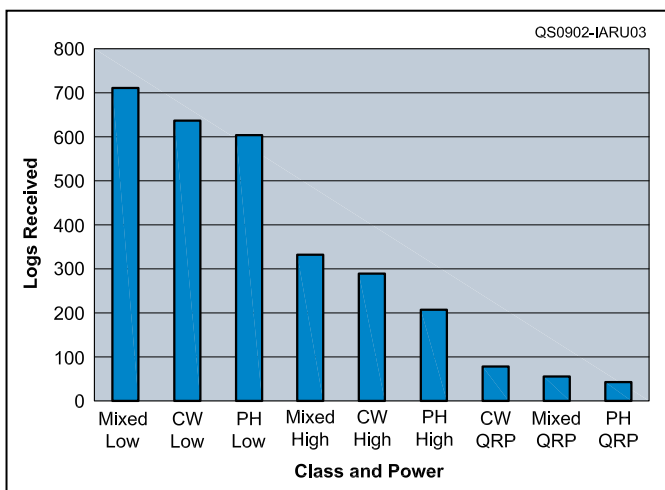
P33W	5,414,892
CN3A	5,139,552
RT9W	3,955,850
RU1A	2,911,675
HG6N	2,753,720
RK9CWW	2,671,518
OG0A	2,333,238
OG6A	2,183,143
NN3W	2,003,074
UA9UZZ	1,957,550



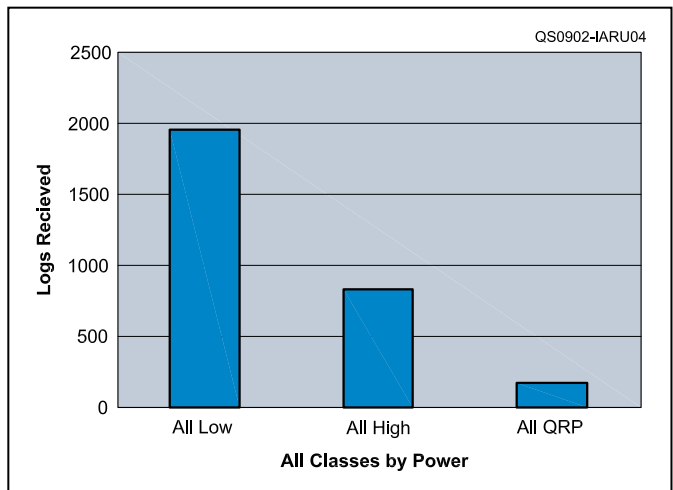
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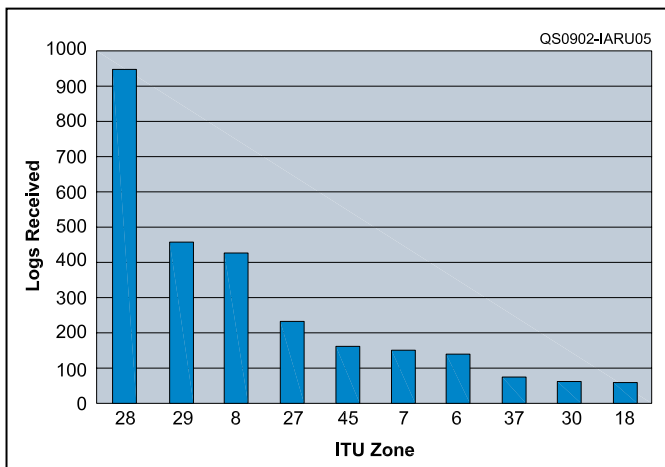
History of Logs Received



2008 Logs by Category



2008 Logs by Power



2008 Logs by ITU Zone



Matthew, FP/W1MAT, shows Jean-Pierre, FP5CJ, some of the features of the FT-817 while operating in Saint Pierre.

Table 1 — A Comparison of HQ First and Second

Station	Score	QSOs	Multipliers
EF8U	23,928,202	11,408	443
EM5HQ	22,535,820	22,376	486

EA8DP, EA8BQM, EA8AH (OH1RY), EA8CMX (OH2BYS), EA5BM, EA2EA, EA8/OH6CS, EA8/OH6MF, EA8/OH2KI, EA8/RD3AF, EA8/RZ3AZ, and EA8/UA9BA. And congratulations to the fine runner-up score of the EM5HQ team.

In the W/VE HQ race, the VA2RAC team

(VE2DWA, VA2UK, LW8EXF, VE2TZZ, VA2WDQ, VE2XAA, VA2UP, VE2DX, and VA2SG) took top honors. Coming in second was NU1AW in the propagation-challenged Upper Midwest state of MN (manned by WØGJ, ACØW, NØIM, NØRA, AF9T, KØKP, KØMD, K4IU, KØMPH, WØLM, KØTO, NØAT, KØDXC, WAØMHJ, KØRC, KIØF,

WØAIH, and WB9S).

Single- and Multi-Op Battles

The winners in the Single-Op, Mixed categories for the World were HG5Y, MDØC, and 5B4AI in QRP, Low Power, and High Power, respectively. Similarly, the W/VE winners were NØKE, W5ZL,



The antennas at WK4P. The tribander and wire did all the work this time.

and VY2ZM.

In the Single-Op Phone-only category, the World winners for QRP, Low Power, and High Power were HA1WD, D4C, and KH7B, respectively. Likewise for W/VE, the top performers were NDØC, NIUR, and K5TR.

In the Single-Op, CW-only races, World first place went to OK2BYW for QRP, HG7T for Low Power, and HC8N for High Power. For W/VE, N2WN came out on top in QRP, K1PT ended up in first for Low Power, and K3CR topped the list for High Power.

Finally, the World and W/VE winners for the Multi-Op class were P33W (RA6LBS, RW3RN, RW4WR, RX3DCX, RA3AUU) and NN3W (NN3W, KD4D, N3HBX at N3HBX's super-station), respectively. Way to go, everyone!

New Records

As one might expect, being at solar minimum between Cycle 23 and Cycle 24 is not conducive to setting new records. But that didn't stop three individuals from doing just that. In World Single-Op Phone Low Power, D4C almost doubled the 2006 record held by HG3M (HA3MY op). The new record is now 2,975,632. Great job! In W/VE Single-Op Phone Low Power, NIUR bested N2QT's 2007 record of 329,565 with a nice score of 495,652. Another great job! Finally, in W/VE Single-Op Mixed QRP, NØKE beat his 2006 record by almost 13%, ending up with a score of 187,590. These accomplishments are shown as bold text in **Table 2**.

QSOs by Band

You can always tell when you're at solar minimum by looking at the number of

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IARU Headquarters Stations

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults
EF8U	23,928,202	11408	443
EM5HQ	22,535,820	22376	486
TMØHQ	21,114,951	17881	429
GB7HQ	20,587,658	17405	434
DAØHQ	19,808,900	23342	452
SNØHQ	17,402,526	16584	459
OM8HQ	16,931,850	14498	457
9AØHQ	16,911,463	15443	437
OL4HQ	16,729,398	14342	434
E7HQ	14,315,506	14159	422
YT8HQ	14,087,596	13191	436
IUxHQ	13,825,564	13763	422
S5ØHQ	13,697,110	12459	419
YRØHQ	12,216,611	11738	443
OE1A	12,201,000	11713	420
HG8ØHQ	11,921,750	11224	430
LXØHQ	10,381,830	9118	370
PH6Q	9,695,406	9081	367
RØHQ	9,249,700	7164	340
LZ7HQ	8,449,119	9304	391
YL4HQ	7,426,992	7924	359
CS8HQ	7,229,371	7264	331
LYØHQ	5,589,710	6776	329
HB9HQ	4,744,701	6681	321
8NxHQ	4,727,544	9820	281
EW5HQ	4,667,124	5758	308
BxHQ	3,316,068	4293	252
OPØHQ	3,235,296	4390	268
VA2RAC	2,841,716	3439	269
CX1AA	2,810,280	2467	264
OZ1HQ	2,409,104	3017	272
SK9HQ	2,371,755	3200	255
LR5F	2,003,832	2077	216
NU1AW	1,881,425	3946	175
EKØHQ	1,637,412	2789	202
P4ØHQ	1,615,796	1885	193
YV5AJ	1,474,246	1981	166
ES9A	1,445,472	2561	224
W1AW/9	1,188,420	3430	174
ZL6A	909,322	1359	151
HLØHQ	740,664	1537	162
EØHQ	710,430	1400	199
(EI2JD, op)			
OY1CT	673,876	1511	164
TiØHQ	464,704	1103	137
LN2HQ	455,920	1103	139
XE1LM	427,896	1338	108
BVØHQ	420,800	1453	100
ZF1A	411,383	1172	119
DX1HQ	375,084	762	108
VR2C	348,976	814	136
ZV2HQ	304,861	837	79
OH2HQ	294,630	1340	70
AT6T	278,300	590	121
(VU2PTT, op)			
CE1HQ	267,932	659	98
TGØAA	91,080	630	45
(TG9ANF, op)			
9M4DXX	51,612	304	46
A35HQ	26,973	225	27
(A35RK, op)			
HUØYS	17,034	172	34
ER7HQ	1,320	38	20
(ER1BF, op)			

*Lower case "x" signifies multiple prefixes used.

Administrative Council Stations

Call	Score	QSO	Mults
K1ZZ	317,890	696	166
XE1KK	254,352	747	112
YV5AMH	168,514	378	109
PB2T	117,760	449	115
HB9JOE	25,542	154	99
PT2ADM	5,775	57	35



Patrick, N9OQT, part of the Multi-op team with his wife Mary, W9MAP.

QSOs made on 15 m and 10 m compared to 20 m. This years falls right in line with this hypothesis. The sum of the number of 15 m and 10 m QSOs was just slightly above half of the 20 m QSOs as shown in **Figure 1**. The lesson to take away is to make sure you at least have a good antenna on 20 m. That's where most of the participants will be sooner or later.

Participation Statistics – Number of Logs

This year's contest had 3,185 entries. That didn't break last year's all-time record of 3,200 logs, but the shortfall is not bad considering that July 2008 was at rock-bottom with respect to solar minimum between Cycle 23 and Cycle 24. In fact, **Figure 2**, a chart of logs received by year, shows this number of entries to be the second highest in the contest's history.

Over the past decade, the number of logs has been steadily increasing. With the Sun showing signs of increased low-level Cycle 24 solar activity, it is likely that next year's contest will continue this trend and break the 2007 record (assuming the latest prediction for Cycle 24 at www.swpc.noaa.gov/SolarCycle comes true, of course).

Participation Statistics – Class and Power

The breakdown of entries by Class and Power is an interesting study of what participants in the IARU contest preferred. **Figure 3** shows this data. You were in good company (and had a lot of competition!) if you didn't own an amplifier or left it off for the weekend festivities. Mixed, Low-Power was the most popular Single-Op category with 710 logs and CW, Low-Power and Phone, Low-Power weren't too far behind with 637 logs and 605 logs, respectively.

The dominating preference for Low

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