

Virginia QSO Party Handy Tips

- Purpose: Make as many contacts as possible with the 95 VA counties and 38 VA independent cities; and other locations
- When: Weekend of 20-21 March 2021
 - Saturday, 20 March, 1000 Local – Sunday, 21 March, 0000 Local
 - Sunday, 21 March, 0800 - 2000 Local
- How:
 - Operate from fixed, mobile or expeditionary locations
 - Use QRP (5w or less), Low (150w or less) or High (>150w)
 - Activate as many different Virginia jurisdictions as possible
- Recommended Software: N3FJP, N1MM
- Scoring:
 - Phone 1 pt
 - CW 2 pts
 - Digital 2 pts
 - VA Mobile 3 pts
- Be Sure to List Alexandria Radio Club as Your Club for the Competition
- Submit entries by April 15th
 - Through on line portal
 - Email to vqp@verizon.net
 - Mail to the VA QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167
- Recommended Frequencies
 - CW - 1805 KHz and 50 KHz up from band edge on others.
 - PHONE -1845, 3860, 7260, 14270, 21370 and 28370 KHz.
 - Digital: Normally accepted sub-bands, e.g.,
 - PSK31: 3580 7070
 - FT8: 3573 7074 (standard frequencies in wsjt-x)
 - RTTY: 3570 7080
 - VHF – 6M: CW/SSB: 50.130 FT8: 50.313 Mhz
 - 2M: SSB: 144.200 FM: 146.580 FT8: 144.174 Mhz
 - 1.25M FM: 223.500
 - UHF – 70cm 446.00 (FM)

“Best” Frequencies for Virginia

- SSB HF: 3860 MHz (80M) and go up and down.
- FM VHF: 146.580 (2M) and then go up and down