

Certificate photo for top score in each category of entry (by BC district, S/P/DX):
Spring flowers at Queen Elizabeth Park, in Vancouver, BC

British Columbia QSO Party 2026



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*BCQP 2026 is dedicated to
Les Corris VA7RN (SK). An
enthusiastic participant for
many, many years, Les was
undoubtedly cheering us on
from above. He is missed but
most definitely not forgotten.*

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Behind the Scenes

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Behind the Scenes is a deep-dive into BCQP based on my perspective as contest manager and sounding board for comments and as an active participant at sponsor station VA7ODX. My goal is to offer a whole-picture view of the party, particularly activity and results, in the context of CONDX and recurring challenges so that participants can better understand and evaluate their own results. I know for myself that I am often disappointed in a score or components thereof in any given contest if I fail to reach even conservative targets. But when I hear that other participants found CONDX very challenging and they, too, didn’t achieve the targets they hoped for, my gloomy outlook brightens considerably. Indeed, a disappointing score in my eyes may actually be rather commendable in my category in BC or even in Canada overall. The moral of the story is, don’t give up just because the going gets tough.

While comments gleaned from 3830 and chats with regular participants as well as what transpired at VA7ODX, I get a pretty good idea of how each running of BCQP plays out. But I decided to go beyond these sources of input for this year’s Behind the Scenes and asked a diverse group of participants—Ys, OMs, in-province, outside-BC, repeat participants and first-timers, experienced testers and not-so-experienced operators, single-mode and two-mode operators, single-op and multi-op—to give me their thoughts.

The Q&A starts on page 3.

Saturday



Sunday



CONDX and VE7/VA7s on the air

CONDX is what it is on the day and at the time BCQP participants get on the air. YL power does give me a certain advantage on the air, but transforming less-than-desirable CONDX into wonderful propagation and minimal auroral creep is beyond my YL powers.

A recurring comment is a perceived lack of BC stations to work. I say perceived because there are many BC stations on the air at various times throughout the two segments: A core group of VE7/VA7s calling CQ and keeping the BCQP profile high on CW and PH, and a group of casual operators who spend a few hours calling CQ or doing S&P, take a break and then get on the air again. But that perception of “Where are the BC stations?” persists. I provided a very thorough analysis of possible reasons for this a few reports ago. My thinking hasn’t changed. In fact, it’s only been reinforced by personal experience. (Reference: BCQP 2022 report, pages 3-4)

CONDX and a perceived lack of stations to work happens to be on my mind right now because of what I experienced in WPX SSB, which took place March 28–29. WPX is an anyone-anywhere kind of contest, providing QSO opportunities to participants similar to what BCQP offers to in-province operators. As I persevered amid high noise levels that slowed the execution of QSOs and exacerbated the impact of QRM, I remembered the sandstorm of noise during BCQP and weird CONDX, from terrific to unworkably awful, that slowed my run rate. And I remember thinking, Where are all the JA stations? Why don’t I hear any EU stations? I don’t even hear one-sided QSOs. You know, the kind that indicate someone is talking to someone somewhere but you can’t tell who the other someone is.

That said, I could hear and be heard by stations all through the US and Canada. Occasionally, I attracted the attention of real DX but not as much as usual. Why do I mention this? Because even when CONDX is awful and you think “What’s the point?,” there are QSOs to be made. Personally, I think antenna direction may be just as important as good propagation. But that’s another topic for another day. I will say, though, that there were a dozen or so JA stations very keen to work BC stations in BCQP 2026 and the operators were disappointed that they weren’t heard. CONDX-

related? Or weren't the many CQing BC stations listening westward?

Some BCQP participants complain that they come across the same stations on every band. So? What's wrong with that? In WPX, I worked many stations on three, four and even five bands. Some BCQP participants complain that they don't have any new stations to work on Sunday because they worked them all on Saturday. Same holds true for WPX. What I'm getting at is, whether the contest is NA-centric or international, a two-day event will be attended by stations who maintain an uninterrupted presence across all bands (and modes, in two-mode events) on both days, so S&P operators will inevitably encounter those same stations on both days. And there will also always be operators whose availability is limited to certain hours on one or both days and operators who are only on the air one of the two days. Catching these casual operators is a matter of luck and timing and probably somewhat dependent upon CONDX, band openings and mode as well.



At VA7ODX

As sponsor station, VA7ODX strives to maintain a solid presence throughout the two segments of BCQP on both modes, and results generally mirror the two-mode efforts of other stations where operators work the whole 20 hours. Yes, we logged a lot of dupes on Sunday, as did many other full-time BC stations. Thankfully, logging software and log-checking software deal with dupes very well. It's just a pet peeve, but I don't like knowingly putting a dupe into my log, but there's always the chance that the duped station miscopied my callsign the first time, so for the other station's log, the dupe is actually a good QSO and the first one will be highlighted by log-checking software as a busted callsign. So, yeah, it's a good idea to work the dupes.

In 2026, Sunday CONDX was better than Saturday, but there were good moments and bad moments on both days. In 2025, 10m was the money band. In 2026, it was 20m, followed closely by 15m.

Another difference was backscatter. It was uncharacteristically easy to work BC stations on the high bands, as backscatter offset the challenges many Vancouver Island stations have

in hearing and being heard by stations in the Metro Vancouver area. Stations just south of the border were also able to maximize backscatter opportunities within the typical skip zone and put more BC districts into their logs.

We used a new district list for BC in 2026. I thought the change might prove problematic. But only a few logs showed the previous districts of regular BCQP participants. Maybe the operators relied on an old database instead of listening to what the BC stations said/sent. Not sure how or why the updated logging programs allowed operators to enter incorrect district abbreviations. Overall, though, not a widespread issue. Well done everyone!

The low-band rally was well-attended. Operators are getting to know that the rally is a fantastic opportunity to catch BC stations that might otherwise be missed. And everyone seems to be listening more intently for weaker signals

Q&A

Questions that garnered the most feedback were about extended hours and getting more BC stations on the air for longer periods of time, so let me delve into these issues first.



Extended hours

A suggestion I get now and then is to extend hours on Saturday night. To take advantage of potential activity on the low bands? To have more flexibility in when to get on the air if only spending a couple of hours here and there?



I asked my sample group if they like the current hours or would prefer the first segment go an hour longer. The majority of respondents, particularly those in BC who spend a lot of time calling "CQ BCQP," said that ending at 8pm local time was just right. They're ready to turn off the radio and relax, and get a good night's sleep ahead of eight more hours at the radio on Sunday. The low-band rally in the last hour of the Saturday segment was seen as a great way to close out the evening. For the really active participants, run rates start to slow by 8pm. Meanwhile, operators who spend a few hours on

the air, take a break, come back for a few hours, take a break, do some CQing, a little S&P for mults, take a break... repeat, these operators are more likely to want the Saturday segment end time to be extended for a few hours. Quite possibly, they missed the rally and/or activity on 40m, 80m and 160m earlier in the evening and figure they can make up for lost low-band opportunities. My suggestion? Try Sunday morning.

But would an extra hour on Saturday evening actually generate a level of activity that makes calling CQ worthwhile?

A very perceptive member of my sample group noted that 8pm in BC (Pacific) is 9pm in Alberta (Mountain), 10pm in Saskatchewan and Manitoba (Central), 11pm in Ontario (Eastern), and already midnight in the Maritimes (Atlantic). Across the US, as well, it would probably be only stations in Alaska, call areas 6 and 7 and perhaps the western edge of call areas 0 and 5 that might still be hunting for BC stations. Everyone else has, to quote the wise one, "hit the hay."

Other QSO parties may continue until 10pm their local time, but they have a lot of land westward where it is much earlier and operators are still wide awake. Another thing to consider is that BCQP is not ARRL, WW or WPX where hundreds of stations around the world are working around the clock. Staying open for another hour on Saturday night requires not only operators hunting for BC stations but also a significant number of BC stations calling CQ.

I think the only reason for QSO party enthusiasts outside BC to stay up late would be the chance for QSOs with BC stations that they didn't work earlier in the evening. By and large, everyone has worked everyone on the low bands by 8pm, thanks to the rally. We'd need a much deeper pool of CQing VE7/VA7s on the air, consistently, every year, for extended hours to be warranted. For anyone who really wants to see the Saturday segment go on for an extra hour, tell your friends about BCQP, encourage them to get on the air in 2027, put in a solid presence and submit a log. A sustained increase in full-time activity along with lots of new callsigns in the mix would make extended hours a real possibility instead of wishful thinking.

As an aside, even in the international contests,

the evening hours are slower than during the daytime, and I, personally, have better ways to spend my time—like sleeping—if the run rate slows to one Q every 15 minutes.

Specific to BC stations...

Q1: How did you build your log? S&P? CQing? Both?

Response from operators who spent a lot of time at the radio: "Focused on CQing but used band or mode change as opportunity to hunt for multipliers before deciding on run frequency."

Response from more casual operators: "Stuck to S&P."

🤔 S&P limits the size of a log. BC stations will only find other CQing BC stations and the occasional brave outside-BC station calling "CQ ONLY BC". That pool of contactable stations is shallow. Calling CQ will attract stations and help build a bigger log.

Q2: Did you use spotting networks or tune through the bands to find CQing BC stations?

Most common response: "Typically, both, because some BC stations don't get spotted or lose their spot."

🤔 Self-spotting is not permitted in BCQP. Two key reasons:

- 1) Self-spotting is most useful in parties with mobile/rover entries as a way to alert participants that the mobile/rover has moved to a new county. Early-February weather and province size are not conducive or particularly safe for mobiling during BCQP. No mobiles, no need for self-spotting.
- 2) Spotting certainly draws attention to a station, but loud stations are already heard and spotted anyway, and weak stations, which would surely benefit from the attention, typically aren't heard well enough to complete the exchange. The callsign may be known from a spot, but the exchange is lost in the noise.

👍 Solution: If you work a station, big or small, loud or weak, and the QSO was efficiently executed, SPOT THE STATION and put a smile on the CQing operator's face.

Q3: Do you think there were more BC stations on the air this year?

Most common responses: “Felt like the same amount of stations were on the air.” “Good mix of core stations and casual operators.” “Several new callsigns in the mix.” “Seemed like more stations spent more time in BCQP this year.”

Q4: Did the Saturday rally bring a boost of activity?

Overwhelming response: “Definitely.”

Q5: If you were mixed mode or CW-only, were you able to deal with NA Sprint CW activity, that is, hold a run frequency? Or did you shift to PH or just call it a night?

Comments: “Overlap with NA Sprint CW requires high skill level and strategy for exchanging info. Not easy.” “Moved up the band to get away from Sprint mayhem.” “Shifted focus to PH but took advantage of the rally to work stations on CW.” “Still working on method to maintain focus on BCQP while dealing with requests for Sprint exchange.”

Specific to Teams...

Q6: Teams of more than two people tend to comprise a core group of veteran operators and several interested-but-not-so-sure operators who are guided by those with more contesting experience. Has the teaching opportunity enabled inexperienced operators to gain confidence?

Common response: Yes.

Q7: Are members of the team more likely to participate in other contests, like RAC Canada Day or a cut-throat weekend marathon, like WPX or WW, because of the experience gained in BCQP?

Common responses: “Some people catch the contesting bug.” “BCQP is a good gateway to

HF and contesting and an opportunity to become familiar with logging software.”

Q8: Aside from the teaching opportunity, what prompts the experienced guys to participate in BCQP every year? Awards? Chance to test out equipment before major contest season starts? Support for a home-grown event?

Common responses: “Good run rate.” “Great to be in the spotlight.” “Awards are a perk.” “Support for home-grown event.” “Test out equipment ahead of major contest season.”

Specific to Outside BC stations...

Q9: Did you try calling “CQ BCQP.” If yes, were you successful? Did the BC stations know the exchange? If not, what did you do?

Notable comments: “Tried calling CQ BCQP (or “CQ only BC”) and picked up VE7/VA7s that were only doing S&P as well as accidental participants who didn’t have a clue what BCQP was or what the exchange was or even what federal electoral district they were in. Helped them figure out district. Seemed like a good mult. But might have been incorrect.” “Other stations outside BC responded to my CQ BCQP. Logged the Q anyway, even though it didn’t count for points.”



Use of voter information service on elections.ca website will help identify district if BC operator provides postal code or closest city/town. Do this **during** the QSO not after, and do not rely on QRZ for lookup data because 1) sometimes operators are not operating from the QTH shown on QRZ; 2) sometimes there is no address listed; and 3) if the callsign is busted, the later-sourced district will obviously be incorrect.



Q10: Did you find the Saturday night rally a good chance to pick up some stations that might have been missed otherwise?

Notable comments: “Huh? What rally?” “Yes. Picked up a lot of BC stations and some new mults.”

Promotional materials from me are really only like leading the proverbial horse to water. It's up to the horse to take a drink. I'd love to see local clubs pick up where I leave off and actively encourage members to participate in BCQP either individually or in teams. Maybe run an in-club competition? For clubs that have a radio room, open it up during BCQP, and get experienced operators to coach people unfamiliar with contesting and logging programs. VE7SCC and VE7SAR are perfect examples of how clubs can help members develop contesting skills.

In addition, if friends get friends involved, participation will expand organically. And once first-timers realize how much fun BCQP can be, they'll be hooked. I realize that QTH, equipment including antenna type, and level of contesting experience influence the degree of fun that each operator may experience. But stations near and far are actively searching for VE7/VA7s in BCQP. We are in demand, folks. And we're in the spotlight. How often does this happen?

BCQP 2026 scores 🙌

BCQP 2026 saw increased activity despite a drop in the number of logs submitted, and this fueled scores for stations where the operator(s) put in a full-time effort, and led to many record-breaking performances.

For a detailed breakdown of all scores for all submitted logs, please go to [BC Results](#) and [Outside BC Results](#) on the BCQP website.

Plaques 🌟🌟🌟

Many times, the results of a super-high-scoring station are good enough to capture several plaques, but the policy is one plaque per station, with priority given to geographically based categories.

In 2026, Team VE7UF qualified for top BC multi-op and top mixed mode overall and also found the most districts (30). Applying the Plaque Allocation Policy*, Team VE7UF gets the top multi-op plaque. This opens up the mixed mode and district plaques to other stations. Gary VA7RR qualified as top BC single-op, had the second-highest mixed mode score overall and also found the second-highest

Thanks to BCQP...

"I was an advanced level CW Academy student and made contact with a fellow student from my class during BCQP 2026. I also had a QSO with my instructor. The exciting news is that after I worked my instructor, he had enough to submit a nomination for me to become a CW OPs member! I am not likely to quickly forget BCQP. I am just waiting for the final paperwork to declare my membership and CW Ops #3880." — Denise VA7YE (CW-only)

number of districts contacted (28). In line with the plaque policy, Gary VA7RR keeps top BC (single-op) status for a third consecutive year, leaving the mixed mode and most districts plaques to other stations.

The mixed-mode plaque, renamed "Excellent Achievement: Mixed Mode," goes to VE7SCC. The most districts contacted plaque, renamed "Excellent Achievement: Districts Contacted," goes to Adrian VE7NZ with 27 districts.

Jim VE7ZO three-peated as Top CW.

Pam N5KW also three-peated as Top YL (US).

Jeanne VA7QD captured the Top YL plaque.

Dave KA6BIM achieved the highest US score.

Bob VE3CWU got the highest outside-BC score in Canada.

Aki JH2RMU expanded his Top DX collection.

Orca DXCC extended its reign as top club, based on 27 club member logs (excludes score by sponsor station VA7ODX).

A new plaque category—Young YL—was sponsored for 2026 to encourage young ladies in the truest sense of "young" to get on the air. Unfortunately, no young YLs qualified for a plaque, so sponsorship funds were redirected to a mixed mode plaque for a US station. Dave KA6BIM had the top mixed mode score but, as noted above, is getting the geographically based Top US plaque, opening the temporary plaque category to Eric N7EPD, who will receive a renamed Excellent Achievement: Mixed Mode (US) plaque.

Plaque Recipients in 2026

VE7UF (+VE7JH VE7MHI VE7MR) returned to **Top BC (multi-op)** status with a record-breaking score of 3,781,620.

Gary VA7RR three-peated as **Top BC (single-op)** with a score of 2,186,588.

VE7SCC (VA7DX VA7KHA VA7MHM VA7NR VE7BMW VE7KW) is awarded an **Excellent Achievement: Mixed Mode** plaque, with a score of 1,805,404.

Jeanne VA7QD captured the **Top YL** plaque with a score of 389,700.

Pam N5KW extended her reign as **Top YL (US)**, with a score of 11,332.

Dave KA6BIM earned the **Top US** plaque with a score of 55,552.

Bob VE3CWU receives the **Top Canada outside BC** plaque with a score of 20,426.

Jim VE7ZO maintained **Top CW** status, with a score of 1,405,452.

Aki JH2RMU continues to collect **top DX** plaques, with a score of 2,796.

Adrian VE7NZ found 27 districts and receives an **Excellent Achievement: Districts Contacted** plaque.

Orca DXCC keeps top club status with a massive aggregate score of 15,172, 834, based on 27 submitted logs. (Excludes results by sponsor station VA7ODX.)

Eric N7EPD is awarded an **Excellent Achievement: Mixed Mode (US)** plaque, with a score of 45,604.



Plaque photo: Spring flowers at Butchart Gardens, near Victoria, BC, on Vancouver Island.

* **Plaque Allocation Policy**

Under BCQP rules, only one plaque is awarded per station.

The BCQP Contest Committee believes that in the event a station qualifies in multiple plaque categories, including top score in BC, the US or other geographical location, the priority should be placed on the top score geographically, as applicable. Special plaques are awarded to stations with the next highest scores in the applicable sponsored plaque categories, which may be top scores in specific categories of entry and will be acknowledged as such.

Thank you to the following 2026 plaque sponsors:

Orca DXCC (Top BC – Single-Op)

Coquitlam Amateur Radio Emergency Services Society (Top BC – Multi-Op)

Kewpie Doll (Top YL)

Dick N7RO (Top US)

Cowichan Valley Amateur Radio Society (Top Canada outside BC)

Surrey Amateur Radio Club (Most Federal Electoral Districts Contacted)

Rebecca VA7BEC and Koji VA7KO (Top DX)

North Shore Amateur Radio Club (Top Mixed Mode)

Elizabeth VE7YL (Top CW)

Delta Amateur Radio Society (Top BC Club)

Don KK4E (Top YL (US))

Bob K4VBM (Top Mixed Mode (US))



Individuals:

VA7BEC & VA7KO

VE7YL

"Kewpie Doll"

KK4E

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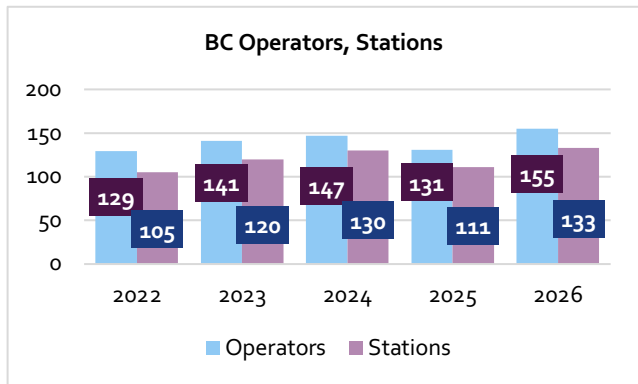
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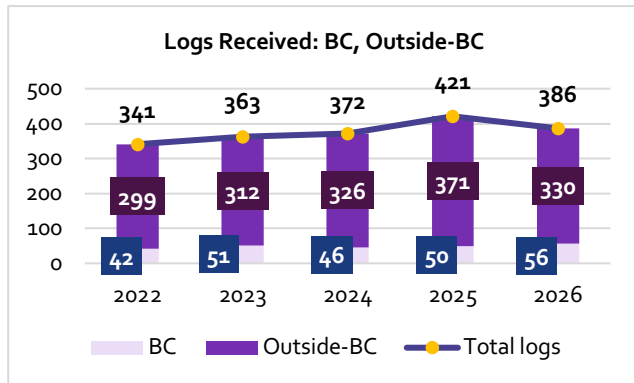
An analysis of log content can reveal trends that might otherwise be missed

BC Stations/Operators on the Air

Extrapolated from the content of submitted logs, the number of in-province stations on the air in 2026 reached 133, up 22 from a year ago. The number of BC operators involved in BCQP 2026, at single-op stations or in multi-op teams, jumped to 155, up 24 year on year. Of these 155 active operators, 127 were single-ops and 28 were in teams (multi-op stations). Note that some operators on teams participate as single-ops from a different QTH after their multi-op shift. These participants don't always submit a single-op log, but their callsigns show up submitted logs, so it's clear they were on the air with their own callsigns. They are only counted once in the station and operator counts.



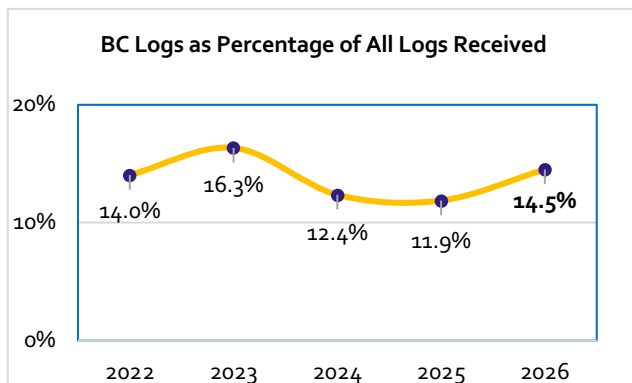
Logs Received



The number of logs received dropped to 386, from an all-time high of 421 a year ago, reflecting a significant decline in logs received from US stations—down 45, to 279. Small increases in the number of logs from stations in BC, up six, and the rest of Canada, up five, could not offset the big drop in logs received from the US.

Six logs were received from DX stations.

As always, the number of logs received from outside BC represented a huge percentage of the total—85.5%. However, the percentage was down from 88.1% in 2025, largely due to the decrease in the number of logs received from stations in the US.



Viewed from the BC perspective, logs received from BC stations represented 14.5% of all logs received, up from 11.9% a year ago. This reflects an increase in logs from BC stations and a decrease in logs from outside BC.

Despite the year-on-year increase in the BC-to-outside-BC ratio, the level remains low. This should not be interpreted as an indicator of low BC participation because many BC operators get

on the air for an hour or two every few hours when CONDX perks up but don't bother to send in a log. Did they not keep a log? Did they lose the scrap of paper? Did they procrastinate too long about turning the scrap of paper into a Cabrillo log? Was the log too small—from the operator's perspective—to warrant the steps involved to submit a log? Were these operators accidental participants who weren't even sure of the exchange let alone how to create a log and submit it through the log uploader page? Many possible reasons.

Submitted logs show 133 VE7/VA7 callsigns. Of these, 26 are unique. That is, they appear in only one submitted log. Are they accidental participants, who were just tuning through the bands, heard a station calling CQ BCQP and answered, but didn't go on to make any more contacts? Or casual participants who only had a couple of hours that unfortunately coincided with horrible CONDX, leading to one measly Q and not worth submitting a log for? Are the uniques actually busted callsigns of operators who didn't submit a log, so the log-checking software has no reciprocal data to use to flag the QSOs with a busted callsign tag? Again, many possible reasons and no definitive answers.

Districts Activated

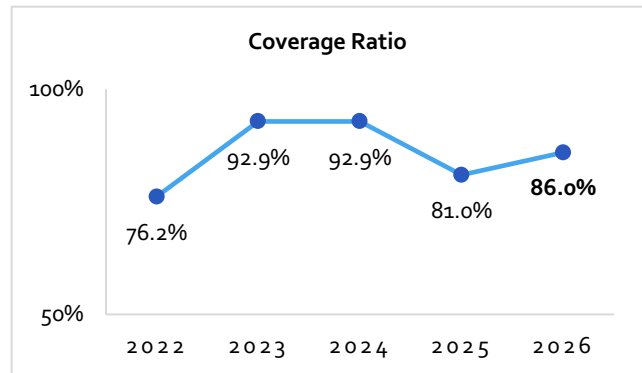
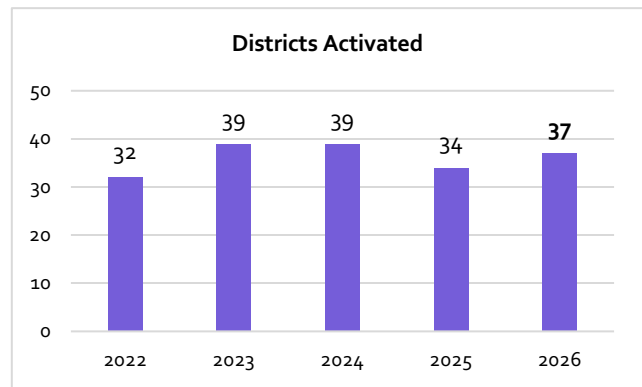
The number of activated federal electoral districts—the multipliers in BCQP since the province does not have the typical QSO party county exchange—rebounded, up three to 37, for a coverage ratio of about 86%.

The most-activated districts, that is, districts represented by two or more stations with a pervasive, multi-hour presence, were BNS, CHP, COA, CPC, CPG, DEL, NAL, NPR, SGI and SWR.

A new multiplier list went into effect in 2026, because the federal electoral map was redrawn to reflect changing population numbers in Canada. BC saw a net increase of one district, to 43, of which 27 retained their old names and 16 were new or slightly revised. Very few logs showed busted district abbreviations. But any that did lost multipliers.

A look at log content shows that in-province stations and outside-BC stations found many of the same districts, but not all, which underscores the impact of location and a little bit of luck in catching the attention of two-mode stations when they switch modes, part-time participants in rarely-activated districts, and accidental participants.

A caution, however, regarding accidental participants that bears repeating: Accidental participants are typically unfamiliar with AND unprepared to provide the required BCQP exchange—🙄🙄—and may give a place name, a provincial electoral district or make up a district when prompted for the BCQP exchange.



Districts activated in 2026: 37 out of 43 (86.0%)

ASL BNS CHP CKS CLC CML COA CPC CPG DEL ESQ KSC
KTN LTF MMA NAL NBM NPR OSK PMC PMM PPN RCM
RES SBV SGI SSW SUC SUN SWR VAC VAG VAQ VIC
VLM VSB WVS

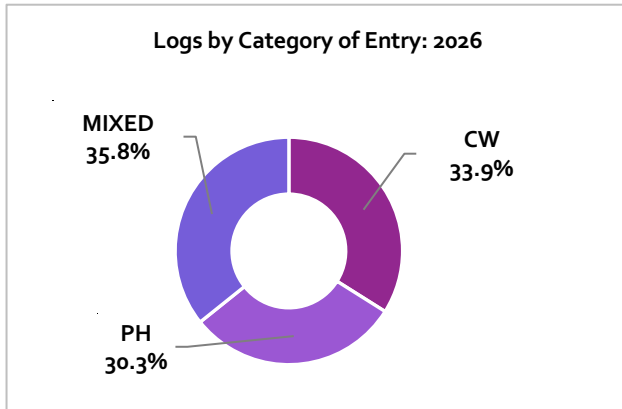
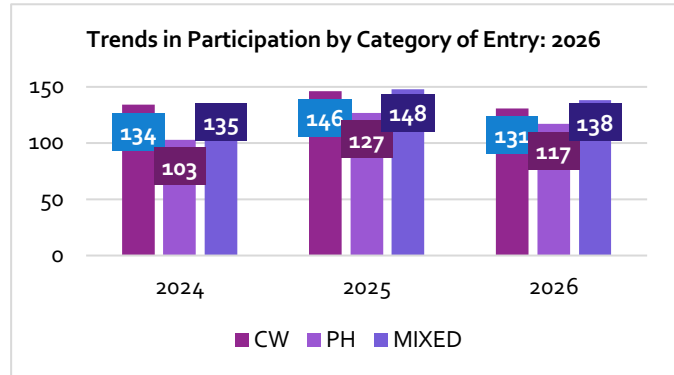
Districts activated in 2025: 34 out of 42 (80.9%)

ABF BNS BUS CHP CLC CML COA CPC CPG CSN DEL ESQ
KEL KOC KTC LAA NAL NOS NPR NVA PMM PPN RIC
SBV SGI STR SUN SWK SWR VAC VAG VAQ VIC WVS

Note: The above list of activated districts excludes invalid (miscopied or no longer used) three-letter designators.

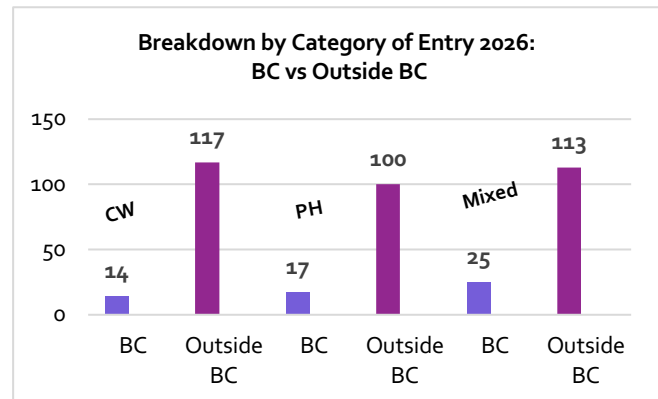
Breakdown of Logs by Category of Entry

By category of entry, 127 logs were CW-only, 112 logs were PH-only and 138 logs were mixed mode. Nine logs were checklogs, either requested as such by the submitting operator or relegated to checklog status due to logging errors. Checklogs are included in the breakdown of logs by category of entry.



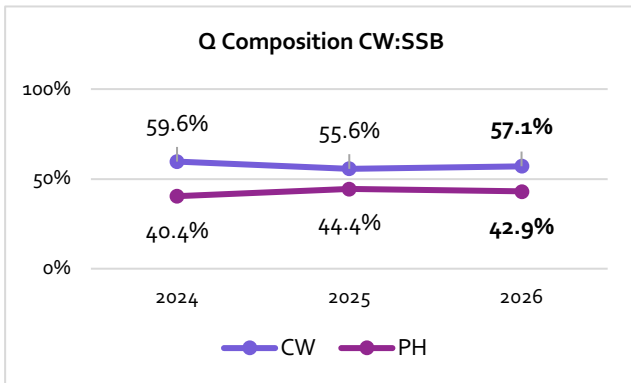
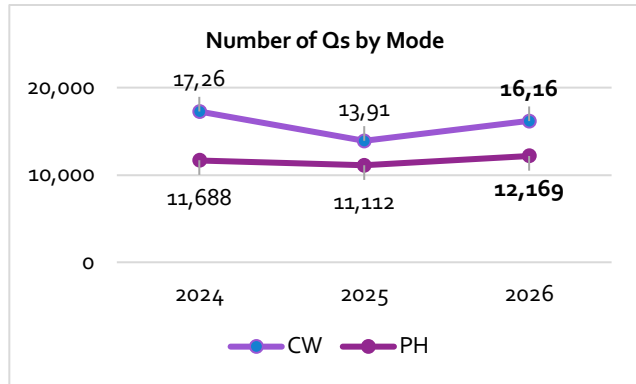
Breaking down logs received in 2026 by category of entry, CW-only logs accounted for 33.9% of all logs received, down from 34.7% in 2025. PH-only logs were nearly at a par, at 30.3%, compared with 30.2% in 2025. The only category of entry to see an improvement, albeit only a minor increase, was mixed mode, which comprised 35.8% of all logs received, up from 35.2% in 2025.

The above percentages are based on all logs received. Looking at BC stations only, mixed mode remained the preferred category of entry, with 25 out of the 56 logs received from VE7/VA7s being mixed mode and representing 44.6% of all BC logs received.



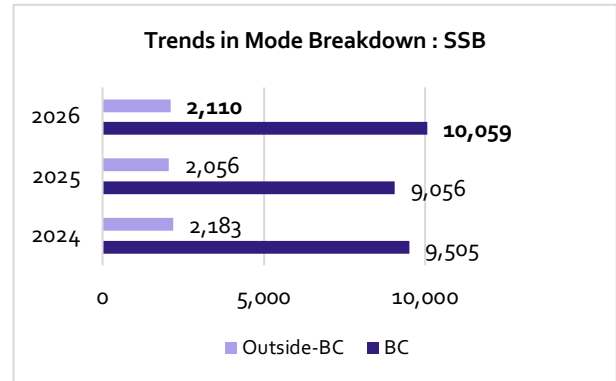
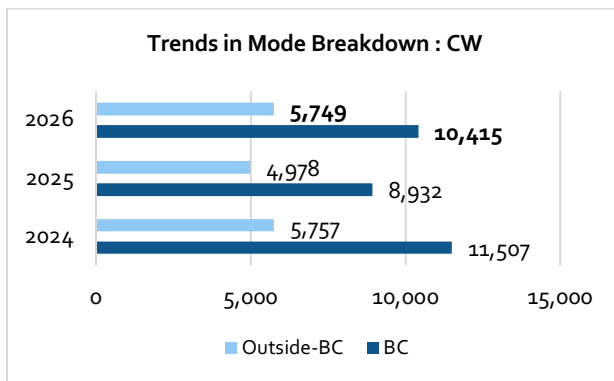
Number of Qs by Mode, Ratio Perspective

On a number basis, a breakdown of valid QSOs by mode, based on data in logs received, shows a significant year-on-year increase for CW, jumping to 16,164, from 13,910 in 2025, mainly due to steady activity on Sunday. The PH Q count rose but not as markedly, to 12,169, from 11,112 in 2025.



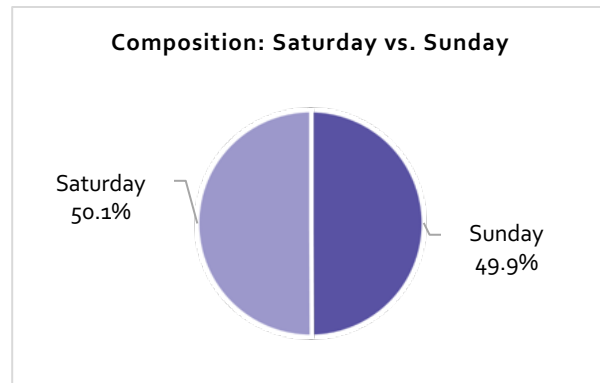
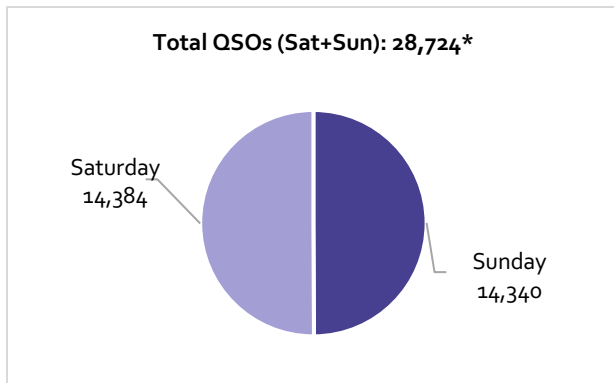
From a composition perspective, ratios flip-flopped again, with the CW ratio (number of CW QSOs as a percentage of all valid QSOs in all submitted logs) rebounding by the same amount that the PH ratio (number of SSB QSOs as a percentage of all Qs in submitted logs) retreated. The CW ratio bounced up 1.5 percentage points, to 57.1%, while the PH ratio tipped downward by the same amount, to 42.9%.

Overall Breakdown of Qs by Mode: BC vs. Outside BC



Saturday vs. Sunday Analysis*

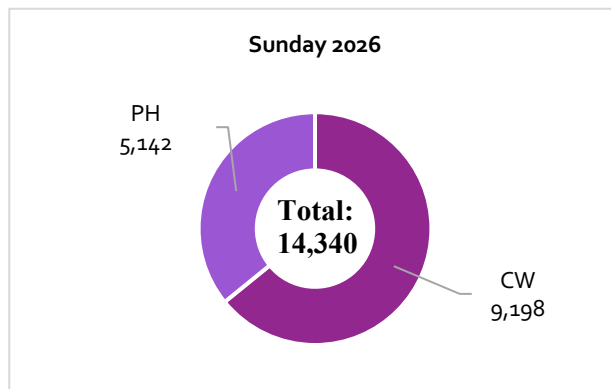
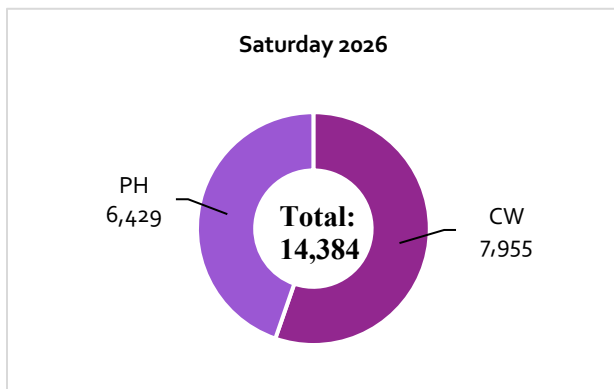
There are many ways to gauge activity: CW vs. SSB, inside BC vs. outside BC, Saturday vs. Sunday and combinations thereof. A caveat, of course, is that even if activity is relatively even on both days, Saturday is a longer operating block than Sunday—12 hours vs. eight hours—so Q counts would likely be higher on Saturday. But the gap tends to be rather small, and in fact, Sunday often sees higher average hourly activity.



Looking at total Qs and breakdowns by mode by day, in 2026, the total number of Qs in submitted logs came to 28,724, up 12.2% from 25,609 in 2025. Saturday vs. Sunday showed a near 50:50 split, compared with 52:48 in 2025. Of the 2026 tally, 14,384 Qs were logged on Saturday and 14,340 Qs were logged on Sunday. In 2025, Sunday saw about 1,000 Qs less than Saturday. The near-even split between Saturday and Sunday results in 2026 indicates considerable activity on Sunday given that the segment is four hours shorter than the Saturday segment.

* The Saturday+Sunday analysis is based on all QSOs, including invalid QSOs and QSOs in checklogs.

Qs by Mode by Day: Overall



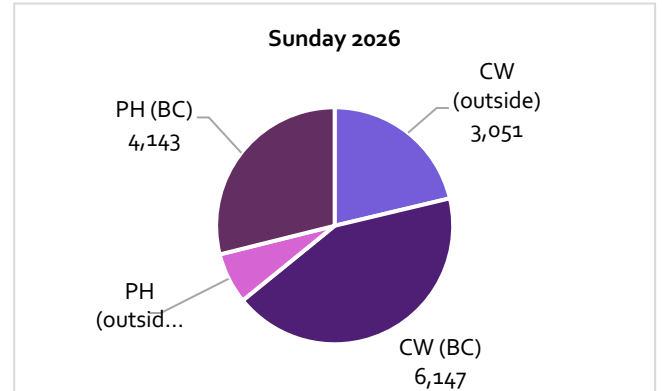
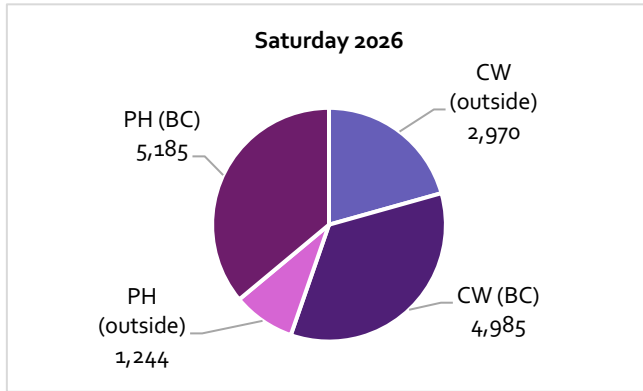
The **two-day CW total** was 17,153 Qs, with 7,955 on Saturday and 9,198 on Sunday. To compare, in 2025, the two-day CW total was 14,302 Qs, with 7,183 on Saturday and 7,119 on Sunday. Usually, activity is split fairly evenly between Saturday and Sunday despite the difference in segment duration. But in 2026, CW activity on Sunday was much higher than on Saturday —1,243 Qs more.

As percentages, Saturday CW Qs represented 55.4% of all Saturday Qs, and Sunday CW Qs represented 64.1% of all Sunday Qs, up from 53.6% and 58.3%, respectively, in 2025.

The **two-day PH total** was 11,571 Qs, with 6,429 on Saturday and 5,142 on Sunday. To compare, the two-day PH total in 2025 was 11,307 Qs, with 6,221 on Saturday and 5,086 on Sunday. Similar year on year, but slightly higher in 2026.

As percentages, Saturday PH Qs represented 44.7% of all Saturday Qs, and Sunday SSB Qs represented 35.9% of all Sunday Qs, revealing an increase in Saturday PH activity and a drop in Sunday PH activity.

Qs by Mode by Day: BC vs. Outside BC



Comparing CW QSOs logged on Saturday, 4,985 Qs were in BC logs and 2,970 Qs were in outside-BC logs. Of the Sunday amount, 6,147 Qs were in BC logs and 3,051 Qs were in outside-BC logs.

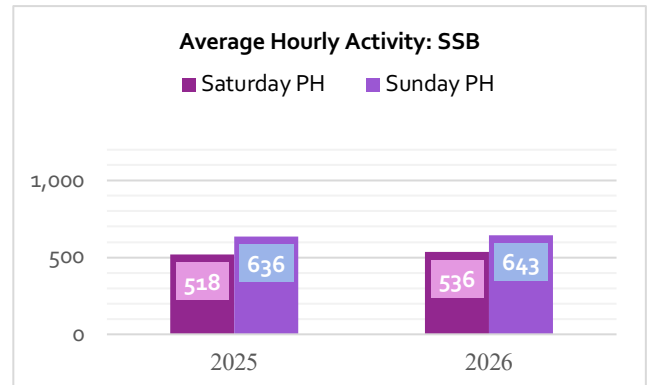
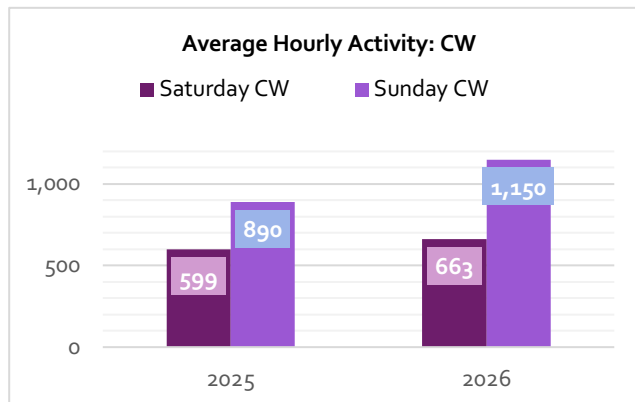
Looking at PH QSOs executed on Saturday, 5,185 Qs were in BC logs and 1,244 Qs were in outside-BC logs. Of the Sunday amount, 4,143 Qs were in BC logs and 999 Qs were in outside-BC logs.

The takeaway from this data is that both Saturday and Sunday were well-attended, but in 2026, Saturday saw more PH activity and Sunday saw way more CW activity. CW was again the more popular mode overall.

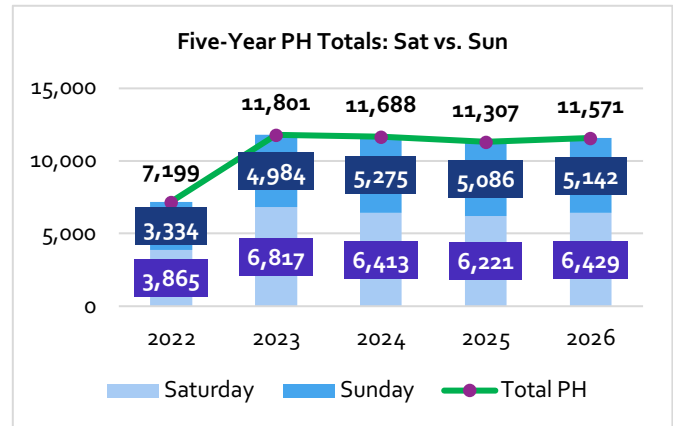
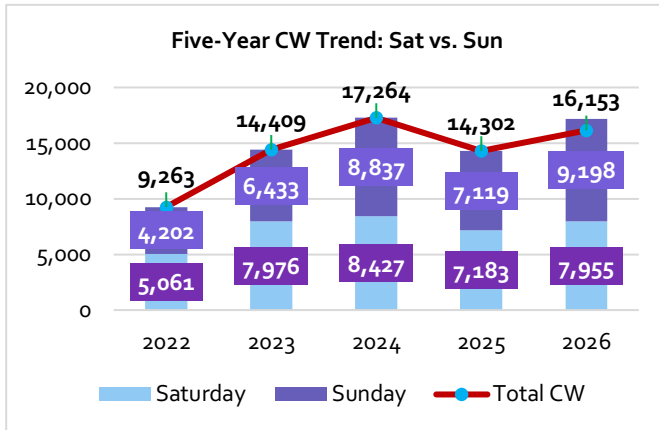
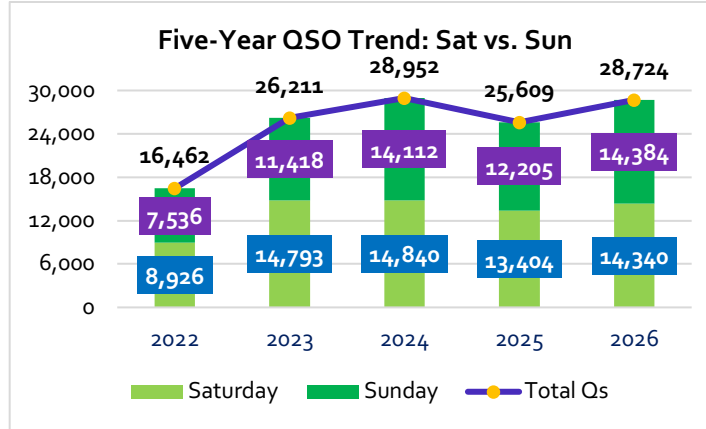
Average Hourly Activity

Average hourly activity is the average number of BCQP-related QSOs per hour, based on all QSOs in submitted logs. This includes QSOs flagged by the log-checking software as busted callsigns or not in log (NIL). Sundays tend to be more productive on both modes. The average was, of course, fueled by a very dedicated group of BC operators and the outside-BC operators who were keen to find them.

Also, as shown in the graphs, average hourly CW activity was great, with a satisfying increase on Saturday and a huge improvement on Sunday. PH activity remained at a year-on-year par.



Five-Year Trends



🌸 BCQP 2026 Trivia: Number of YLs on the air is increasing. Party attended by 10 US YLs and seven BC YLs in 2026. 🌸

***For a full breakdown of BC scores in 2026, please go to BC Results on the BCQP website.**

CERTIFICATE/PLAQUE RECIPIENTS (BC)

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🌸: YL

Eligibility requirement: At least 10 valid QSOs

Call	Category	District	CW	PH	Mults	Base Score	Bonus	Total Score	Club
<i>VE7UF</i>	MOHP MIXED	NPR	903	1,938	505	3,781,440	180	3,781,620	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7SCC</i>	MOHP MIXED	CPC	720	669	428	1,805,304	100	1,805,404	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7SAR</i>	MOHP MIXED	SUN	471	518	281	820,520	80	820,600	
<i>VE7MGU</i>	MOLP MIXED	BNS	77	28	77	28,028	20	28,048	NSARC
<i>VE7DB</i>	MOLP MIXED	SWR	21	22	31	3,968	20	3,988	White Rock Amateur Radio Club
<i>VE7TK</i>	SO QRP MIXED	SGI	2	29	28	1,848		1,848	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7TBN</i>	SO QRP PH	WVS		36	35	2,520	40	2,560	
<i>VE7ZO</i>	SOHP CW	COA	1,137		309	1,405,332	120	1,405,452	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VA7GI</i>	SOHP CW	VAQ	586		200	468,800	80	468,880	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VA7MM</i>	SOHP CW	CPC	462		211	389,928	120	390,048	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7WO</i>	SOHP CW	DEL	389		166	258,296	60	258,356	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7XF</i>	SOHP CW	NPR	300		160	192,000	120	192,120	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7ACN</i>	SOHP CW	CHP	221		118	104,312	40	104,352	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7IO</i>	SOHP CW	SWR	202		54	43,632		43,632	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VA7RR</i>	SOHP MIXED	CPC	672	1,012	464	2,186,368	220	2,186,588	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7NZ</i>	SOHP MIXED	CPC	549	870	422	1,660,992	200	1,661,192	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7BC</i>	SOHP MIXED	CPG	346	891	365	1,155,590	100	1,155,690	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7VR</i>	SOHP MIXED	VSB	135	8	102	56,712	60	56,772	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7RK</i>	SOHP MIXED	CKS	166	2	84	56,112	20	56,132	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VE7LR</i>	SOHP MIXED	RCM	37	27	61	12,322	80	12,402	Orca DX and Contest Club
<i>VA7QD</i> 🌸	SOHP PH	SWR		1,146	170	389,640	60	389,700	Orca DX and Contest Club



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VE7AHT	SOLP CW	DEL	540		172	371,520	40	371,560	
VA7ST	SOLP CW	VLM	425		173	294,100	60	294,160	Orca DX and Contest Club
VE7SL	SOLP CW	SGI	206		103	84,872	20	84,892	
VA7YE 🌸	SOLP CW	CKS	27		17	1,836		1,836	
VE7AX	SOLP MIXED	COA	164	93	159	133,878	40	133,918	Orca DX and Contest Club
VA7EU	SOLP MIXED	BNS	189	12	124	96,720	60	96,780	
VE7CV	SOLP MIXED	KTN	69	115	146	73,876	140	74,016	Orca DX and Contest Club
VE7BGP	SOLP MIXED	NAL	113	55	124	69,688	40	69,728	NARA
VE7CCY	SOLP MIXED	LTF	128	26	96	54,144	100	54,244	
VE7PAE	SOLP MIXED	KSC	82	22	72	26,784	60	26,844	
VE7UBA	SOLP MIXED	VIC	17	29	42	5,292	60	5,352	Island HF Radio Association
VA7AV	SOLP MIXED	KSC	12	12	25	1,800	40	1,840	Kamloops Amateur Radio Club
VA7YJJ	SOLP PH	CML		171	80	27,360	40	27,400	Island HF Radio Association
VA7CTG 🌸	SOLP PH	COA		76	44	6,688	20	6,708	Comox Valley Amateur Radio Club
VE7AFA	SOLP PH	CHP		57	45	5,130		5,130	Chilliwack ARC (VE7AFA)
VA7LTO	SOLP PH	VIC		53	33	3,498		3,498	Island HF Radio Association
VA7KBM	SOLP PH	VAG		45	36	3,240	20	3,260	Orca DX and Contest Club
VA7RYL	SOLP PH	CPG		42	36	3,024	20	3,044	
VA7CPL	SOLP PH	LTF		35	27	1,890	20	1,910	
VE7CUP	SOLP PH	SBV		16	14	448	20	468	
VE7KX	SOLP PH	PMM		13	10	260		260	

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CERTIFICATE/PLAQUE RECIPIENTS (OUTSIDE BC)

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Eligibility requirement: At least 10 valid QSOs

Call	Category	S/P/DX	CW	PH	Mults	Base Score	Bonus	Total Score	Club
N1SOH	MOHP MIXED	MA	32	16	37	5,920	80	6,000	Yankee Clipper Contest Club
W1NVT	MOHP MIXED	VT	1	14	13	416	20	436	Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont
K8BF	MOLP MIXED	OH	33	20	38	6,536	80	6,616	Portage County Amateur Radio Service
VE3RHQ	MOLP MIXED	ON	37	6	29	4,640	20	4,660	
N18W	SO QRP CW	OH	32		24	3,072	40	3,112	NAQCC
VE3SIF	SO QRP CW	ON	22		17	1,496	40	1,536	
K6RM	SO QRP CW	NC	24		15	1,440	40	1,480	Potomac Valley Radio Club
JQ1NGT	SO QRP CW	JA	19		16	1,216	40	1,256	
NO2D	SO QRP CW	CO	18		16	1,152	20	1,172	Colorado QRP Club
VE9BEL	SO QRP CW	NB	19		12	912	40	952	
NN3E	SO QRP CW	MD	10		10	400	20	420	NAQCC
WQ6X	SO QRP MIXED	CA	36	9	34	5,508	60	5,568	San Diego Contest Club
ND0C	SO QRP MIXED	MN	22	19	35	4,410	60	4,470	Minnesota Wireless Assn
W7LG	SO QRP MIXED	PA	22	7	20	2,040	60	2,100	
VE3DN	SO QRP MIXED	ON	19	1	17	1,326	20	1,346	Contest Club Ontario
K2YG	SO QRP MIXED	NJ	15	2	14	896	20	916	New Providence ARC
VE3CT	SOHP CW	ON	68		44	11,968	80	12,048	Contest Club Ontario
K4NMR	SOHP CW	FL	65		43	11,180	80	11,260	Florida Contest Group
KN6UDK	SOHP CW	CA	51		34	6,936	40	6,976	
N1CGP	SOHP CW	ME	52		33	6,864	60	6,924	

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AF5J	SOHP CW	TX	44		29	5,104	60	5,164	Texas DX Society
NA4J	SOHP CW	NC	44		28	4,928	40	4,968	Potomac Valley Radio Club
K3TN	SOHP CW	MD	44		27	4,752	60	4,812	Potomac Valley Radio Club
WB2PJH	SOHP CW	NJ	33		25	3,300	40	3,340	Frankford Radio Club
K9QC	SOHP CW	WI	28		24	2,688	40	2,728	Minnesota Wireless Assn
AA4DD	SOHP CW	TN	27		22	2,376	20	2,396	Bristol (TN) ARC
N5EP	SOHP CW	IL	27		22	2,376	20	2,396	
K4RUM	SOHP CW	NY	22		14	1,232	20	1,252	Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers
AA0FO	SOHP CW	KS	14		14	784	20	804	Kansas City Contest Club
OM2VL	SOHP CW	SK	13		12	624	20	644	Slovak Contest Group
KA6BIM	SOHP MIXED	OR	96	62	109	55,372	180	55,552	Willamette Valley Dx Club
N7EPD	SOHP MIXED	WA	90	47	100	45,400	240	45,640	Western Washington DX Club
W1TC	SOHP MIXED	MA	88	38	83	35,524	120	35,644	Yankee Clipper Contest Club
NE8P	SOHP MIXED	FL	82	37	80	32,160	140	32,300	Florida Contest Group
K0TRL	SOHP MIXED	KS	55	26	58	15,776	80	15,856	Kansas City Contest Club
AA3R	SOHP MIXED	DE	58	17	53	14,098	120	14,218	Frankford Radio Club
WA2JQK	SOHP MIXED	NY	49	24	54	13,176	120	13,296	Hudson Valley Contesters And DXers
K5CM	SOHP MIXED	OK	55	11	50	12,100	100	12,200	
N5KW 🌸	SOHP MIXED	OK	53	11	48	11,232	100	11,332	
VE3TW	SOHP MIXED	ON	52	5	40	8,720	60	8,780	Contest Club Ontario
W6IA	SOHP MIXED	CA	39	7	34	5,780	60	5,840	Northern California Contest Club
K4BAI	SOHP MIXED	GA	34	8	30	4,560	40	4,600	South East Contest Club
WB5SKM	SOHP MIXED	MS	28	14	31	4,340	80	4,420	599 DX Association
NS4X	SOHP MIXED	TN	30	7	31	4,154	40	4,194	Tennessee Contest Group
VE2GT	SOHP MIXED	QC	29	7	25	3,250	100	3,350	Florida Contest Group

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JH2RMU	SOHP MIXED	JA	26	5	24	2,736	60	2,796	
W0MB	SOHP MIXED	MO	19	5	20	1,720	40	1,760	Kansas City Contest Club
WA8KAN	SOHP MIXED	WV	13	12	21	1,596	20	1,616	
VE5CPU	SOHP MIXED	SK	13	9	19	1,330	60	1,390	Saskatchewan Contest Club
WB4HRL	SOHP MIXED	SC	18	1	17	1,258	20	1,278	Swamp Fox Contest Group
K1JB	SOHP MIXED	ME	14	6	18	1,224	40	1,264	Yankee Clipper Contest Club
N3KN 🌸	SOHP MIXED	VA	15	7	16	1,184	60	1,244	Potomac Valley Radio Club
VE4VT	SOHP MIXED	MB	12	3	14	756	20	776	RadioSport Manitoba
K2SD	SOHP MIXED	NC	10	8	13	728	20	748	Carolina DX Association
WB8WUA	SOHP MIXED	OH	8	3	11	418		418	Straight Key Century Club
VE6CA	SOHP PH	AB		28	19	1,064	20	1,084	Mabcom
KA9OZP	SOHP PH	IA		21	19	798	20	818	
KJ9B	SOHP PH	IN		20	15	600	40	640	Society of Midwest Contesters
NV4T	SOHP PH	SC		19	13	494	20	514	Swamp Fox Contest Group
VE3LRL	SOHP PH	ON		17	12	408	20	428	Contest Club Ontario
K5ZZR	SOHP PH	OK		10	9	180		180	
KO4PRE	SOHP PH	VA		10	8	160		160	Vienna Wireless Society
K9CW	SOLP CW	IL	72		48	13,824	60	13,884	Society of Midwest Contesters
VE3VN	SOLP CW	ON	66		46	12,144	80	12,224	Contest Club Ontario
K5QQ	SOLP CW	MO	64		44	11,264	80	11,344	Kansas City Contest Club
KD2KW	SOLP CW	TX	59		39	9,204	60	9,264	Lake Area Amateur Radio Klub
AD5VC	SOLP CW	LA	59		38	8,968	60	9,028	
K0RY	SOLP CW	CO	55		37	8,140	80	8,220	
W0PI	SOLP CW	MN	52		37	7,696	60	7,756	Minnesota Wireless Assn
KI6OY	SOLP CW	CA	52		34	7,072	60	7,132	
KC9OP	SOLP CW	IN	43		27	4,644	40	4,684	

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WB0CJB	SOLP CW	TN	38		24	3,648	60	3,708	
K3QP	SOLP CW	PA	37		24	3,552	60	3,612	Frankford Radio Club
W4SPR	SOLP CW	FL	34		24	3,264	40	3,304	
N8DNA	SOLP CW	OH	33		24	3,168	60	3,228	
W0UY	SOLP CW	KS	34		22	2,992	60	3,052	
K4FT	SOLP CW	SC	32		23	2,944	40	2,984	Swamp Fox Contest Group
W7ES	SOLP CW	AZ	26		21	2,184	40	2,224	Arizona Outlaws Contest Club
W8RU	SOLP CW	MI	25		22	2,200		2,200	Mad River Radio Club
W1QK	SOLP CW	CT	25		18	1,800	20	1,820	Candlewood ARA
K9OZ	SOLP CW	AR	23		18	1,656	20	1,676	Arkansas DX Assn
W7TMT	SOLP CW	WA	24		17	1,632	20	1,652	Western Washington DX Club
KN4ZXG	SOLP CW	VA	22		18	1,584	20	1,604	
KM4FO	SOLP CW	KY	23		17	1,564	20	1,584	Kentucky Contest Group
VE5VG	SOLP CW	SK	22		17	1,496	20	1,516	
N2EIM	SOLP CW	NJ	12		9	432	20	452	
N6MU	SOLP MIXED	CA	71	25	65	21,710	80	21,790	SCCC
VE3CWU	SOLP MIXED	ON	68	25	63	20,286	140	20,426	Contest Club Ontario
W4IX	SOLP MIXED	SC	61	22	63	18,144	80	18,224	Swamp Fox Contest Group
K2DFC	SOLP MIXED	NJ	58	31	59	17,346	100	17,446	Sussex County ARC
KK4E	SOLP MIXED	GA	59	20	51	14,076	120	14,196	North Fulton ARL
AC0W	SOLP MIXED	MN	51	19	52	12,584	100	12,684	Minnesota Wireless Assn
K1RO	SOLP MIXED	NH	54	17	50	12,500	100	12,600	Yankee Clipper Contest Club
VE9ML	SOLP MIXED	NB	61	8	46	11,960	120	12,080	
N8II	SOLP MIXED	WV	47	21	49	11,270	80	11,350	Potomac Valley Radio Club
WB9HFK	SOLP MIXED	IL	48	16	49	10,976	100	11,076	Society of Midwest Contesters
WA5SOG	SOLP MIXED	AR	44	19	46	9,844	100	9,944	Ft. Smith ARC

Call	Category	S/P/DX	CW	PH	Mults	Base Score	Bonus	Total Score	Club
VY1KX	SOLP MIXED	YT	44	12	42	8,400	80	8,480	Orca DX and Contest Club
K4VBM	SOLP MIXED	OK	41	17	39	7,722	120	7,842	
W8PI	SOLP MIXED	MI	35	15	40	6,800	80	6,880	
K0RJK	SOLP MIXED	CO	33	20	39	6,708	60	6,768	
KL7P	SOLP MIXED	AK	38	11	37	6,438	60	6,498	
WA8ZBT	SOLP MIXED	TX	41	5	32	5,568	60	5,628	DFW Contest Group
VA6RCN	SOLP MIXED	AB	33	13	32	5,056	100	5,156	Contest Club Ontario
W7MTL	SOLP MIXED	OR	30	8	29	3,944	60	4,004	
W3WHK	SOLP MIXED	PA	36	2	26	3,848	60	3,908	Frankford Radio Club
WI5D	SOLP MIXED	MO	27	11	28	3,640	80	3,720	
WW5L	SOLP MIXED	LA	20	15	31	3,410	80	3,490	
NR0P	SOLP MIXED	KS	22	11	28	3,080	40	3,120	
KD9QS	SOLP MIXED	MD	20	16	27	3,024	60	3,084	
VE4DL	SOLP MIXED	MB	22	9	28	2,968	40	3,008	RadioSport Manitoba
K4DR	SOLP MIXED	TN	25	8	23	2,668	40	2,708	Bristol (TN/VA) ARC
W4NBS	SOLP MIXED	AL	26	3	19	2,090	20	2,110	Alabama Contest Group
VE2VAB	SOLP MIXED	QC	20	2	19	1,596	20	1,616	Club De Radioamateur Outaouais
KW4EE	SOLP MIXED	NC	20	5	17	1,530	40	1,570	
JA6WFM	SOLP MIXED	JA	19	5	16	1,376	40	1,416	
W4LEW 🌸	SOLP MIXED	VA	16	4	19	1,368	40	1,408	Central Virginia Contest Club
N1CEO	SOLP MIXED	MA	12	1	13	650	20	670	
W2XL	SOLP MIXED	NY	8	2	10	360	20	380	Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers
AC7DD	SOLP MIXED	AZ	1	10	11	264	20	284	
NW5Q	SOLP PH	TX		42	32	2,688	60	2,748	DFW Contest Group
VE1CHL	SOLP PH	NS		34	25	1,700	60	1,760	
KC7H	SOLP PH	WA		34	23	1,564		1,564	

Call	Category	S/P/DX	CW	PH	Mults	Base Score	Bonus	Total Score	Club
N5JDT	SOLP PH	NM		26	18	936	60	996	
KC1QEM	SOLP PH	MA		24	18	864	60	924	Yankee Clipper Contest Club
K0ARF	SOLP PH	MN		20	15	600	40	640	Minnesota Wireless Assn
W9TCV	SOLP PH	FL		19	14	532	40	572	
VE3IDT	SOLP PH	ON		18	14	504	40	544	Contest Club Ontario
KC9DGP	SOLP PH	WI		17	14	476	40	516	
WA4LDU	SOLP PH	SC		17	13	442	40	482	Swamp Fox Contest Group
KD9GY	SOLP PH	IL		16	14	448	20	468	Society of Midwest Contesters
WD0BRP	SOLP PH	KS		16	13	416	20	436	
N7MZW	SOLP PH	WY		15	11	330	40	370	GMCC
KA1CMQ	SOLP PH	UT		13	12	312	20	332	
W0DCN	SOLP PH	IA		12	11	264	40	304	River Bend Wireless Club
CX6TU	SOLP PH	CX		13	10	260	40	300	
KN6VTC	SOLP PH	VT		14	10	280	20	300	KARO ECHO
KF0VES	SOLP PH	CO		11	11	242	40	282	
K3GWK	SOLP PH	GA		12	10	240	20	260	South East Contest Club
NC4FG	SOLP PH	NC		12	8	192	40	232	
AJ4LN	SOLP PH	VA		10	9	180	40	220	Sterling Park ARC
KD2REH	SOLP PH	NY		10	7	140	40	180	Larkfield
N2PTF	SOLP PH	NY		10	8	160	20	180	