

Contest Report April 2025

1. Past Contest Results

No results communicated to me.

2. Upcoming major contests in May

CQ WW WPX CW – 0000z May 24 to 2359z May 25

There are numerous small CW, FT8, FT4 and SSB events in May.

For details check the: WA7BNM Contest Calendar: 8-Day Calendar



The current time is: 23:04 UTC on Thursday, April 24, 2025

Current Solar Indices from WWV

24-Apr-2025 at 2110 UTC SFI = 170 A = 14 K = 2

Conditions during the last 24 hours

No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours.

Forecast for the next 24 hours

No space weather storms are predicted for the next 24 hours.

The Penticton Observatory SFI value on 24-Apr-2025 at 2000Z was:

170

Three Day SFI and A-index Forecast

(updated daily after 2200Z) This report issued on Apr 24, 2025 at 2200Z

| Date | SFI | A-index | |
|--------|-----|---------|--|
| 25 Apr | 170 | 12 | |
| 26 Apr | 170 | 8 | |
| 27 Apr | 170 | 15 | |

Solar Activity Forecast

There is a chance for R1-R2 (Minor-Moderate) radio blackouts all three days.

Geophysical Activity Forecast

No G1 (Minor) or greater geomagnetic storms are expected. No significant transient or recurrent solar wind features are forecast.

Recent Major Solar Flare Activity

(usually reported within 30 minutes of event peak)

| Date | Time | Magnitude | |
|-------------|-------|-----------|--|
| 22-Apr-2025 | 1049Z | M1.3 | |
| 21-Apr-2025 | 1837Z | M1.9 | |
| 20-Apr-2025 | 1211Z | M1.0 | |



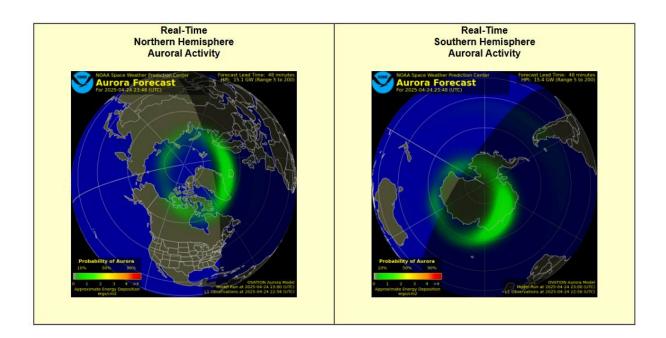
NOAA (American) Sunspot Number

This number is reported daily around 0225Z and reports the number of sunspots observed in the previous 24 hour period

The NOAA Sunspot number for 23-Apr-2025 was:

132

Most recent five days (oldest first): 113 114 108 137 142



Courtesy of Propagation (qsl.net) https://dx.qsl.net/propagation/



Upcoming DX May 2025

| M | ay NG3K | | | NG3K | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 2025 May02 | 2025 May04 | Isle of Man | GD NEW | LoTW | OPDX 20250423 |
| 2025 May02 | 2025 May18 | Curacao | PJ2 | eQSL | DXW.Net 20250410 |
| 2025 May04 | 2025 May26 | Cape Verde Is | D4 | M0OXO | TDDX 20250220 |
| 2025 May07 | 2025 May14 | Guernsey | GU6EFW | ON6EF (B/d) | ON6EF 20250216 |
| 2025 May08 | 2025 May15 | El Salvador | YS3 | LoTW | DXW.Net 20250423 |
| 2025 May09 | 2025 May11 | Guernsey | GU80LIB | LoTW | 425DXN 20250315 |
| 2025 May13 | 2025 May18 | Honduras | HR4 | PY8WW OQRS | OPDX 20250424 |
| 2025 May16 | 2025 May29 | Bonaire | CPJ4M | LoTW | DXW.Net 20250415 |
| 2025 May20 | 2025 May27 | Martinique | ТОЗЕ | LoTW | OPDX 20250409 |
| 2025 May20 | 2025 May30 | Kosovo | Z6 G3 <u>NEW</u> | OH2YL | DXW.Net 20250421 |
| 2025 May22 | 2025 May27 | Aland Is | OH0ERF | OH0ERF | DL1TAM 20250414 |
| 2025 May22 | 2025 Jun01 | Palau | T8 | See Info | OPDX 20250228 |
| 2025 May26 | 2025 Jun08 | French Polynesia | TX5U | LoTW | DXW.Net 20250417 |
| 2025 May27 | 2025 Jun02 | Niue | E6RS | LoTW | DXW.Net 20250322 |
| 2025 May27 | 2025 Jun02 | St Barthelemy | FJ | LoTW | DXW.Net 20250213 |



| June | | NG3K | | NG3K | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2025 Jun01 | 2025 Jun10 | Faroe Is | C: <u>OY</u> | LoTW | DXW.Net 20240619 |
| 2025 Jun04 | 2025 Jun18 | St Martin | G3F8 | LoTW | TDDX 20250125 |
| 2025 Jun06 | 2025 Jun11 | Palau | G3 T8 | See Info | DXW.Net 20250303 |
| 2025 Jun11 | 2025 Jun27 | French Polynesia | G₃ F O | LoTW | DXW.Net 20241210 |
| 2025 Jun11 | 2025 Jun28 | Vanuatu | YJ0RS | LoTW | DXW.Net 20250322 |
| 2025 Jun14 | 2025 Jun16 | Ogasawara | JD1BQP | JP1IHD Direct | OPDX 20250401 |
| 2025 Jun19 | 2025 Jun23 | Palau | Т88РВ | LoTW | OPDX 20250417 |
| 2025 Jun26 | 2025 Jul10 | Kosovo | Z6 | LoTW | 12YSB 20240307 |
| 2025 Jun28 | 2025 Jul14 | St Pierre & Miquelon | <u>FP</u> | LoTW | TDDX 20241219 |
| Ju | July | | | TTUSIX | |
| 2025 Jul05 | 2025 Jul15 | Grenada | J38DX | LoTW | OPDX 20250213 |
| 2025 Jul11 | 2025 Jul25 | Iceland | G3 [TF | VE2XB | TDDX 20250203 |
| 2025 Jul14 | 2025 Jul23 | Svalbard | JW0V | 18KHC | DXW.Net 20250408 |

Courtesy of: Announced D Operations: 2024 (ng3k.com)



Solar Space Weather resources

EarthSky's Sun News is published daily at earthsky.org/sun/sun-news-activity-solar-flare-cme-aurora-updates

Northwest Research Associate's Table of Space Weather Indices is updated 40 minutes after every hour at

https://spawx.nwra.com/spawx/env_latest.html

SILSO's Estimated International Sunspot Number is updated frequently at www.sidc.be/silso/DATA/EISN/EISNcurrent.png

The Penticton 10.7 cm solar flux index is updated daily at 1700, 2000 and 2300Z at: www.spaceweather.gc.ca/forecast-prevision/solar-solaire/solarflux/sx-5-flux-en.php

SWPC's Estimated Planetary Kp Index is updated every three hours at https://services.swpc.noaa.go-index.png

<u>UK Met Office's</u> EUHFORIA solar wind report and forecast is updated daily at https://swe.ssa.esa.int/DOCS/portal_images/uk_ral_euhforia_earth.mp4#17080149644

UK Met Office's Solar Flare Forecast is updated daily at https://swe.ssa.esa.int/web/guest/ukmo-S109c-federated

UK Met Office's Solar Wind Forecast and CME Arrival Prediction is updated regularly at https://swe.ssa.esa.int/metoffice-enlil-e-federated



NONBH's Current HF Band Conditions Report is updated regularly at

www.hamqsl.com/solar.html

KC2G's Near-Real-Time Maps and Data about HF propagation are generated every 15 minutes, from near real time data usually only 5 to 20 minutes old at

https://prop.kc2g.com

SWPC's Real Time 24 hour Geomagnetic Data including Bz orientation, IMF field strength, solar wind speed and near real time 30 minute forecasts are updated frequently at

www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/geospace-geomagnetic-activity-plot

SIDC's Daily Bulletin on Solar and Geomagnetic Activity is updated daily at 1230Z at www.sidc.be/spaceweatherservices/managed/services/archive/product/meu/latest

GFZ-Potsdam's three-day GFZ Planetary K Index Forecast is updated every three hours at

https://spaceweather.gfz-potsdam.de/products-data/forecasts/forecast-kp-index

SWPC's Solar Activity Forecast and Discussion is updated daily at 0030Z and 1230Z at www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/forecast-discussion

Australian Space Forecast Centre's Summary and Forecast is updated daily at 2330Z at www.sws.bom.gov.au/Space_Weather/1/1

Perhaps the most useful HF propagation pages for DXers can be found at http://dx.qsl.net/propagation and www.solarham.net