

OR6T March 2023 subregional contest

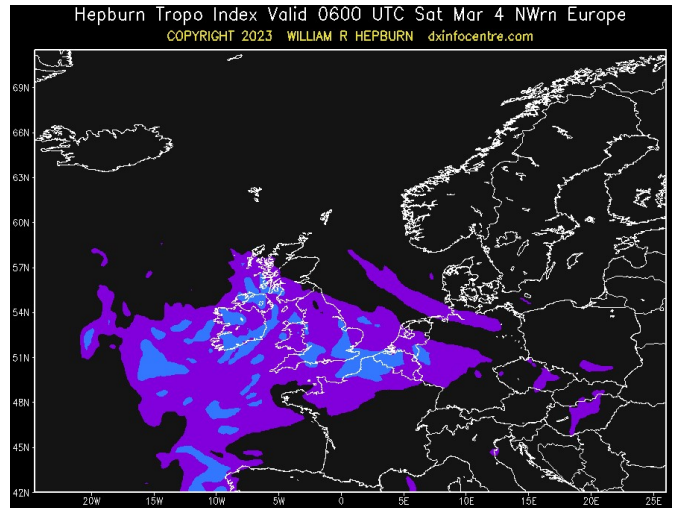
OR6T was active on 2m and 70cm.

All went well and we had no particular problems or defects during the contest. Only some network related difficulties that were easily fixed.

During tests before the contest, we noticed that some 70cm antenna stacks had a high SWR.

Marc ON4AMX went up to check them, and disconnected half of the stack, to keep 4x 9element antenna's in most directions.

In the week before the contest, there were some good tropo conditions, but they faded during the contest. We experienced some tropo conditions to the west on Saturday, but Sunday the conditions seemed rather flat.



The conditions on Saturday, and the good activity on the band, really helped a lot in our QSO rate. We even had a bit of pile-up on 70cm, really nice! 2m operations started a bit later in the evening. We still have a bad QRM in our East- direction, this is where most of the stations are situated...



Karel ON4FI was operating the 70cm station. He asked Filip EI9KP to listen for us. Filip lives very remote at about 1000km from us. He uses a barefoot IC-9700 and a small single Yagi for 70cm. Thanks to the conditions and some QSB, Filip started to hear us better, so he called Karel in SSB (!) and the QSO was made. Well done to both operators, and thanks to EI9KP for being our ODX!

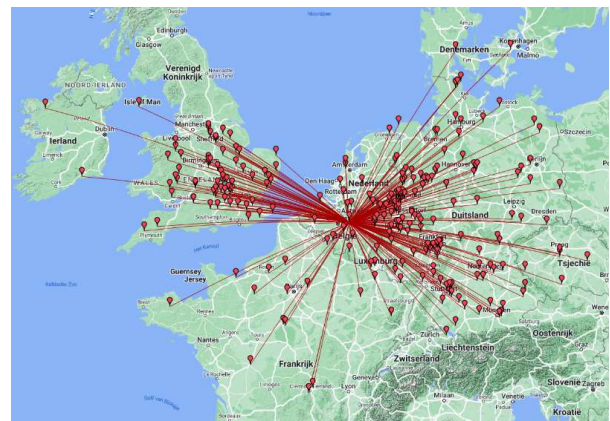
Sunday, the good conditions were replaced with very deep QSB signals. Stations calling us with very strong signals, faded almost completely before the QSO was done. Very frustrating sometimes...

Marc ON4AMX and Jonas ON7FT operated the 2m station. Karel ON4FI, Erwin ON4QJ and Kevin ON5DRE operated the 70cm station.

70cm results:

Band	QSO	CW	Phone	Digi
70cm	258	3	255	0
Σ Gridsquares	60			
Σ Gridfields	4			
Σ Countries	12			

ODX (km)	Call	Loc
999	EI9KP	IO54MB



2m results:

Band	QSO	CW	Phone	Digi
2m	301	0	301	0
Σ Gridsquares	62			
Σ Gridfields	4			
Σ Countries	10			

ODX (km)	Call	Loc
692	DK2CB	J071IX

