

## **NEW: Samovar 2020 Contest**

**LYRICAL NOTE:** In these difficult times, when the whole country, in fact, is struggling with the known problem, being in self-isolation and locked down, everyone can monitor inexperienced amateur radio activity, including numerous contests. In fact, many people, especially abroad, being "locked down" within the boundaries of their habitats, are often looking for something that could brighten up such a pastime...

**BUT! We are lucky!** We are radio amateurs who can communicate not only using well-known and, frankly speaking, BORED ways (phone, social networks, messengers, etc.), but also using the way that we were granted by our lovely hobby - using THE RADIO.

As we all know, RADIO and, in particular, AMATEUR RADIO, has special power and magic ... It is not a secret that radio amateurs often came to rescue in the most difficult situations, like disasters and earthquakes, they saved people in the seas and oceans, and they simply glowed up the Earth with the warmth of their radio waves when it was really needed...

**And yes, we need it this time:** in these difficult times, when mankind is struggling hard for people's lives, let us, radio amateurs, bring our MAGIC CONTRIBUTION into our common cause ... Even being locked down home.

Despite self-isolation, let us communicate with each other on the air, let us encourage those who perhaps feel worse... Let us give a positive charge to our hobby colleagues, for whom maybe Amateur Radio is the only "window" in life ...

Let us be strong, let us keep our masts and whips high up. Let us not whistle for a wind, but let us move, - for the race is got by running...

Let us remember, there are Radio Sportsmen among us! In the time when our relevant Russian Ministry of Communications cancelled the ON-THE-AIR (DISTANT!!!) Russian HF Radio Championship, - let us make this contesting celebration awaited by us all, - to be happen.

**For this reason,** initiative group of positive Russian radio amateurs proposed the idea: despite cancellation of the OFFICIAL Russian HF Championship, to hold an "alternative" contest by similar rules...

Following the good Old Russian tradition to stay close together both in grief and joy, we came to decision to launch... SAMOVAR Contest! That's it, exactly! (Samovar is Russian fire teapot - a metal container traditionally used to heat and boil water in Russia – note by UA2FM).

### SAMOVAR CONTEST

A big game for adult boys...

A tribute to the power of the Russian spirit...

A tribute to the power that has not let any trouble to break this country and these people...

*A tribute to the power that is with us and within us today...*

**Let us stick together!** Let us demonstrate that we are all radio amateurs and yet again show the world how we can warm up the Mother Earth with our radio waves.

We are pleased to invite ALL radio amateurs of the Planet - our good colleagues in our wonderful hobby - to participate in this contest.

Let this contest bright up our current situation at least a little, and help all of us to cope the circumstances!

**Please stay healthy! Stay on the air! Participate in the Contest**

#### **CONTEST COMMITTEE:**

**Contest Sponsors:** Soyuz Radiolyubiteley of Russia (SRR) and Russian Contest Club

**Contest Director** – Igor Avdeyev, **W0DKA** (aka UA2FZ, UI2K)

**Chief Referee** – Mikhail Klovov, **UA9PM** (aka Papa Misha)

**Chief Scorer** – Oleg Vdovin, **UA9QCQ** (aka Q-C-Q)

**Text and Music:** Jack Danielyan, R2AA (aka Q-C)



#### **THE RULES:**

**1. Date and time.**

April 18 – 19, 2020

Two rounds by 5 hours each

1st round (NIGHT): April 18th, 1500 – 1959 (UTC)

2<sup>nd</sup> round (DAY) round: April 19th, 0500 – 0959 (UTC)

**2. Contesters** – everyone wish to join

**3. Contest participants:**

Single op only!

Mode - CW

**Contest categories:**

SOAB HP

SOAB LP

SO LB HP (160, 80, 40 m)

SO LB LP (160, 80, 40 m)

SO HB HP (20, 15, 10 m)

SO HB LP (20, 15, 10 m)

A station may participate in one contest category only. SO LB and SO HB participants are allowed to work on other bands (no points are credited); BUT please put these QSO in your log. (In other words, there are no time or round limits for all participants)

4. **Bands** 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m

Recommended frequencies:

1815-1827, 1832-1845, 3510-3560, 7010-7050, 14010-14060,

21010-21050, 28010-28050

Please refrain "DX windows".

5. No band change limit. One and the same station can be worked once-per-bands/once-per round (maximum 12 QSO total)

6. Recommended call **SAM TEST**.

7. Only one transmitted signal is allowed in any moment of time.

8. DX clusters are allowed.

9. **Contest exchange** – a station zone number and serial number starting 001.

Example: 3001 (zone number – 3, contact serial number– 1), 31001 (zone number – 3, contact serial number – 1001). QSO numbers shall be decreased in chronological order

10. Participant locations are distributed between zones 1-7.

Zone distribution for Russian stations is the same as in the Russian HF Championship. Foreign participants' zone distribution as in the Table below:

Zone 1 – stations in WAZ 14, 15

Zone 2 – stations in WAZ 16, 20, part of WAZ 21 (EK, 4J, 4L)

Zone 3 – stations in WAZ 17, rest of WAZ 21, 33, 34

Zone 4 – stations in WAZ 22

Zone 5 – stations in WAZ 23

Zone 6 – stations in WAZ 24, 25, 26, 27

Zone 7 – rest of the world.

Distance points for each QSO are based on location zones, in accordance with the Table below:

<b>Zone</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>1</b>	11	12	13	14	16	20	25
<b>2</b>	12	11	12	13	15	19	23
<b>3</b>	13	12	11	12	14	18	21
<b>4</b>	14	13	12	11	12	15	18
<b>5</b>	16	15	14	12	11	12	14
<b>6</b>	20	19	18	15	12	11	12
<b>7</b>	25	23	21	18	14	12	11

11. Each new zone scores additional 50 points on each band once during the contest.
12. Each new RF Oblast and new DXCC country scores additional 100 points once during the contest.
13. Total score is a sum of distance points, plus new zone points, plus new oblast/new DXCC points. Calculation of your result is not obligatory.
14. Awards will be distributed as lottery.
15. Each SOAB category will have the following prize fund:
  - 1) SAMOVAR souvenir – 1 pc;
  - 2) Russian Matryoshka doll souvenir – 3 pcs
  - 3) Russian wooden spoon souvenir – 5 pcs
16. Each SO LB and SO HB category will have the following prize fund:
  - 1) Russian MATRYOSHKA doll souvenir – 3 pcs
  - 2) Russian wooden spoon souvenir– 5 pcs
17. To become the lottery participant, one shall meet the following criteria:
  - SAMOVAR pretenders shall make at least 300 valid (scored) QSO;
  - MATRYOSHKA pretenders shall make at least 200 valid (scored) QSO;
  - SPOON pretenders shall make at least 100 valid (scored) QSO.
  - Pretenders shall send logs within 3 (three) days after the Contest is finished.
  - QSO requirements for stations from zone 7 shall be three times less.
18. Logs shall be only uploaded at <http://www.ua9qcq.com>
19. The Referee Board will accept only those scores with logs uploaded within three days after the Contest is finished (until 24.00 UTC, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020).
20. Logs received after this date shall be considered as CHECKLOGS.

21. Logs shall be in CABRILLO format.

22. Judging shall be carried out as per logs received.

23. Contacts shall not be counted in the following cases:

- QSO did not confirmed in other station log;
- calls are wrong;
- time difference in both logs exceeds 3 minutes;
- band or mode are incorrect – a QSO shall be deleted from both logs; if such error is a systematic error in one of the stations log, a QSO is not count in the station log with systematic error;
- there is no other station log, and this station is a unique (the call exists in less than three logs);
- in case one of the stations copied wrong exchange, both stations are fined 50% QSO points, and no bonus points are scored.
- if other station did not send his (her) log, and if no errors were detected in exchanges, 50% QSO points and bonus points will be scored.

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