

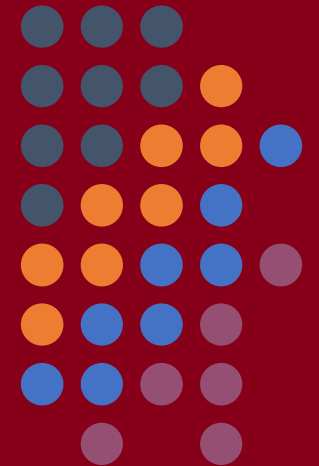
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AGENDA



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- Current Situation
- Youth Contest Survey
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- Best Practice Examples
 - Youth Contest Program (YCP)
 - YOTA Contest
 - Youth Activities
- Get started now!



INTRODUCTION



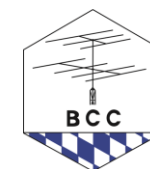
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Positions

- Chair, Youth Working Group IARU Region 1
- Member, Executive Committee+ IARU Region 1
- Director on the Board WWROF Inc.
- Committee Member YOTA Contest
- Coordinator YOTA Team Germany

Member of



YOUNGSTERS ON THE AIR

CW enthusiast | Contest crazy | Travel addict | DX-Pedition (e.g., 3B8M, 5B4AQC, 9J2LA, P40X, ZC4RH)

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CURRENT SITUATION



Think about your own club ...

- Increasing average age of radio hams
→ Also contest community affected
 - Impact by decreasing number of participants in future contests
- “We **CAN** lower the average age of operators by encouraging more youths to join in!”

YOUTH CONTEST SURVEY (1)

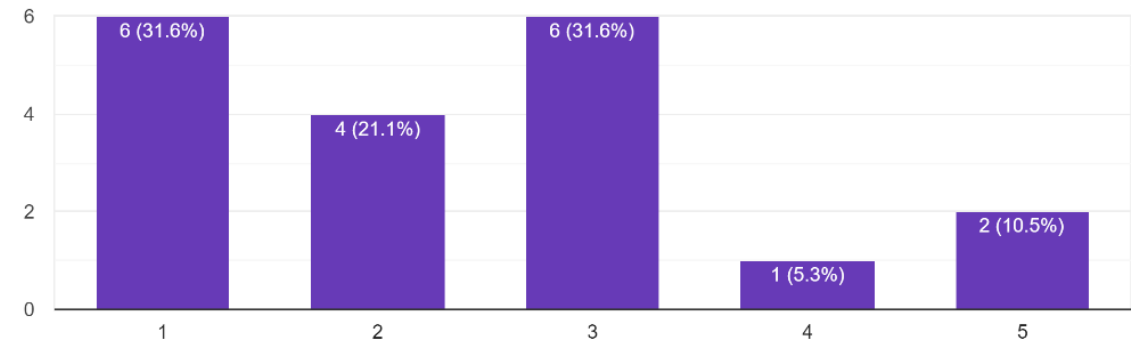


Contesting Ability

- Survey in advance of the YOTA Region 2 Summer Camp 2022
- Majority of unexperienced Youths
- Mean = 2.42

How would you rate your contesting ability? (5 expert, 1 beginner)

19 responses



Qualitative Survey (1), YOTA Region 2 – WB9VPG (2022).

FUTURE PLANS



What to do?

- Opportunity for youths AND interested people to join contest teams
- Show off this awesome aspect of our common hobby at e.g., YOTA Camps
- Get people interested at e.g., Contest Universities, etc.
- Networking amongst clubs, events etc.

→ “It will not be all about the youths, but they will make up a noteworthy percentage in the near future!”

YOUTH CONTEST SURVEY (2)

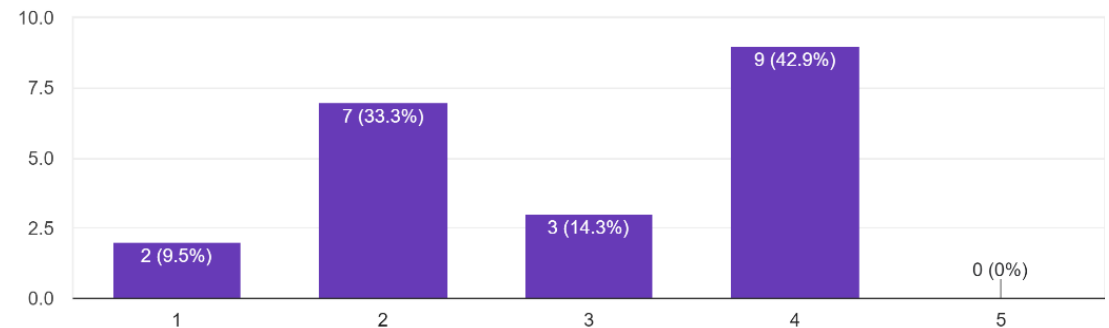


Contesting Ability

- Survey as follow-up of the YOTA Region 2 Summer Camp 2022
- Doings: Contest Workshops in various kinds during e.g., YOTA Camps
- Increase of contest understanding
→ Confirmation 1 year later
- Mean = 2.90 (2.42)

How would you rate your contesting ability? (5 expert, 1 beginner)

21 responses



Qualitative Survey (2), YOTA Region 2 – WB9VPG (2022).

BEST PRACTISE EXAMPLES



YOUTH CONTEST PROGRAM



What is YCP in IARU Region 1?

- Youth members invited to take part in contests
→ participating from so called “Big-Gun” stations
- Learn how to
 - Operate a contest and improve own skills
 - Work as a team
- Get to know host country
- Meet local ham operators and make new friends

YOUTH CONTEST PROGRAM



Key Data

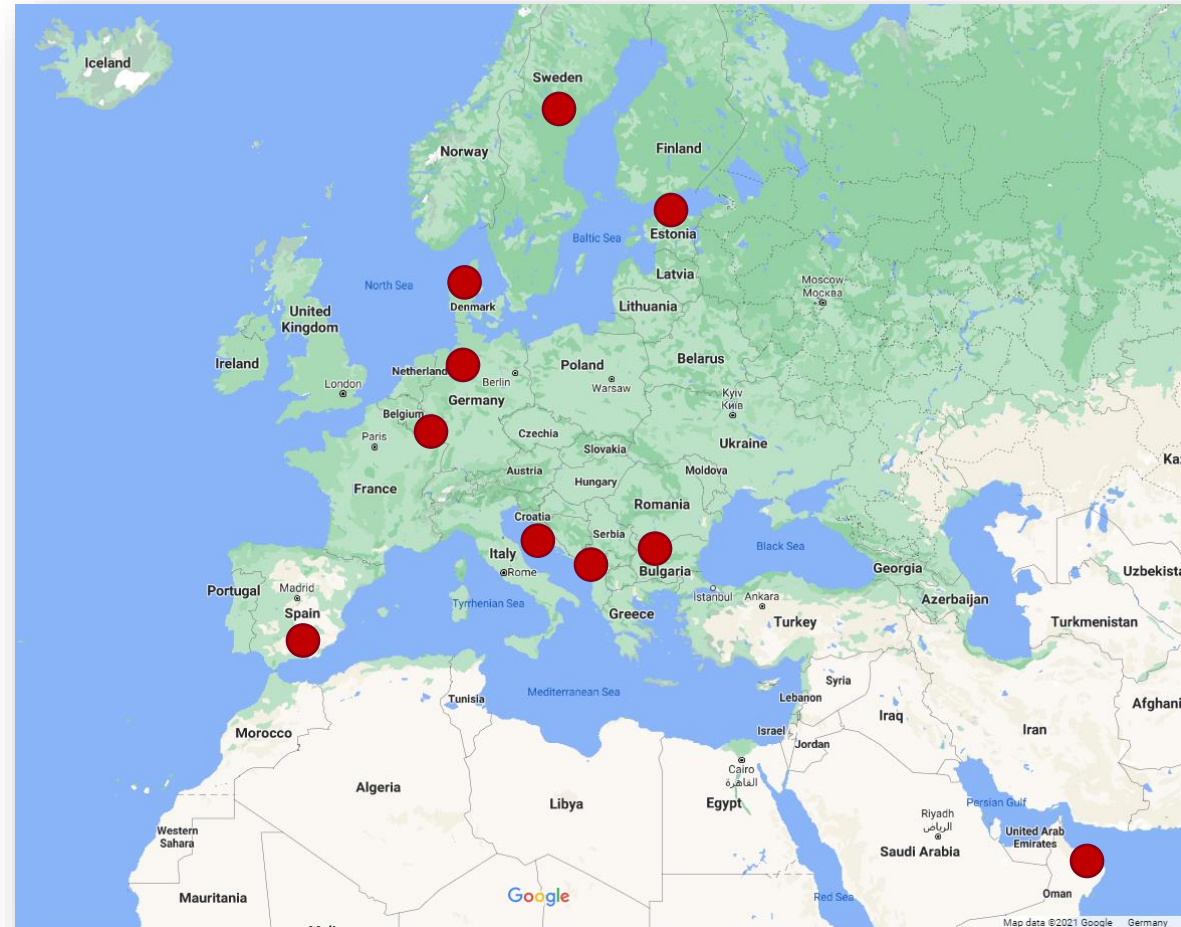
- Young people aged ≤ 25 years
- 1 or 2 participants per IARU member society
- Any level of contest experience is accepted
- Group of ~ 6 international youths and ~ 6 domestic youths
- Participants are asked to fund their own travel costs
→ ALL OTHER costs will be covered by IARU Region 1 Youth WG

YOUTH CONTEST PROGRAM



Participating Stations in IARU Region 1 since 2013

- 4O3A | Montenegro
- 9A1A | Croatia
- A44A | Oman
- DM9EE | Germany
- EC2DX | Spain
- ES5TV / ES9C | Estonia
- LX7I / LX2A | Luxembourg
- LZ5R | Bulgaria
- OZ5E | Denmark
- SK3W | Sweden
- More stations upcoming!



YOTA CONTEST

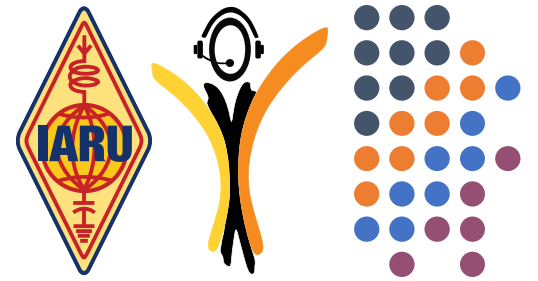


Key Data 2023

- Organized by IARU R1 Youth WG and MRASZ
- Contest on 22nd April, 22nd July & 30th December
→ lasting 12h each
- Participation open for everyone!
 - Open category (everyone)
 - YOTA category (age ≤ 25)
 - Multi-Operator
(per two youths max. one operator ≥ 25 years)



YOTA CONTEST



Rules

- General Rules

- Bands: 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m
- Modes: CW and SSB
- Exchange: RS(T) + age (on 1st of January)
→ Multi-OP: Ø-age or 25, whichever is less

- Scoring

- Extra points for Youths
→ the younger the better

- Details to be found at ham-yota.com/contest

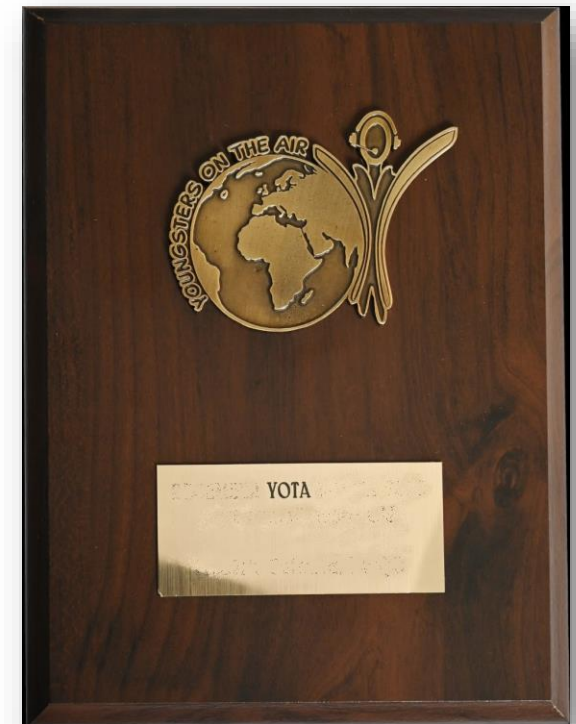


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Categories

- Single Operator 3 Bands [SO3B]
- Single Operator All Bands [SOAB]
- Single Operator All Bands 6 hours (only YOTA) [SOAB 6h YOTA]
- Multi Operator Single Transmitter All Bands [M/S AB]
- SWL All Bands [SWL AB]
- Station Sponsors (opening stations for YOTA OPs)



YOTA CONTEST



Our drive for the project

- Special focus on Youth
 - Extra categories for Youths
 - Attractive to work Youth due to scoring system
- Get to know Youth
- Focus on support of Youths
 - Category for station sponsors



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



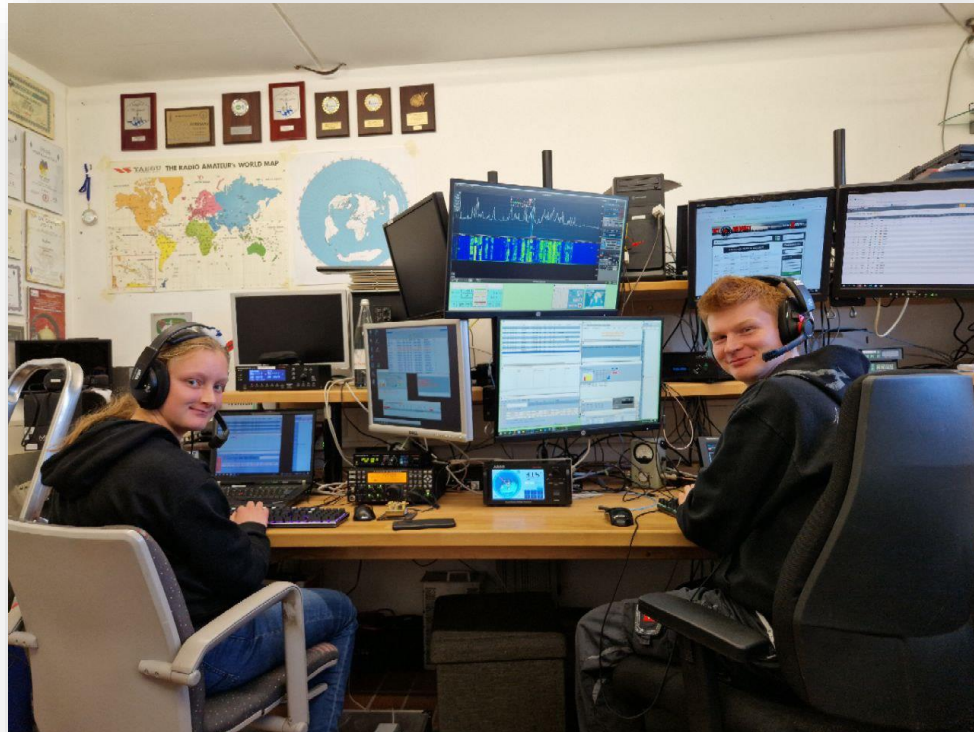
What to do?

- Networking as key figure
 - YOTA Summer Camps
 - YOTA Subregional Camps
 - Youth Contest Program
 - December YOTA Month (DYM) Activities
- Building up future winning teams
 - Youth teams forming already
(e.g., YCP, Team Exuberance, etc.)
- Get to know the next generation
 - Highlighted youth scores in various worldwide contests, e.g., NAQP, IARU HF, CQWW, CQWPX, YOTA Contest, etc.
 - Mention of “Youth” scores in NCJ “Next Gen” column by WB9VPG
 - Implementing a “Youth” check box including overlay category on 3830scores.com
 - Hopefully more contests following the trend in the future

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



How it can turn out ...



Megan – EI5LA & Leon – DL3ON:

- First met at 10th annual IARU R1 YOTA Summer Camp in Croatia 2022
- Both rising CW and SSB Contest Operators
- Applied for WRTC 2022
- Training sessions @DQ2C with Elmers
- Compete against the world in Italy as Youth Team #6

GET STARTED NOW!



Youth work starts in front of your door!

- Find youths in your local club
- Be open minded
- Small contest activities
- Youths the next technicians of YOUR station?
→ Definitely!
- Youths are the most important and dynamic segment of the population in any country!
- Develop the future of ham radio contests now!



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NEXT GENERATION NOW!



Youth work starts in front of your door!



Elmers can be found anywhere at any time.
CQWW CW 2022 M/M @3B8M



Youths being an active contribution within
worldwide contest and DXpedition efforts.

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THANK YOU



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Or directly here during the CTU 2023 Q&A session.



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