

## JMMFD 2026 – Reflections by VK4DI & VK4SN

The 2026 JMMFD saw 133 logs submitted with an excellent mix of logs from both HF and the VHF and above entrants.

A great turnout of portable entries with most having a multiple number of operators. The Home section was well supported also. Results at end of report.

The managers thank each and everyone who entered the contest especially those who put in a substantial effort to go portable and most importantly, submitted a log.

The new and vastly improved VKLogchecker.com website was also launched during the contest cross-checking.

Substantial backend functions have been implemented.

These include enhanced ability to do manual crosschecks where required, along with an enhanced concise results screen. This extensive re-write has resulted in reducing the workload for the manager/s for all VK Contests supported by VKlogchecker.

Many Thanks must go to Michael Shannon, the Senior Software Engineer for the website. Michael is not a Ham!

### **Why bringing back distance-based scoring will not work in a combined VHF and HF contest.**

Did you know that VK is the only country to combine HF with VHF in a single contest?

#### Disadvantages of combining HF and VHF in a single contest.

- It produces the need for two User Defined contests for N1MM logger. A UDC will only allow one set of scoring rules for the entire contest across all bands and modes.
- Two UDC's are needed - one for HF and one for VHF.
  - This is problematic when an operator wants to use an all band, all mode transceiver such as the FT-991A for example, they would need two instances of the logger running - Definitely impractical to say the least.
- Even if someone wrote a dedicated logging program for the JMMFD, there are more hurdles to jump. A huge re-write of the log checking software for one - not going to happen!
- It would cause an unfair imbalance to the Contest Champion scores between HF and VHF operators.

The Remembrance Day contest is the same for the reasons stated above.

### **Why go portable when the home stations score the same?**

- Portable stations do not compete against home stations so therefore the question is irrelevant. It changes nothing even if portables did have double points.
- Portable stations go bush to prove they can operate in emergency situations and stand-alone no matter what is happening around them. It improves their skills and awareness for emergency situations.
- There are several reasons for home stations:
  - Bad weather
  - Injury, sickness, disability or age
  - Forgot to plan ahead
  - Don't have the resources to go portable.
  - A personal dislike of camping/ going portable

- A personal preference to operate at home in contest

### **VKCL 4.15 Users**

Due to Mike, VK3AVV's passing VKCL logger can no longer be changed or upgraded as there is no access to the program source file. VKCL standard log output is not supported for this contest, however, the ADIF file can be converted by using VK2PR's ADIF to Cabrillo converter. The resultant Cabrillo file can then be uploaded. You can find the link on the vklogchecker.com website and the "how to" can be read in the rules. MAC and other loggers that create a suitable ADIF should follow the same procedure. Make sure all information is in the QSO lines before submission.

### **Logging**

Feedback has seen a few complaints and Thank You's. For those that found it hard to correctly logging and submit a log, It would appear that most did not read the rules or follow the PDF instructions on the WIA website or vk4sn.com. The N1MM website has excellent documentation on everything including how to network a multi-op station. Those who did chose to follow the instructions, commented that it was easy to follow and had no problems with the N1MM setup or with submitting logs. Prior to the contest we assisted a few operators with a remote login to setup N1MM. Those who did not plan ahead experienced unnecessary difficulties on the day of the contest. RTFM is the answer! The managers are readily available to provide remote assistance if needed – well before the contest of course. Unfortunately, Murphy crept in and caused an issue with the spreadsheet submissions, however this has been rectified and the updated spreadsheet is now on the WIA website for download.

### **Most Common Errors in Logs**

- VHF & Above: incorrect band format used. The correct format is listed below and will be incorporated into the rules for 2027
  - 50
  - 144
  - 432
  - 1.2G
  - 2.3G
  - 3.4G
  - 5.7G
  - 10G
  - 24G
  - 47G
  - 75G
  - 122G
  - 134G
  - 241G
- Incorrect Date & times logged: It was evident that many operators failed to use UTC.
  - Many logs had local times in the logs: this caused points loss to both operators in the contact.
- Incorrect callsigns: in many instances it was noted that the logged call included a letter that sounded like the one sent.
  - For example: B and D This is avoided by using phonetics
- Incorrect exchanges: due to a lack of familiarity with N1MM some exchanges were consistently 1 digit apart.

- NOTE: N1MM always shows the last exchange (greyed out), it only increases to the correct exchange (coloured blue) once the callsign is entered.
- Incorrectly entering the letter O instead of the number 0 and vice versa

### Problems causing upload errors to the log checker website

- Log submission problems arise when the use of Chat GPT, or other AI Cabrillo converters are used. The VK2PR ADIF to Cabrillo Converter on the log checking website is the **only one** to use as it has been configured for ALL VK contests
- Using a self-generated spreadsheet: The correctly formatted one has been already been provided on the WIA website specifically for the JMMFD.

All results can be found at [vklogchecker.com](http://vklogchecker.com) or on the WIA website.

HF Single Operator Portable 6 Hour			
VK4M	VK4SN	4624	1st
ZL3VZ	ZL2AYZ	2952	2nd
VK3XV		2756	3rd
VK2IO		2028	4th
VK2HEY		1102	5th
VK7MAT		855	6th
VK4EKA		640	7th
VK3TZT		494	8th
VK2YL		370	9th
VK7EV		273	10th
VK5LZ	VK5ZT	270	11th
VK3ARD		264	12th
VK7DW		240	13th
VK3AZR		20	14th
VK3XAT		12	15th
VK7PD		4	16th
VK6EZ		2	17th
VK4BRT		0	18th

HF Single Operator Portable 24 Hour			
VK2EZF		33784	1st
VK4DTS		30056	2nd
VK4WCH	VK4CWL	5166	3rd
VK2OL		660	4th
VK3KEV		270	5th
VK4UTT		216	6th
VK6HDY		16	7th

HF Multi-One Portable 6 Hour			
VK8DA	VK8ZWM, VK8HPB, VK8DSZ, VK8ZJM, VK8NAH, VK8BDM, VK8RX	2704	1st
VL5F	VK5AJQ, VK5CV	1092	2nd

VK5SR	VK5AV, VK5NJS, VK5EBA, VK5ZGY, VK5LTM, VK5TA	1080	3rd
VK4BW	VK4OH, VK4JAF, VK4JRO, VK4FUR	714	4th
VK2LE	VK2AEJ, VK2EMU, VK2QRT	171	5th

HF Multi-One Portable 24 Hour			
VK6NC	ON8JA, VK6BAP, VK6LOL, VK6NU, VK6CIA, VK6FOX, VK6THW, VK6NT	24464	1st
VK4WIR	VK4HAA, VK4ACS, VK4CMR, VK4ELC, VK4LES, VK4WJK, VK4FRC, VK4XK	12231	2nd
VK2AMW	VK2FO, VK2KQB, VK2FDS, VK2HCO, VK2JIN, VK2VIN	2304	3rd
VK3SOL	VK3KFE, VK3VSM	1512	4th

HF Multi-Multi Portable 6 Hour			
VK4WID	VK4MQ, VK4SAM, VK4JPM, VK4NH, VK4ZOL, VK4JPS	4720	1st
VL4C	VK4YB, VK4TG, VK4AWB, VK4CJB	3584	2nd
VK2HZ	VK2SJ, VK2YE, VK2DNI, VK2ZVW, VK2VRJ, VK2HDR, VK2CVD, VK2LLB, VK2DPA, VK2GOH, VK2DTM, VK2STR	2071	3rd

VK2GF	VK2ZB, VK2BTS, VK2TTL	345	4th
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HF Multi-Multi Portable 24 Hour			
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VL5X	VK5IR, VK5AKH, VK5QI, VK5VC, VK5DUG, VK5FJ, VK5CIA, VK5GR, VK5MN, VK5FLY	73920	1st
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VK4IZ	VK4TFN, VK4JBX, VK3JWC, VK4TAA, VK4BZ, VK4BTZ, VK4GM, VK4GAW, VK4NA, VK4CAS, VK4MRH, VK4KLX	38000	2nd
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VK2IY	VK2IAX, VK2EIK, VK2ZLX, VK2UQ	33069	3rd
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VK3SAA	VK3TTL, VK3KRL, VK3LOG, VK3DND, VK3CHA, VK3AMH, VK3FPS, VK5HAY, VK3GEM	18568	4th
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VK3ER	VK3WWW, VK3ADY, VK3QI, VK3AHM, VK3ZZW	17574	5th
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VK4WIT	VK4ZZ, VK4ME, VK4ZM, VK4CHG, VK4ARQ, VK4FIBW, VK4FCRH	15552	6th
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VK4IF	VK4UV, VK4EA, VK4UH, VK4OA	5564	7th
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VK3ATL	VK3WK, VK3BDX, VK3BCL, VK3SM, VK3PY, VK3ZL, VK3LRX, VK3VA	4611	8th
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VK4WIE	VK4CJM, VK4APV, VK4MJF, V4CBT, VK4JAR, VK4TIN, VK4IAR	3876	9th
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VK2WG	VK2DWP, VK2BKT, VK2FBNG	1400	10th
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HF Single Operator Home 6 Hour			
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VK1OZ		4212	1st
VK4HM		1407	2nd
VK4FJ		1250	3rd
VK3NOM		720	4th
VK6WR		520	5th
VK3JFR		410	6th
VK2GR		264	7th
VK5ZTJ		156	8th
VK7STO		72	9th
VK2XIC		63	10th
VK2TZA		48	11th
VK2QN		15	12th
VK2JEH		0	13th
VK3KP		0	13th

HF Single Operator Home 6 Hour - Youth			
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VK3JFR		410	1st
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HF Single Operator Home 24 Hour			
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VK3GJG		46842	1st
VK7C	VK7GH	29110	2nd
VK4IKZ		15552	3rd
VJ2T	VK2YI	15222	4th
VK4YT		10048	5th
VK4AMG		5720	6th
VK2BPL		4300	7th
VK5DT		3256	8th
VK4KM		2948	9th
VK6D	VK6DS	2552	10th
VK7TW		2432	11th
VK4GSI		1920	12th
VK2LDW		1904	13th
VK3TCM		1890	14th
VK2JQ		1650	15th
VK7AJP		1590	16th
VK5TOM		1204	17th
ZL1XS		1040	18th
VK3AIK		975	19th
VK3HY		946	20th
VJ2A	VK2ZG	798	21st
VK7GS		738	22nd
VK6ALE		720	23rd
VK2NP		595	24th
VK4DRK		434	25th
VK3AIW		425	26th
VK2ZCI		400	27th
VK6POP		391	28th

VK5ZKT		375	29th
VK4MWL		352	30th
VK7BLW		352	31st
VK2SS		350	32nd
VK3ZH		345	33rd
VK3G	VK3OM	247	34th
VK4PQ		228	35th
VK3ADR		221	36th
VK4QRS		176	37th
VK1CHW		176	38th
VK6DW		156	39th
VK4MDP		130	40th
VL3E	VK3TZ	96	41st
VK3DL		77	42nd
VK5FD		72	43rd
VK6WH	VK6KV	32	44th
VK4PQV	VK4ME	15	45th
VK5EMI		9	46th
VK6BBQ		1	47th

HF Single Operator Home 24 Hour - Youth			
VK4IKZ		15552	1st

HF Multi-One Home 24 Hour			
VK5SWR	VK5JGM	308	1st
VK4XQA	VK4SDD, VK4AER, VK4DNF, VK4ABG	144	2nd

HF Multi-Multi Home 24 Hour			
VL4R	VK4ZD, VK4DI	82208	1st
VJ3E	VK3FG, VK3CLJ, VK3WMF	90	2nd

VHF Single Operator Portable 6 Hour			
VK5ZD		2871	1st
VK5LZ	VK5ZT	2604	2nd
VK7ZBX		1120	3rd
VK7DW		792	4th
VK7PD		702	5th
VK7ZMS		518	6th
VK7EV		408	7th
VK5OQ		396	8th
VK7MAT		352	9th
VK6EZ		186	10th

VHF Single Operator Portable 24 Hour			
VK2XI		4664	1st
VK4DTS		637	2nd

VHF Multi-One Portable 24 Hour			
VK6NC	ON8JA, VK6BAP, VK6LOL, VK6NU, VK6CIA, VK6FOX, VK6THW, VK6NT	138	1st
VK3SOL	VK3KFE, VK3VSM	64	2nd

VHF Multi-Multi Portable 6 Hour			
VK2GF	VK2ZB, VK2BTS, VK2TTL	300	1st

VHF Multi-Multi Portable 24 Hour			
VK3ER	VK3WWW, VK3ADY, VK3QI, VK3AHM, VK3ZZW	86775	1st
VK2SRC	VK2QJ, VK2FAAD	18952	2nd
VK4IF	VK4UV, VK4EA, VK4UH, VK4OA	5185	3rd
VK3ATL	VK3WK, VK3BDX, VK3BCL, VK3SM, VK3PY, VK3ZL, VK3LRX, VK3VA	608	4th
VK4WIE	VK4CJM, VK4APV, VK4MJF, V4CBT, VK4JAR, VK4TIN, VK4IAR	578	5th
VK3SAA	VK3TTL, VK3KRL, VK3LOG, VK3DND, VK3CHA, VK3AMH, VK3FPS, VK5HAY, VK3GEM	1	6th

VHF Single Operator Home 6 Hour			
VK7HH		686	1st
VK5ZTJ		660	2nd
VK6WR		270	3rd
VK7OO		240	4th
VK5KJ		216	5th
VK5NE		200	6th
VK6BWG		96	7th
VK7BEN		90	8th
VK6FLAB		84	9th
VK3WRE		80	10th

VHF Single Operator Home 24 Hour			
VK3HY		11154	1st
VL3E	VK3TZ	4784	2nd
VK2AMT		2604	3rd
VK2DLR		1988	4th
VK7TW		1403	5th
VK3G	VK3OM	984	6th
VK6WH	VK6KV	360	7th
VK4KM		288	8th
VK7BLW		280	9th
VK3GJG		273	10th
VK6ALE		243	11th
VK2VL		234	12th
VK3PZ		144	13th
VK5DT		133	14th
VK3PH		120	15th
VK3ZH		100	16th
VK7AJP		36	17th
VK5FD		32	18th
VK4IKZ		28	19th
VK7SKY		8	20th

VHF Single Operator Home 24 Hour - Youth		
VK4IKZ		28 1st

VHF Multi-Multi Home 24 Hour		
VJ3E	VK3FG, VK3CLJ, VK3WMF	2460 1st