

Ross Hull Memorial VHF / UHF Contest 2025

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This is my first effort as a contest manager. I volunteered for the role in mid-January, when I noticed that the position was listed as vacant. I thank the Contest Committee for accepting me into the role.

I received only nine logs for the 2025 Contest. There was a total of 74 unique callsigns recorded in logs submitted. The greatest diversity of callsigns worked occurred over the period of the Summer VHF/UHF Field Day Contest, which is to be expected. Of course, contacts made for the Field Day Contest are also eligible for the Ross Hull Contest. One must simply be aware of the Rules, with the major constraint is that the Ross Hull Contest limits contacts to one contact per UTC Day per mode and band, whereas the Field Day Contest permits reworking of stations. All of the logs submitted complied with the Rules in this regard. It is interesting to note that few station logs included contacts made with more than one mode on any given day.

In common with other commentaries regarding Amateur on-air activity, the logs submitted displayed a significant number of contacts made using Digital modes, notably the Machine Generated Modes available in the WSJT software package.

There were no logs submitted for the CW Sections nor the Multiple Operator Section.

One log submitted included contacts with more than one callsign from each of two individual operators. In the cases recorded, the contacts were well separated in time and may reflect either an error in recording callsigns or the station worked not remembering that contact had earlier been made using an alternate callsign, such contacts are a breach of Rule 3 (b) of the General Rules for All WIA Contests. The contestant concerned was penalised by disallowing all contacts made with the two operators concerned, with a corresponding reduction in score claimed. No other penalty was applied. It can be simple to fall into this breach, especially when combining contesting with portable activities such as SOTA, WWFF or POTA, which permit multiple callsigns to be recorded from a single operator. Such contacts are valid for the other activity, but not for Contests, so take the time to delete such contacts from your contest log prior to log submission.

Congratulations to all who participated in the marathon, even if they did not submit a log.

The overall winner is the station with the highest score in Section A: Single Operator Best 7 Days All modes. For the 2025 Contest, the winner is Ralph Edgar VK3WRE. Ralph had contacts recorded for the first 29 days of the month, a truly marathon effort (excuse the pun).

2024 Ross Hull Results

It appears that all logs submitted for the 2024 Ross Hull Memorial VHF/UHF Contest have disappeared into an Internet black hole. No Results were ever published. My enquiries have not revealed any records of 2024 logs. I believe that a set of Results should be produced, even if they are very late and might be incomplete with respect to entrants who may have submitted in February 2024.

I invite those who participated in the 2024 event to submit their logs again. In order to reach the maximum number of participants, I will allow time for the next issue of *Amateur Radio* magazine to reach readers. Please send your logs to rosshull@wia.org.au before 17 April 2025. Logs will be processed after Easter.

Results

Call	Name	50 MHz	144 MHz	430 MHz	23 cm	13 cm	Higher bands	TOTAL
Section A Single Operator Best 7 Days All modes								
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	176	669	880	1264	430	150	3569
VK3NFI	Dean Webster	78	396	535	600	210	70	1889
VK3ZAT	James Henderson	58	441	365	328	20	60	1272
VK3SGL	Stuart Lenthall	128	294	310	456	-	-	1188
VK7DW	Andrew de Water	-	294	385	384	-	-	1063
VK3DMP	Des Pendergast	60	273	325	344	-	-	1002
VK3UH	Ken Brown	54	318	395	232	-	-	999
VK1RX	Al Long	38	369	195	56	50	-	708
VK7PD	Peter Dowde	8	42	20	144	40	100	354
Section B Single Operator Best 7 Days Phone								
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	12	240	300	336	310	70	1268
VK1RX	Al Long	38	369	195	56	50	-	708
VK3ZAT	James Henderson	-	153	120	80	20	60	433
VK7PD	Peter Dowde	8	42	20	72	40	100	282
Section C Single Operator Best 7 Days CW								
No Logs								
Section D Single Operator Best 7 Days Digital								
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	196	507	700	1104	190	90	2787
VK3NFI	Dean Webster	78	396	535	600	210	-	1889
VK3SGL	Stuart Lenthall	128	294	310	456	-	-	1188
VK7DW	Andrew de Water	-	294	385	384	-	-	1063
VK3DMP	Des Pendergast	60	273	325	344	-	-	1002
VK3UH	Ken Brown	54	318	395	232	-	-	999
VK3ZAT	James Henderson	68	336	270	272	-	-	946
VK7PD	Peter Dowde	-	-	-	72	-	-	72
Section E Single Operator Best 2 Days All modes								
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	58	303	280	464	300	80	1585
VK1RX	Al Long	38	369	195	56	-	-	708
VK3NFI	Dean Webster	42	126	165	216	60	20	629
VK3ZAT	James Henderson	-	157	162	125	92	60	596
VK7DW	Andrew de Water	-	120	165	208	-	-	493
VK3SGL	Stuart Lenthall	82	102	90	152	-	-	426
VK3UH	Ken Brown	16	114	185	48	-	-	363
VK3DMP	Des Pendergast	24	99	100	104	-	-	327
VK7PD	Peter Dowde	8	42	20	96	40	100	306
Section F Single Operator Best 2 Days Phone								
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	8	234	290	320	290	70	1212
VK1RX	Al Long	38	369	195	56	50	-	708
VK3ZAT	James Henderson	-	153	120	80	20	60	433
VK7PD	Peter Dowde	8	42	20	72	40	100	282
Section G Single Operator Best 2 Days CW								
No logs								
Section H Single Operator Best 2 Days Digital								
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	72	156	210	320	60	20	838
VK3NFI	Dean Webster	42	126	165	216	60	20	629
VK7DW	Andrew de Water	-	120	165	208	-	-	493
VK3SGL	Stuart Lenthall	82	102	90	152	-	-	426
VK3UH	Ken Brown	16	114	185	48	-	-	363
VK3DMP	Des Pendergast	24	99	100	104	-	-	327
VK3ZAT	James Henderson	32	81	85	120	-	-	318
VK7PD	Peter Dowde	-	-	-	40	-	-	40

Multiple Operator

No logs