



SAC Workshop 2010

Group 1



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SAC **has the potential** to remain one of the best regional contests of the world.

However, the world around us is changing all the time and we need to make sure that SAC is a better organized contest than the competition.



Key challenges:

- Change the time period for SAC SSB leg from 4th Full weekend in September to 2nd Full Weekend in October.
- Adapt wording in rules to reality (electronic logs)
- Discuss future changes of rules that will improve SAC and increase the popularity both among Scandinavian and Non-Scandinavian participants



1. SAC SSB date change

- Due to collision with CQ WW RTTY Contest, the amount of participants in the SAC SSB leg has decreased – and this collision will risk to affect SAC SSB even more in the future.
- 8 Scandinavian Contesters have written a letter to all HF Contest Managers of the organizing countries with the request to approve changed dates for SAC SSB:

Dear Contest Managers,

As a result of the increased interest for the CQWW RTTY Contest, mostly taking place on the same weekend as SAC SSB, we have realized that something needs to be done, in order to restore the position and the interest for SAC SSB.

We all agree that the division of SAC into a CW and SSB part is beneficial for the interest and popularity of the contest. It also adds stimulation for the Scandinavian Cup activity.

Our suggestion is to move the SAC SSB contest from the existing 4th full weekend in September to the 2nd full weekend in October. This weekend seems to be available and no major collisions with other SSB contest occur.

Apart from the fact that we would avoid collision with one of the main global contests (CQWW RTTY), we will also benefit from the fact that the two legs of the SAC contest will be separated a little in time, making it easier to motivate people to participate in both of the contest legs. As it is today, many people due to private reasons have problems to consider serious participation in both contest legs.

NRAU as the organizer of SAC entitles the HF Managers to decide about changes in SAC, in case the decision is made by all managers, without any reservations.

Therefore, we hope that you as Contest Managers will acknowledge the receipt of this letter, and also to consider the approval of the suggested change. To make a change valid, you must then address a letter to NRAU, signed by all of you.

The change can take place immediately after that you have signed the letter, and NRAU will then formally discuss and hopefully approve the changes during their next meeting. Theoretically, there is a risk that NRAU will not confirm the changed dates, but there is no reason why this would take place, as the reason is to improve the SAC Contest, which is also in the interest of NRAU.

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SM5AJV – Ingemar Fogelberg

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LB8IB – Øyvind Ekhall
OH2PM – Pertti Simovaara
SM6LRR – Mats Strandberg

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2. Adapt wording of rules

The existing rules have a few obsolete formulations that originate from the time of non-electronic logs. These proposed changes are basically technical with little risk of disagreement by the participants. The adjustments will modernize the rules and hopefully can remain unchanged for many years to come.



3. Other possible changes

1. Changing of Multiplier System from the existing call areas to WPX-prefixes
2. Adding 160 meters – or not.
3. Keep the existing rotation scheme of organization – or to create a multinational Contest Committee
4. Reducing the additional points for DX when contacting Scandinavians on 40 and 80 meters (from 3 to 2 points)



Workshop tasks:

1. Divide into 5 groups (preferably with good variation of nationalities)
2. Discuss the proposed SAC SSB weekend change and hopefully come up with a majority decision (YES or KNOW) within the group. If NO – then please present arguments why.
3. Discuss the four other proposed issues. Prepare a list with PLUS and MINUS for the proposed change. Present the majority decision of the group.



Information about backlog problem solution

We also need to make sure that the correction of the backlog problems from 2000-2009) is widely and effectively announced. The negative opinion of SAC awards and plaques delivery is deeper than most of us realize, and we need to put a lot of effort in changing this opinion.