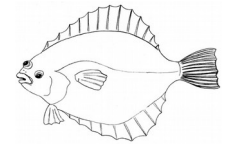


The Flounder Cup Competition 2019-2020



Background

Each year the five PNW DX clubs have a competition to see which club can score the most points in 10 DX contests. Those contests begin in September with the CQ WW RTTY (Sept 28 & 29 this year) and conclude with the IARU in July. There are 3 RTTY contests, 3 CW ones, 3 SSB ones, and one CW-SSB mix. The winner of the competition is announced at the PNW DX Convention and presented a large traveling trophy.

Results of the 2018 – 2019 competition were

- Willamette Valley DX scored 71 million points from 46 participants
- Western Washington DX scored 57 million points from 42 participants
- Orca DX and Contest scored 31 million points from 37 participants

and those of us on the east side of the Cascade Divide had

- SDXA 3.7 million points from 16 participants.
- IDXA 2.3 million points from 7 participants.

The Flounder Cup Competition

In the summer of 2018 Rob Fanfant (N7QT) went to Spokane for a presentation at a regular SDXA meeting. Before that regular meeting Rob had supper with the SDXA and IDXA officers to discuss increasing participation in the regular contest competition. His idea was to promote a friendly competition among the clubs. From that meeting K7TQ thought we could apply Rob's idea to SDXA and IDXA. The idea was a category that was Total Score which would earn the winning club a small trophy. In an attempt to account for the difference

in membership between the two clubs, there would be a Per-Participant category. The winner of this category would get a Certificate. Officers of both clubs agreed. Thus was born the Flounder Cup.

Results of the 2018-2019 Flounder Cup

The winner of the 2018-2019 Flounder Cup, Total Score Category was SDXA with 3,743,123 points vs 2,288,688 for IDXA. The Cup was presented at the regular SDXA meeting September 5, 2019.



Figure 1: The Flounder Cup resides on the SDXA head table at the September 2019 meeting. Photo courtesy of Mel, N7GCO.

The winner of the Per-Participant Category was IDXA with 326,955 points per participant with SDXA having a score of 233,945. The certificate was also presented at the September SDXA meeting.



Figure 2: IDXA President Emmett, NA7EM, receives the Per-Participant certificate from Randy, K7TQ. Photo courtesy of Mel, N7GCO.

2019-2020 Season

The first contest of the 2019-2020 season is the CQ WW RTTY which begins at 0000Z September 28 and ends at 2359Z September 29. The exchange we will send is RST, CQ zone number which is 3 for WA and ID, and your state abbreviation (ID or WA). The exchange you will receive from non-USA or non-VE stations will be just the RST and Zone. All the rule details are at <https://www.cqwwrtty.com/rules.htm>

The most important things are to get on the air, make contacts, add to your DXCC totals, and add to the IDXA score in the Flounder Cup Competition. It does not matter whether you make just a few contacts or operate the maximum time.

The schedule for the season is

- CQ WW RTTY – September 28 & 29, 2019
- CQ WW SSB – October 26 & 27, 2019
- CQ WW CW – November 23 & 24, 2019
- ARRL RTTY RU – January 4 & 5, 2020
- CQ WPX RTTY – February 8 & 9, 2020
- ARRL CW – February 15 & 16, 2020
- ARRL SSB – March 7 & 8, 2020
- CQ WPX SSB – March 28 & 29, 2020
- CQ WPX CW – May 30 & 31, 2020
- IARU – July 11 & 12, 2020