

DECEMBER YOTA MONTH 2015

Bulletin V1.0

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Hello all!

Another December Month is coming up for all you YOTA-people! Last year, we thought we made it look professional, but that's nothing compared to the improvements Yentel ON3YH and Robin ONL11943 have made to the website this year.

Last year, they automated the awards so they were automatically generated but this year, they have made it fully automated and have managed to unite it all together on the YOTA website. Now you can see details such as whose made QSOs on what bands, mode, pretty much everything!
All QSOs that are uploaded to the website will be automatically sent to Clublog!
(A big thanks to Michael, G7VJR for letting us do this!)

We still have Brani OM2FY on board. He loves to be the YOTA QSL manager and he's ready to dispatch the thousands of QSL cards for the QSOs you will make.

Please give this bulletin your complete attention as you will find all the relevant information you'll need contained in it.

Let's spread the word but above all: have fun!

Lisa PA2LS & Tommy ON2TD

And do not forget, the most important rule:

Applicants must ensure that the callsign is primarily used to get Youngsters On The Air!

Youngsters are defined by IARU R1 as 'under-26', this means a callsign should be used by a young person or used to show the amateur radio hobby to younger persons.

1. When

December YOTA Month is from 1 December 2015 00:00 UTC till 31 December 2015 23:59 UTC. All QSOs must be made in December 2015.

2. Participating Stations

Last update: 15-11-2015

3V8YOTA
9A0YOTA
9A15YOTA
A2YOTA
A43YOTA
DQ0YOTA
EI0YOTA
ES9YOTA
HB9YOTA
G15YOTA
GI15YOTA
GM15YOTA
GW15YOTA
HA8YOTA
II2YOTA
II5YOTA
J62YOTA
LY5YOTA
OD5RI/YOTA
OE0YOTA
OH2YOTA
ON4YOTA
OM9YOTA
OM15YOTA
PA6YOTA
PD6YOTA
YT15YOTA
ZS9YOTA

3. Log System

Hey guys! Yentel ON3YH here and this year I've been working on a system to gather and process your log files together with Robin, ONL11943.

Somewhere in the past two months, you registered your callsign on our website. This means that an account was already created for your YOTA station. When the website is ready for this edition of the December YOTA Month we will activate your accounts. By doing this, you will receive an email on the address you

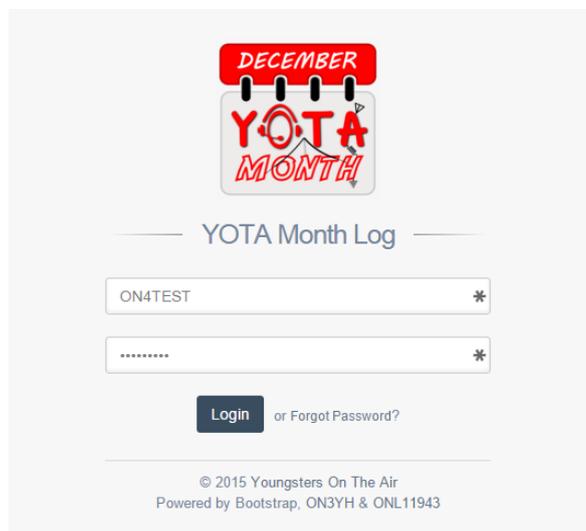
provided on the registration form. This mail will contain a username (your YOTA callsign) and password. These are your credentials to access the log-system. You need them to login and be able to upload your log files.

Please pass these on to your team members! Everybody who makes QSOs with your YOTA callsign should be able to access the log-system.

Below are the most important features of the system and how to use them.

3.1 Logging in

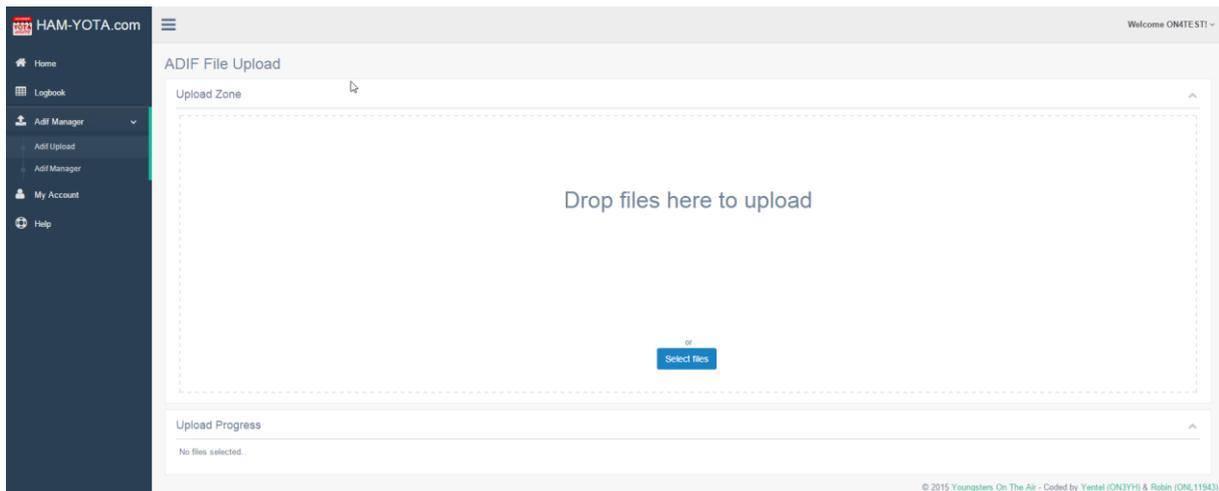
To login, please go to <http://log.ham-yota.com> and login using your credentials. After logging in you will be redirected to the homepage. Here you can navigate using the side-menu.



3.2 Uploading your log files

Go to "Adif Manager" in the side-menu and go to the page called "Adif Upload". Here you can drag & drop files or simply select one or multiple files by pressing the blue "Select Files" button. For now, the system only accepts the ADIF format (.adi and .adif extensions).

NOTE: Only QSOs made in this December YOTA Month edition are accepted, others will be automatically ignored.

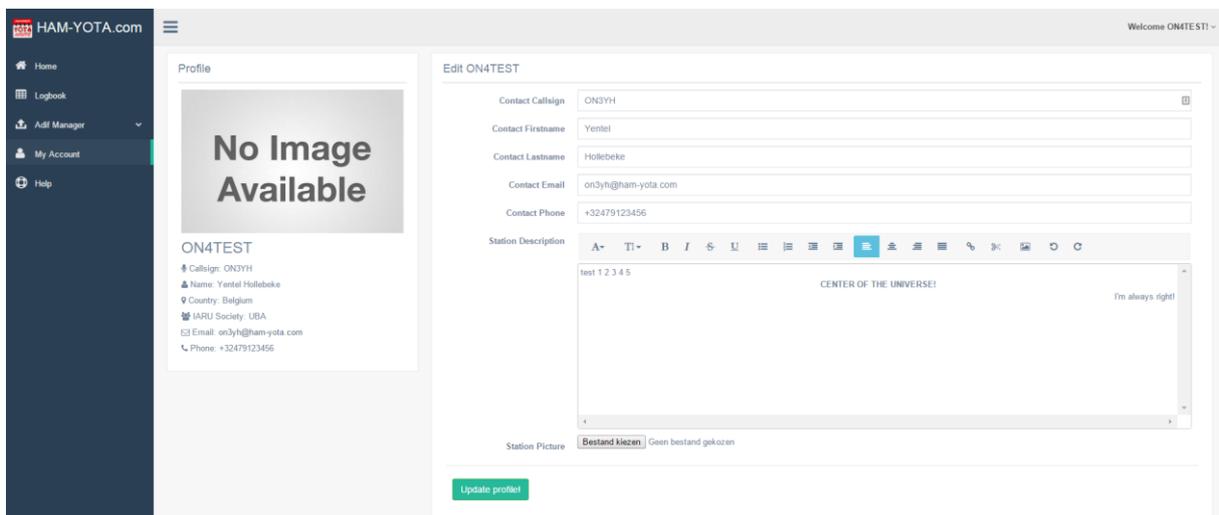


All log files that you upload here will be inserted to our database and will be synchronized with Clublog automatically. You can check the progress of your uploads in the "Upload Progress" screen at the bottom.

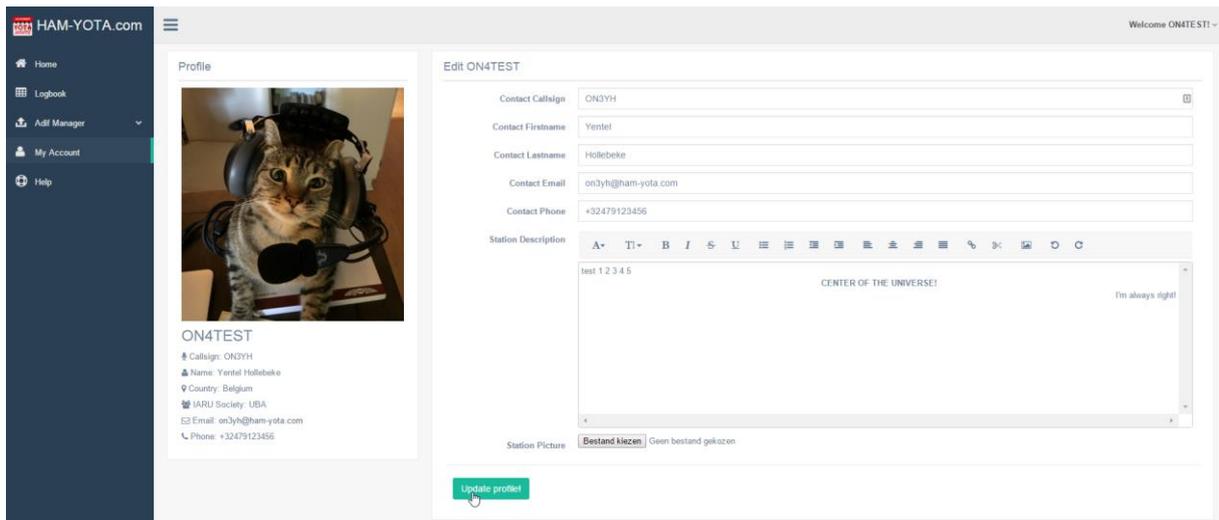
3.3 My Account

On your account page you can edit your station information, for example the contact details of the station responsible, your station information (when you will be active etc...) and your station picture. All information (except your email and phone number) is shown on the main YOTA website (<http://ham-yota.com/december-yota-month/>) AND your QRZ.com page!

To edit your account details, please click on "My Account" in the side-menu.



To upload or edit an existing station picture click the "Choose File" button just below your station description. Select the file and click the "Update Profile" button.



4. QRZ.COM

An automatic page-managing system has been coded by our IT crew. All pages have to be uniform (look the same). This system allows us to change all pages at the same time instead of having to change every single page at once. This design has all information, links to our website and other important information integrated. If you have any problems with the implementation of your QRZ page, please contact on3yh@ham-yota.com for further assistance.

4.1 Updating the basic callsign data

Go to "Update basic callsign data" on the edit page of your YOTA callsign and make sure that the QSL Info is set to "OM2FY - OQRS by Clublog preferred"!

Callsign Update Manager

No change were made.

Please choose an action for: **ON4YOTA**

- Update the basic **callsign data** (name, address, email, etc.)
- Add or edit your **biography** text, fonts, etc.
- Add or edit your **pictures** and QSL images
- Map, Grid Square, and **coordinate** settings
- Expert** options including **CSS styles**
- Add a special callsign such as ON4YOTA/MM, ON4YOTA/P34, etc.
- Help!** How do I...?
- Frequently asked questions - **FAQ**
- Done.** Return to the **ON4YOTA** listing...

ON4YOTA

DXCC Land: Belgium

First Name + Initial: * required

Last Name: * required

Address Line 1: (Street, e.g. "123 Main Street")

Address Line 2: (City, e.g. "Las Vegas") * required

State: Zip/Post Code:

Country: * required

License Class:

QRZ Mgr:

Aliases and previous callsigns

Add: Comment:

Lookup Count: 18315

CQ Zone: ITU Zone:

IOTA Designator:

QSL Info:

Public Email:

Birth Year: Show on page? Yes No

eQSL? Yes No Do you accept QSL from eQSL.net?

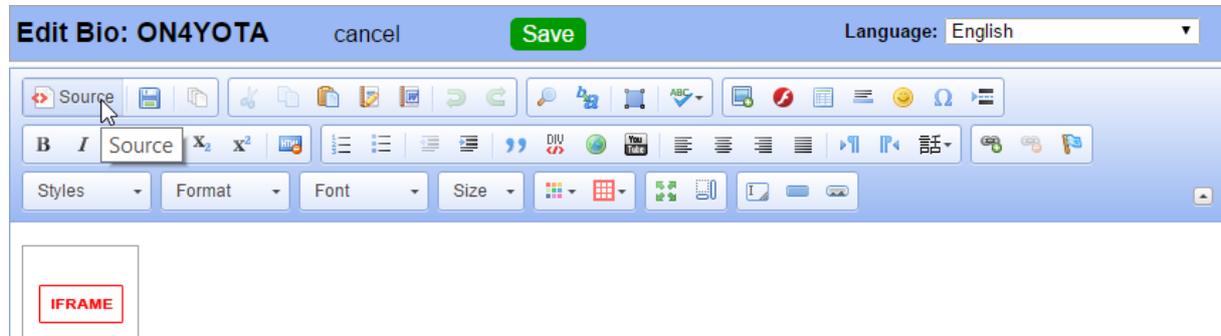
LOTW? Yes No Do you use ARRL's Logbook of the World (LOTW)?

Mail QSL? Yes No Do you send QSL Cards by postal mail?

cancel

4.2 Adding the script to your biography.

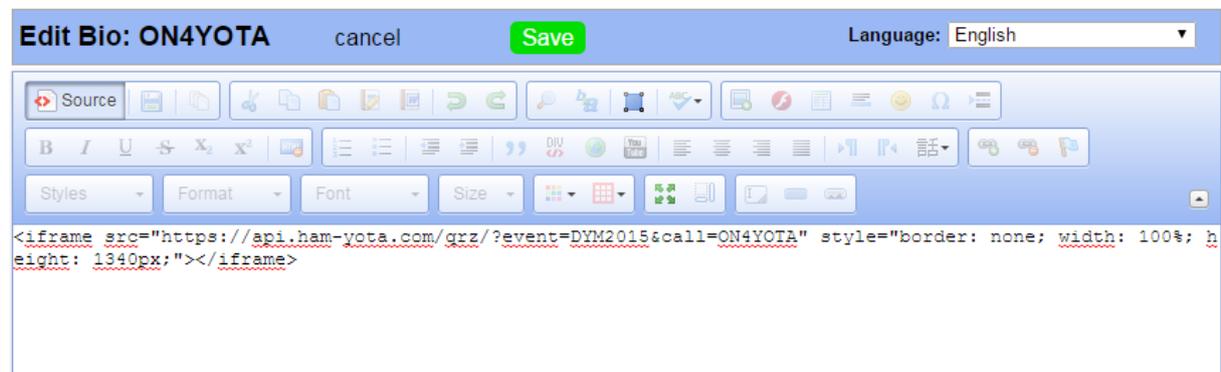
Please go to "Add or edit your Biography" on the edit page of your YOTA callsign and click the "Source" button in the top-left corner.



You will then see the code of your current biography page. Delete everything and paste the code below instead. (Don't forget to adjust the callsign in the code to YOUR YOTA CALLSIGN!)

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<iframe src="https://api.ham-yota.com/qrz/?event=DYM2015&call=ON4YOTA" style="border: none; width: 100%; height: 1340px;"></iframe>
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After pasting the code above and changing the callsign to your YOTA callsign you can press the save button.



4.3 Resetting the CSS.

Some of you might have experimented with custom CSS. Those of you who participated in the December YOTA Month 2014 also have some custom CSS in place for the old page background. We will reset this to the default values of QRZ.

Go to "Expert options including CSS Styles" on the edit page of your YOTA callsign and delete everything in the textbox.

After you have deleted everything paste the code below and press save.

```
#csbody {
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color: black;
}
#calldata {
color: black;
}
#biodata {
color: black;
}
#t_bio.biodiv {background-color: #ffffff;}
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4.4 Done!

That's it! Your QRZ page is now up to date and ready to be used for the December YOTA Month! If you have any problems with updating your page or implementing the changes, feel free to contact ON3YH by email (on3yh@ham-yota.com).

5. BANDS / MODES:

Every band / mode is allowed. This is NOT a contest but a shout to the world of amateur radio. Try to get as much youngsters on air during this month. In many countries youngsters without a license can go on air as a second operator.

6. Contesting / Contest-Style

Some people let us know that they will use the callsign in some contests. This should not be a problem but please be fair to sponsor your part in the QSL if you make thousands and thousands of QSOs. We only have a small budget.

Working contest-style and going for a pile-up is fun, enjoy it. If you're going to participate in a contest, please tell the organization about it.

7. QSL Policy

QSL MANAGER: OM2FY – Brani

There is one uniform card that will be sent via bureau by OM2FY. The reverse side content holds information about YOTA and a label with QSO-details with correct call sign.

Cards are provided by the organization. If your society is willing to help us please donate to our PayPal account (<http://ham-yota.com/donate>) or contact us personally. The donations go to printing QSL cards and other costs.

DO NOT MAKE YOUR OWN QSL CARDS



8. Skeds

Also this year, we would like to arrange skeds. Would you like to help us out and be the sked-leader? Don't hesitate to contact us! More information will be published on the website and Facebook as soon as possible.

This year we will try to give the award hunters a chance to work some callsigns during the sked, under the lead of a net control station.

9. How you should make QSOs

Let us all be fair, if you listen on the bands and try to work a special station, the only frustration you get is people non-stop shouting their callsigns, most of all only the 2 characters. Even when the station is in the middle of a QSO, they just shout over it. To avoid this problem is very simple. The operator of the special station has to follow some simple rules and the stations calling, have no other option than to follow the operator. Many times you hear people saying that it's the novice or new hams who misbehave on this, well, let's show that we all know exactly how it's done properly! This is why we try to encourage you to follow the [DX CODE OF CONDUCT](#). Let's agree to use this rule: Only full callsigns. You will be amazed how discipline suddenly kicks in... Of course it's better to use all rules of 'The Code', we would love to hear every YOTA callsign use this discipline and show that youngsters have the best behavior on the bands.

10. Pictures & articles

We would like to receive pictures and articles (soapbox) of your activity. We will publish them on ham-yota.com/gallery/.

11. Have you read the bulletin?

If you read this, just let us know on the Facebook group with a message that only says "Done!", or an email to info@ham-yota.com. Let's see who's actually reading this bulletin ☺

12. Social Media

This year we are giving more attention to social media!

Please use #hamyota and @hamyota on Twitter or join our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/youngstersontheair>

13. FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

To provide an answer on the most important questions, we've made a short FAQ list.

13.1 Callsign Usage

13.1.1 Can I use my YOTA Callsign in a contest?

This depends, you are free to do whatever you want with this callsign but please take note that all QSL cards are sponsored by IARU R1 and external sponsors. If you intend to participate in a contest, the amount of QSL cards that will be requested for your station will be much higher. If you do this, we kindly ask you to go to our donation page and donate a part of the costs we pay for your QSL cards. We are not denying you to participate in contests but we tend to avoid them since this will increase the amount of QSL requests. Also, please notify us at info@ham-yota.com. For contest participation, please have a look at our [YCP program](#).

13.1.2 How should I use my YOTA callsign?

December YOTA Month is intended to get more youngsters on air, to give them some experience in operating a station etc... If possible and legally allowed in your country, try to let some unlicensed youngsters make their first QSO or contact licensed but less active youngsters in your district to become more active. Give them the possibility to use the YOTA callsign.

A QSO can be of any length but we aim to spread the word and get more youngsters on air. Let them tell something about themselves, who they are and how old they are... Not a simple "59 thank you and 73". Do not get us wrong, you can enjoy pile-ups as much as you like, but don't give out "59 73's" when you will be calling CQ for the next 10 minutes without anybody replying.

13.1.3 Can I use my YOTA Callsign outside December?

We prefer that you only use your callsign in December or during the YOTA summer event (if you are the host). The simple reason for this is that the QSL management will become a mess. However we cannot forbid you to use the callsign outside December. If you do this, we ask you to take care of QSL-ing by yourself or make an arrangement with our QSL manager.

13.2 Adif Manager

13.2.1 *Where do I upload my logfiles?*

Please go to the [ADIF Upload](#) page where you can upload one or multiple .adi files.

13.2.2 *When do I upload my logfiles?*

Please try to upload your logfiles every two days. If your country has really bad or even no internet sometimes, weekly is fine too.

We ask all station responsables to forward their account details to all participating members in your country so they can upload their own logs. If you, as Responsible, want to upload all logs for your country, this will only cause a delay. The station Responsible is responsible for all his team members. He/she should check if all logs are uploaded in time.

13.2.3 *Do you only support ADIF files? (.adi)*

Indeed, Cabrillo files are difficult (a pain in the ass) to convert and upload to our database since the Cabrillo format isn't as strict as the ADIF format.

We *might* support this in the future if there is a big demand for this. Please let us know! (We can't promise anything though!)

13.2.4 *Is there a difference between New, Updated and Ignored QSOs?*

New QSOs are those that are new in the database. The first time you upload a logfile, all QSOs will be 'new'.

Updated QSOs are QSOs that have the same date, time and callsign. Those are edited with the newly supplied data.

Ignored QSOs are those that were made outside of the December YOTA Month.

13.3 QSL Cards

13.3.1 *What about QSL Requests?*

The organization of the December YOTA Month takes care of all QSL cards, we have our own QSL Manager (Brani, OM2FY). It's important to spread his callsign when someone asks for the QSL manager. This info is also provided on the QRZ

page template. We prefer OQRS by ClubLog to handle the QSL requests. All logs uploaded here are automatically synchronized with the ClubLog database. (Much kuddos to the ClubLog team for letting us do this!).

13.3.2 *Do we have to pay for our QSL Cards*

All cards are paid for by IARU R1 and other sponsors of the December YOTA Month. We have a uniform QSL template that is used for all stations. Please do not print your own cards! If you want to help us with the QSL costs, feel free to do so, more info about that can be found on our [donation](#) page.

13.3.3 *eQSL and LOTW*

At the moment there is no support for eQSL and LOTW yet. This is a feature that might be implemented in the future. If it is possible to synchronize our database to any of those two applications like we do with ClubLog, we might look into this although this is **not** our priority. If you would like this feature, please tell us and we'll do our best!

14. Funding

We are always looking for more fund-raisers who would like to support this activity. With this funding we will cover the expenses made for QSL printing. Please contact us if you are interested.



15. Coordinators

15.1 Overall Coordinators (info@ham-yota.com)

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15.2 IT Coordinators (dev@ham-yota.com)

Yentel – ON3YH: on3yh@ham-yota.com

Robin – ONL11943: robin@ham-yota.com

15.3 Award Coordinator

Tamas – HA8RT: award@ham-yota.com



YOTA Award December 2015

May be requested by any licensed amateur radio or SWL



Different awards:

Bronze : 5 worked YOTA stations

Silver : 10 worked YOTA stations

Gold: 15 worked YOTA stations

Platinum: Worked all YOTA stations as published on www.ham-yota.com

Disclaimer: these award rules might change if new stations register for the December YOTA Month. Check the website for the latest rules.

Price:

Free of all costs.

Awards will be electronically distributed to save costs.

Claiming:

Only contacts during December 2015 are valid.

All bands and all modes.

16. Requesting your award:

You can request your award here:

<http://ham-yota.com/december-yota-month/award-request/>

Award manager is Tamas – HA8RT

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