

Y A C L : Yet Another Contest Logger

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Roger

Yet Another Contest Logger – YACL – is very close to being fully useable for the Winter Field Day, and should be relatively bug-free for that event.

I have written up a news item for WIA broadcast if you think it is suitable.. and relevant.. given your contest manager status :

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Following the passing of Mike VK3AVV in January 2022, there was some doubt as to what would happen with Mike's VKCL logging software into the future.

YACL has been developed over the last two months as a virtual replacement for VKCL but with a few different design principles that should make it even more flexible.

For instance, if you want to create a Sprint contest of short duration, VKCL can't help you as the rules are set inside its coding - and no longer changeable.

YACL follows the N1MM+ concept where contests are defined in an external file to coordinate with the published rules so a new text file is created to suit, preferably an edit of a copy of an existing definitions file.

The on-screen format is based on VKCL but YACL is vastly different inside, having been written from scratch in a different programming language. It also supports an inbuilt interface to WSJT-X for direct logging of digital QSOs via UDP messaging, as well as OmniRig support for two radios. Partial microwave transverter support is included.

YACL development is still very much continuing but can be used for the Winter VHF/UHF Field Day as those rules have already been transformed into a configuration file, with more Australian contests to be supported in the future. The software itself doesn't usually require a re-write for each and every contest provided the definitions used are already innately supported, and eventually they should be.

To download and evaluate this software, visit <https://vk4adc.com/YACLSupport/index.php> and find the topic under 'Download Link'. That web site is also the direct path for user notification of bugs found, and suggestions or requests, plus setup guides. Was that URL too hard ?? Simply Google "yacl (y - a - c - l) support vk4adc" or find it through the Australian Ham Radio Discussion Forum posts at www.ahrdf.net

Remember to re-check immediately before the 26th June 2022 Winter Field Day weekend so you have the absolutely latest version, with fewer bugs. Wait, let's just call them anomalies !!

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Still haven't forgotten about the results processing software, just concentrating on getting YACL out there - and as bug-free as possible !

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