

California QSO Party

CQP 2025 Practice Session

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Date: Friday, October 3, 2025

Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM PDT (Saturday, October 4 - 0200 - 0300 UTC)

Bands: 20M, 40M, 80M

Modes: CW and SSB

Exchange and Center Frequencies: same as those shown in CQP rules at:

<http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>

Practice Suggestion:

First 30 minutes on CW

Next 30 minutes on SSB

On CW, use the macro that you'll use in the real CQP:

For example, "CQ CQP <callsign>"

On Phone, call "CQ California QSO Party Practice"

Check your RBN SNR readings, propagation, antenna SWR, CW macros, logging software, headset, footswitch, CW keyer, etc.

All are welcome to participate — especially County Expedition teams.

After the practice session, feel free to chat about the experience on 80M:

Friday, October 3 at 8:00PM PDT (Saturday, October 4, 0300 UTC)

Where: 3610 kHz LSB (+/-)

Report on your expedition setup status, try some audio checks, ask questions, etc.

