



**RULES of the
AMATEUR RADIO AWARD SX52OA
(52 years of Olympic Airways) (1957-2009)**

The **Greek section and the council** of the international amateur radio **5th Ocean Club** activates (non-profit) the eight international radio amateur award which is dedicated to the **52 years of Olympic Airways (1957-2009)**. This Club has 650 members worldwide and they are all radio amateurs who have a direct connection with aviation (pilots, paratroopers, engineers, instructors, etc.).

We are honored to be 4 Greek amateur radio members to it:

Polydoros Stavropoulos SV1AHH #555, (Leader of the club for Greece), joined in October 2019.

George Petrakis SV1GGF #556, (Director of the SVIAFA project), member since November 2019.

Stavros Panagiotopoulos SV1JFL #614, (Award designer) member since February 2022.

GeorgeTsirakis SV1QVA #626, (Award Manager) member since September 2022.

+ **Zacharias Velissaris SV3GLL/ SK2022 #595**, member since September 2020. He died in August 2022.

+ **Nikolaos Koufoudakis SV1QA/ SK2022 #612**, member since February 2022. He died in December 2022.

Purpose and object of the award:

So in honor of the **52 years of the historic "Olympic Airways"**, the Greek section and the council of 5th Ocean club activates international competition in the amateur radio bands with the Special Call Sign **SX52OA** (52 years of Olympic Airways 1957-2009).

Participants:

- All licensed radio amateurs from every official radio country on the planet.
- The Short Wave Listeners (SWL).

Award:

With the support of the Hamlog.online website and the international 5th Ocean Club, a high-resolution color award (A4 size) will be awarded automatically and free of charge electronically to those who fulfill the conditions of the competition (accumulation of 52 points). The awards will be issued from the online address: <https://hamlog.online/club/5ocean/>

Activators:

The four Greeks members of the Club who will activate the award are:

1. Polydoros Stavropoulos SV1AHH #555 (CW)
2. George Petrakis SV1GGF #556 (FT4 - FT8 - RTTY)
3. Stavros Panagiotopoulos SV1JFL #614, (FT8 – SSB)
4. George Tsirakis SV1QVA # 626 (SSB)

Competition duration:

Starts **2 October 2023** (00.00 UTC) and ends **20 October 2023** (00.00 UTC).

Modulations: Voice (SSB), CW, FT8, FT4, RTTY.

Bands:

Transmissions with the Special Call Sign SX52OA will be made on the amateur radio bands in the shortwave (HF), VHF, UHF, {160M, 80M, 40M, 30M, 20M, 17M, 15M, 12M, 10M, 6M, 2M and 70CM},

Awarding - Rating:

The required number of points to be accumulated to qualify for the award (diploma) are 52.

For each QSO or for reception by listeners (SWL= Short Wave Listener) with:

- the special call sign SX52OA gives **10 points**.
- members of the "5th Ocean" club gives **5 points**.

Repeated QSOs are only allowed on different bands and different modulation modes.

All types of digital communications (RTTY, PSK, MFSK, SSTV, JT65, FT8, FT4) count as a DIGI type.

Confirmation of Reception (QSL) Cards:

QSL cards will be sent, the next day free of charge electronically to all radio amateurs who did QSO with SX52OA. The shipment will be made through the two websites: eQSL and Hamlog.online. Contacts (adif files) will be posted at the end of each day to the e-QSL, Hamlog.online, hamclub.ru, QRZCQ.com, QRZ.com, Clublog.org and lotw.arrl.org.

Prohibitory term:

Paper cards will not be accepted by post office or Bureau.

It is not allowed sending the following to the activators:

- money in any way (IBAN, Paypal, etc.)
- international postal coupons (I.R.C.)
- U.S.D. (green stamps)

Additional terms:

Please:

- follow the rules provided by the legislation and the code of the International Association of Radio Amateurs,
- avoid tuning and testing to the frequency of the SX52OA because it will not be possible to receive the stations that want to participate and there will be a long delay,
- brevity in conversation will be a joy to those who wait,
- do not use computer in CW configuration,
- read directions how you will find members of the 5th Ocean to the:

http://sv1ahh.blogspot.com/2022/06/5_17.html

alternatively you can follow the instructions at:

<http://sv1ahh.blogspot.com/2022/06/online-spots-ha8tk.html>

We kindly request for your patience and compliance with the terms. Let this competition be a great pleasure for all of us.

Polydoros Stavropoulos (SV1AHH) will be responsible for information and comments throughout the competition:

email: sv1ahh@yahoo.gr

The SX52OA activation team.

History of Olympic Airways

On **July 30, 1956**, Aristotle Onassis signed the contract for the acquisition of TAE (Technical Aviation Operations).

On **April 6, 1957**, he founded Olympic Airways, an air transport company based in Athens. On the same day, the first route of the company from Athens to Thessaloniki takes place with a DC-3 aircraft piloted by Pavlos Ioannidis.

On **June 1, 1966**, the first transatlantic route from Athens to New York took place. **In 1968, on 1 November**, the first route to Africa operated to the city of Johannesburg via Nairobi.

In 1969, the first flight to Montreal, Canada, took place on 1 April.

In **1971** the number of passengers flying with Olympic Airways exceeded **2,000,000** and its fleet consisted of **24 aircraft**. On August 2nd of the same year, Alexander Onassis founded the first subsidiary of the company, Olympic Aviation, to serve the small airports of Greece.

On **March 3, 1972**, the first flight to Sydney, Australia took place with a Boeing 707 aircraft named "City of Athens".

In **1973, on January 22**, a sad event shocked Greece. The son of the company's founder Alexander Onassis is seriously injured and succumbs to his injuries two days later after the crash of the Piaggio 136L2 aircraft in which he is a pilot in the cockpit. The tragic event is the beginning of the end for Aristotle Onassis' Olympic Airways.

On **December 10, 1974**, Aristotle Onassis called on the government, citing the contract he had signed with the Greek State, to take over Olympic Airways within six months. On January 1, 1975, the Greek State bought Olympic Airways from Aristotle Onassis and the company was controlled by state administration.

In **2009, on March 23rd**, the contract for the acquisition of Olympic Airways by MIG was signed and on October 1st of the same year MIG took full control and renamed the company from Olympic Airways to Olympic Air.

The Olympic Airways fleet initially consisted of Douglas DC3, DC4, DC-6 piston aircraft, several of which came from TAE. This was followed by the first jets De Havilland Comet 48 (1960) and Boeing 707-320 in 1966. Additional aircraft that were added to the fleet were the following: Boeing 720-051B (1972), 727-200 (1969), 737-200 (1976), 737-400 (1991), 747-200 (1973) and Airbus A 300-B 4 (1979) , A300-600 (1991), A340-300 (1999).