MARCONI CLUB ARI LOANO
QSO PARTY DAY edition 2026

Qso Party Day Contest organized by Marconi Club it's as always with the "short contest" format, is now in its 8th edition. This year, the event is scheduled for Saturday, **January 3, 2026.** The purpose of the event is to introduce our club to the younger generations and bring together all those who truly love and believe in telegraphy, promoting the MARCONI CLUB ARI LOANO, founded on May 8, 1988, by the late Libero Meriggi I1YXN and the renowned DX-peditioner Baldur Drobnica DJ6SI.

The event will involve all members of the historic club, which has nearly 1000 members from all over the world, and all enthusiasts of this wonderful and magnificent art of CW.

For this edition too, the BEGALI company, an undisputed world leader in the production of high-quality telegraph keys, has agreed to support our Contest by donating one of their own keys, which will be raffled off among the top five finishers in the Marconi Operators category.

To further encourage participants, this special prize cannot be awarded to those who have already received it in a previous edition.

The awards ceremony and the drawing for the special prize will take place at the Marconi Club stand at the Ham-Radio Exhibition Center in Montichiari (BS) on Saturday, March 15, 2026.

This year, it will also be possible to upload logs online. Please note that logs must be uploaded exclusively in Cabrillo format. Logs can be uploaded via the Marconi Club ARI Loano page at https://www.marconiclub.it

Date: 03/01/2026

Time: from 07:00 UTC – 21:00 UTC.

Band: 20m **-** 40m - 80m

Mode: CW

Exchange: All stations will call "CQ MCD"

- Member of MARCONI CLUB A.R.I. Loano will pass RST report follow by the membership number in 3 digit format (599 MC123).
- Non members will contact just registered HAM at Marconi Club A.R.I. Loano and will pass RST report + progressive number (599 001). Independent stations can connect to each other.

Points: 5 Points each Qso made with Members of MARCONI CLUB

1 Points each Qso made with Non Member Stations (Independent)

Each station can be worked once per Band. Total Score will result from Total Qso Points per Total Mult. Independent Station can work anybody

Multipliers: Members of MARCONI CLUB A.R.I. LOANO are multipliers on each Band

Logs: Log must contains: Date, UTC, Call, Band, Mode, Marconist number received, If any of this info will miss, log will be classified as CHECKLOG**. Logs must be exclusively in CABRILLO format,** will be NOT ACCEPTED other format. Logs must be uploaded on www.marconiclub.it or sent by email to **qsoparty@marconiclub.it** the expiry date will be on **09/01/2026**

Software: It is strongly encouraged the use of the following logging software: QARTest, N1MM, SD, UcxLog and DXLOG; all these software support MCD Contest, and will generates a log compliant with the required standard.

Ranking: Will be processed a Point Ranking List, in case of same result will be considered winning the station with more QSO's in the log. An excessive numbers of QSO not verified, will give as result the penalty of exclusion from the Ranking List.
Any decision of the Secretary and the Contest Manager of the MARCONI CLUB organizer of the event are final.

Prizes: **Member MC Marconi Club Category:**

- 1° - 2° - 3° Place - Personalized Chrome Plates

Independent Category:

- 1° Place – Personalized Metal Plate sponsor Giu IT9VDQ
- 2° - 3° Place - Personalized Chrome Plates

Special Prizes: Begali CW Keys gently offered from BEGALI Factory, raffled among the top five MC category winners. If a previous winner of the special prize is drawn during the draw, a new draw will be held.

Award: All participants will be allow to download the PDF Participations Award.

Permanent Award: all contacts with station members of MARCONI CLUB ARI Loano are valids for awarding the "AWARD MARCONISTA". Rules and the updates list of membership are shown on the website: https://www.marconiclub.it

Contact example:

calling station: CQ CQ MCD de IK1QBT
replying station: IK1QBT de IU1XXX
calling station: IU1XXX de IK1QBT 599 MC260
replying station: IK1QBT de IU1XXX 599 001

We hope to hear you soon!

(Contest Committe Marconi Club A.R.I. Loano)