

Major VHF/UHF Contests

Mid January, Full Weekend
ARRL VHF Sweepstakes

Early March, Full Weekend
ARRL International DX Contest Phone

Early April, Spring Sprint-144 MHz

Early April, Spring Sprint-222 MHz

Early April, Spring Sprint-432 MHz

Early May, Spring Sprint-50 MHz

Mid May, Full Weekend
CQ National Fox Hunting Weekend

Early June, Full Weekend
ARRL VHF QSO Party

Mid June, Full Weekend,
SMIRK 6 meter QSO Party

Mid/Late June, Full Weekend
ARRL Field Day

Mid July,
CQ World Wide VHF Contest

Mid July, Full Weekend
IARU HF World Championships

Early August, Full Weekend
ARRL UHF Contest

Mid September, Full Weekend
ARRL September VHF QSO Party

Courtesy: **CQ Magazine & ARRL**

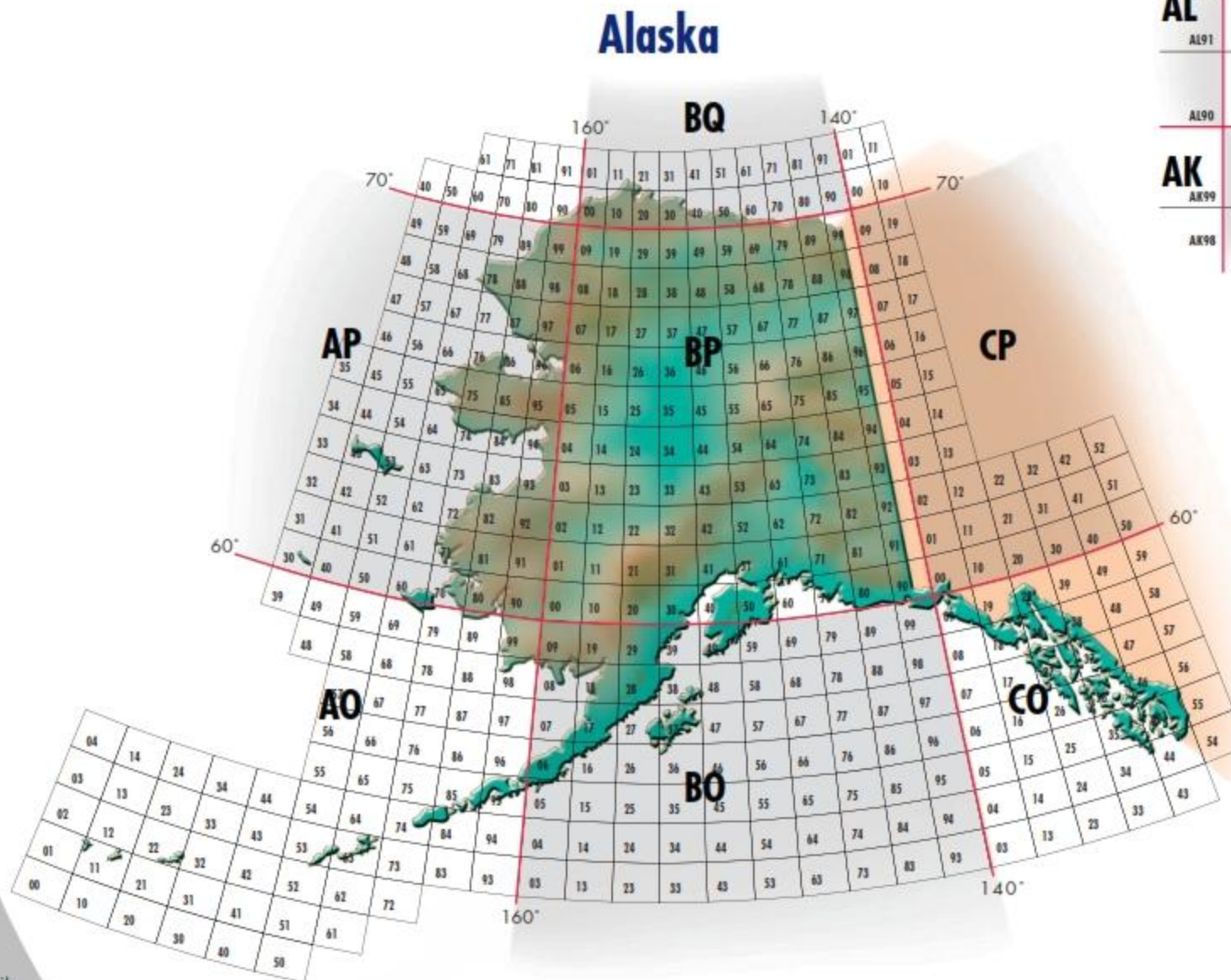
ICOM Grid Square Tips:

1. Say your grid square location when operating on VHF & UHF bands.
2. Many portable GPS receivers can read out Maidenhead* grid squares automatically.
3. Say your grid square letters phonetically.
Example: for grid 13 in region DM say "delta, mika, one, three" on air.
4. Give your general location along with your grid square.
5. Have fun on VHF & UHF!

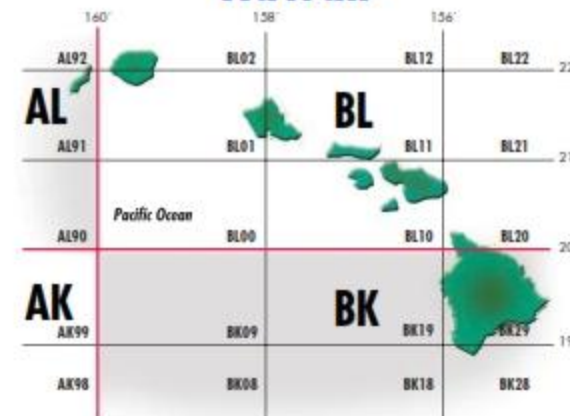
*An instrument of the Maidenhead Locator System (named after the town outside London where it was first conceived by a meeting of European VHF managers in 1980), a grid square measures 1° latitude by 2° longitude and measures approximately 70 x 100 miles in the continental US. A grid square is indicated by two letters (the field) and two numbers (the square).
From ARRL source: <http://www.arrl.org/locate/gridinfo.html>

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U.S. Grid Square Map



Hawaii**



0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 Kilometers
0 100 200 300 400 Miles
Albers Equal Area Projection - Alaska

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