

Major VHF/UHF Contests

Early March, Full Weekend
ARRL VHF Sweepstakes

Early March, Full Weekend CQ Spring
VHF Activity Weekend (FM)

Early April, Spring Sprint—144 MHz

Early April, Spring Sprint—222 MHz

Early April, Spring Sprint—432 MHz

Early April, Full Weekend CQ Spring
VHF Activity Weekend (SSB/CW)

Early May, Spring Sprint
—902/1296/2304 MHz

Early May, Weekend Spring Sprint
—50 MHz

Early May, Full Weekend
ARRL June VHF CSO Party

Early August, Full Weekend
ARRL UHF Contest

Early September, Full Weekend
ARRL September VHF QSO Party

Courtesy *CQ Magazine*

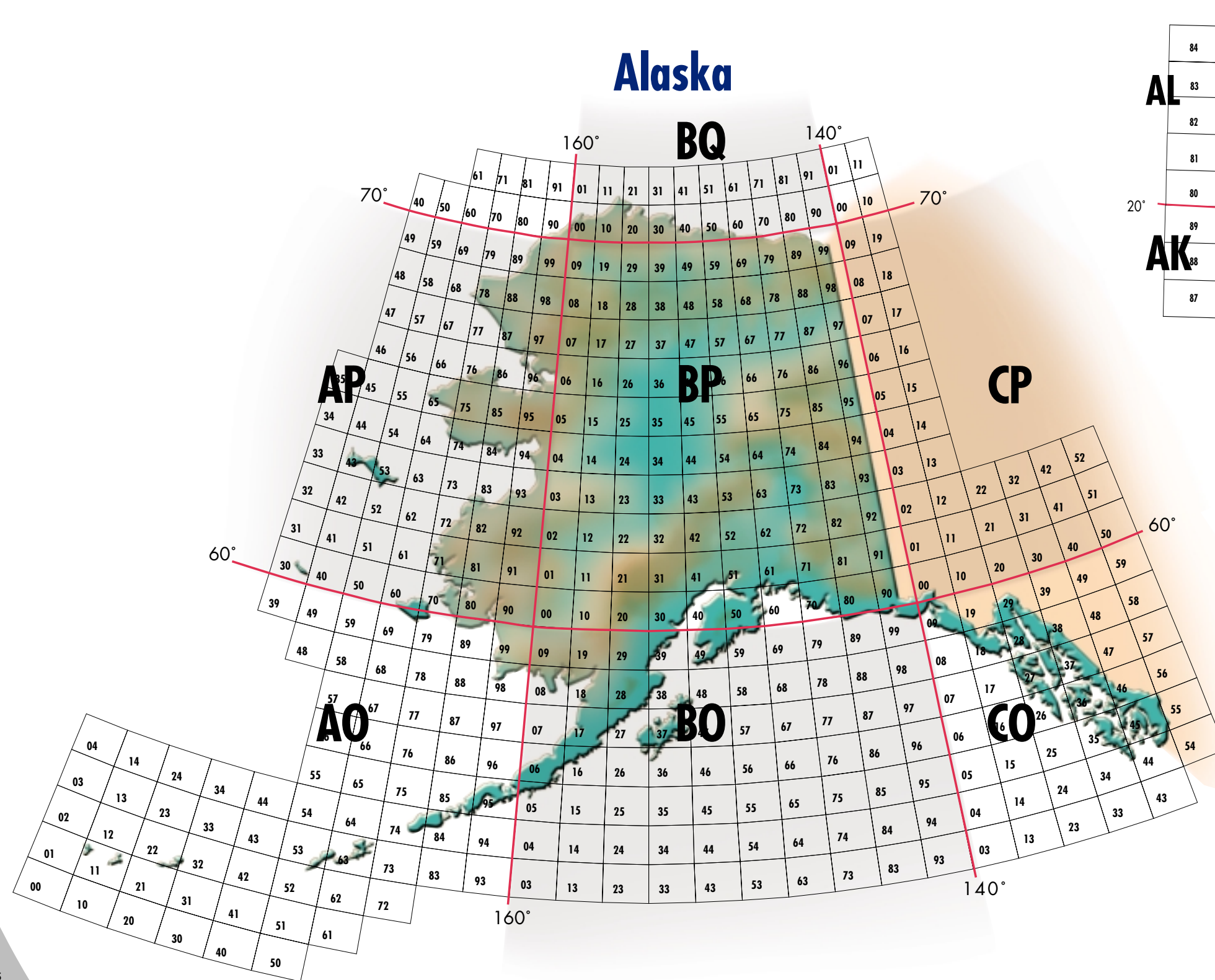
ICOM Grid Square Tips:

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, mike, one, three" on air.
4. Give your general location along with your grid square.
5. Have fun on VHF & UHF!

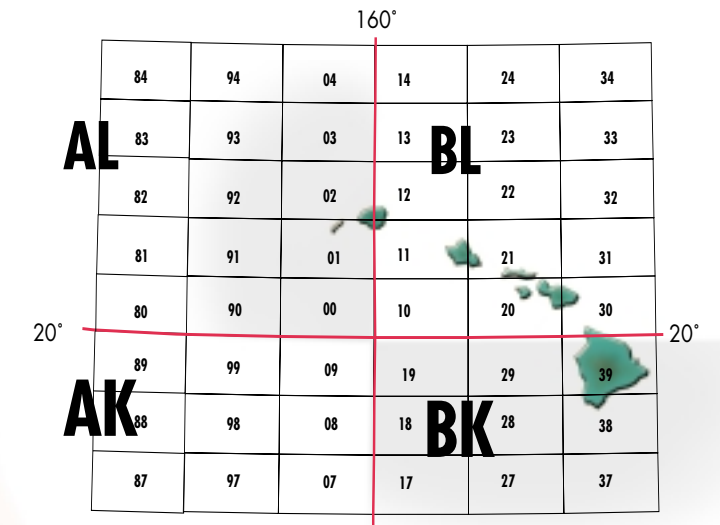
*The Maidenhead grid square system identifies "fields" of 20 degrees of longitude by 20 degrees of latitude. Each field is identified by 2 alphabetic characters, such as "FN". Each field is then broken down into 100 squares, each square being 2 degrees of longitude by 1 degree of latitude in size and identified by number, from 00 to 99.

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U.S. Grid Square Map



Hawaii



0 50 100 150 200 250 300 Kilometers
0 50 100 150 200 Miles
Albers Equal Area Projection - Hawaii

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 800 Kilometers
0 100 200 300 400 Miles
Albers Equal Area Projection - Alaska