Logging for OSPOTA

Accurate logging is an essential part of participating in OSPOTA, and fortunately, there are several excellent tools available to make the process smooth and straightforward.

At their core, logging programs are designed to capture the contest exchange along with key details such as time, band, and frequency. After the contest, they generate results in standardized formats; most commonly **ADIF** or **Cabrillo**. Nearly all modern logging software can export in ADIF format, while contest-specific programs also support Cabrillo, which is the preferred standard for contest log submissions. Using Cabrillo simplifies the log-checking process significantly.

For OSPOTA, you have several reliable options for logging contacts. The following programs are among the most commonly used, and all of them can generate a Cabrillo file:

- **N3FJP OH QSO Party Log** – With a simple data file swap, this program works well for OSPOTA. It's reasonably priced and straightforward to use. Setup instructions can be found at https://ospota.org/Files/N3FJP_Hack_Rev1.pdf, and the software is available at n3fjp.com.

- **N1MM Logger+** – This powerful contest logger supports OSPOTA through the use of a UDC (User Defined Contest) file. Detailed setup instructions and up to date files are available at https://ospota.org/Files/N1MM_for_OSPOTA.zip.

- **GenLog** – Though its interface may look dated, many operators continue to recommend it for its reliability. More information is available at qsl.net/w3km/genfeats.htm.

- **World Radio League** – A newer option that has recently gained attention. It supports OSPOTA and generates Cabrillo files. I've personally used it for POTA with good results, though I haven't yet tested it with OSPOTA. A community review would be especially welcome. You can explore it further at worldradioleague.com.