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DX news

VK9MA Mellish Reef -update

VK9MA [1st Newsletter](#) now available. In addition, the team received their LoTW certificate.

Russian Far East Islands Award

The DX Trophy Awards Group announces a new trophy: Russian Far East Islands. A nice plaque is available, more on <https://dx-world.net/russian-far-east-islands-award/>

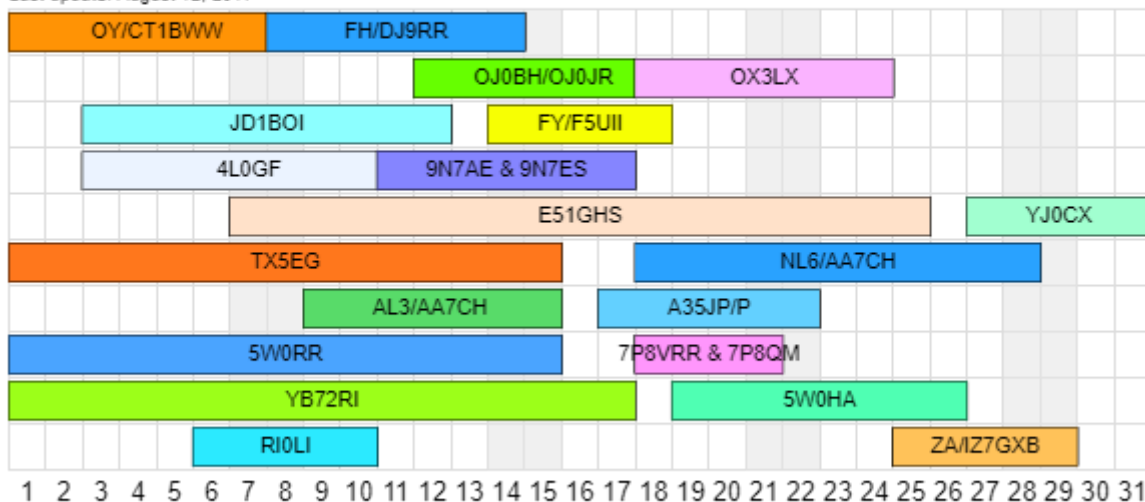
FT3YL Adelle Land, Antarctica -update

François informed this week he has only 5 watts output power with his IC706. After checking a possible error, we told him that there must be a big problem with his IC706. Bad news !! He also brought with him a 2nd transceiver; an old FT890. We told François to use the FT890 and he will try to repair the IC706 later.

<https://dx-world.net/ft3yl-adelie-land-antarctica/>

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This week on HF

Balkan Tour by IZ7GXB

4O, MONTENEGRO

ZA, ALBANIA

Z3, MACEDONIA

Costa, IZ7GXB is visiting the Balkans during August. He is active as 4O7GXB (August 29 – September 3), ZA/IZ7GXB (August 25-29) and Z38/IZ7GXB (August 21-25).

Operation on HF with focus on 6 meter. QSL via home call, LoTW, logsearch on Club Log. <https://balkanstour-iz7qxb.jimdo.com/>

5W, SAMOA Bert, CX3AN will be active from Upolu as 5W0HA from August 19 until August 26. His focus will be on 30 and 40 meter using CW and on 20 and 17 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

7P, LESOTHO Vaughan ZS2VR and Quintus ZS2KU will be operating as 7P8VRR and 7P8QM from the Sani Pass region from August 18 until August 21. Activity on 40, 20 and 15 meter. QSL via homecalls.

7X, ALGERIA Bodo, DF8DX is operating as 7Y0A until August 26. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

9H, MALTA Oliver, DF6MS is operating as 9H3BW from Gozo. Activity in 'holiday-style' until August 19 from 40 to 15 meter using CW only. QSL via home call.

9X, RWANDA Look for Alan, 9X0TA for the next 3 years. Operation primarily on 20 and 17 meter. QSL via N4NGR and LoTW.

E5, COOK ISLANDS Alex, F4GHS is QRV as E51GHS until August 25 from Rarotonga. Activity in 'holiday-style' using a vertical for 20 meter. QSL via home call.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Jean-Pierre, F6CTF is active from Tahiti (OC-046) until September 3 as TX5JF and TX5JF/MM. He plans to operate from different IOTA as he travels and will be QRV from 40 to 15 meter. QSL via home call.

FY, FRENCH GUYANA Christian, F5UII is operating as FY/call until August 18.

Operation during his spare time from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and RTTY.

<https://www.f5uui.net/en/fy-f5uui-august-2017/>

IS0, SARDINIA Gil, IZ2DLV is active as IS0/call from Porobello di Gallura until August 25. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct only.

SU, EGYPT Christian, DM4DX is currently living in Cairo and is QRV during his spare time as SU/call until November. QSL via LoTW.

SV9, CRETE Ron, WB2GAI is QRV as SV9/call/P until September 29. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call.

TA, TURKEY Vlad, US7IGN is QRV as TA4/call until August 17. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW with QRP power. QSL via home call.

TK, CORSICA Frans, DJ0TP is active in 'holiday-style' as TK/call until September 8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

TZ, MALI Fredo, TZ4PR is active from northern Mali until October. QSL via F1UIJ, direct.

VP9, BERMUDA Christoph, DL1YAF is active as VP9/call until August 27. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Diya, YI1DZ is again operating as Z81D from Juba. Operation on HF using SSB, length of stay is unknown. QSL via OM3JW.

Coming up soon

E5, SOUTH COOKS Doug, W6HB will once again be active as E51DLD from Rarotonga. QRV between August 27 and September 8. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using the shack from E51AND and E51JD. QSL via home call.

LX, LUXEMBOURG Marc, ON7SS will be operating as LX/OO9O between August 24 and August 28. QSL via OQRS on <http://www.on7ss.be/logsearch.html>

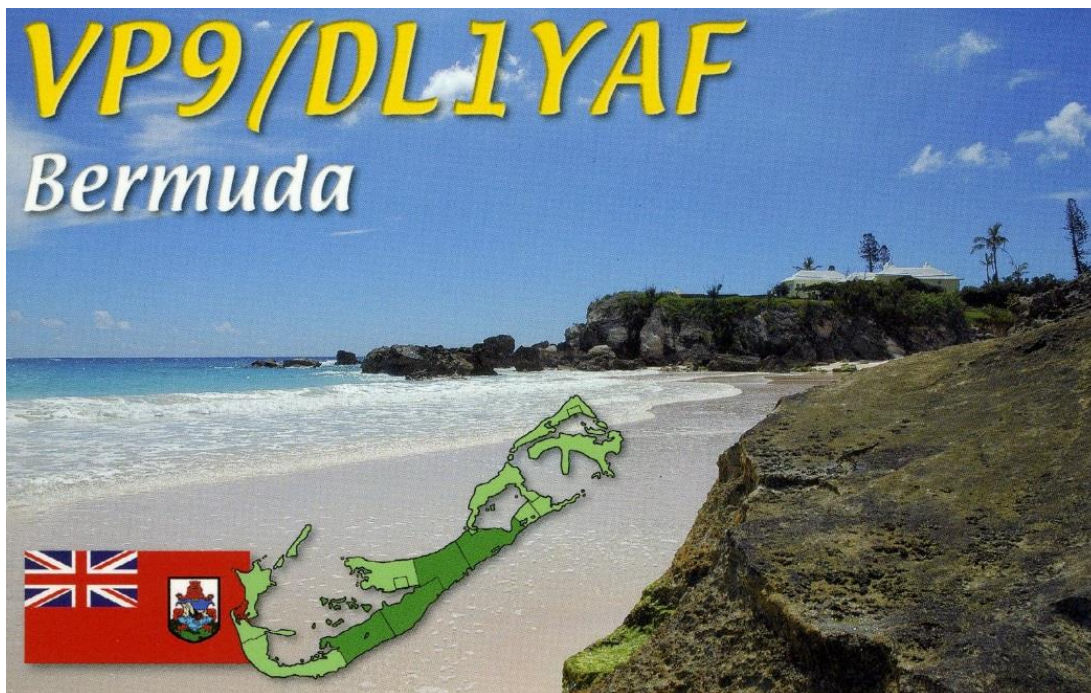
V6, MICRONESIA Susumu, JA6REX will be QRV as V63KS from Chuuk between August 28 and September 4. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call. <http://v63.webcrow.jp/index.html>

XV, VIETNAM Bill, WA7WJR informs that he received his 3 year Vietnamese License. His next trip will be late August – September. Operation on HF using CW from Bien Hoa and Vung Tao.

YJ, VANUATU Tony, KQ2I will be active from Efate as YJ0AT between August 29 and September 14. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via NR6M and LoTW, log search and OQRS on Club Log.

YJ, VANUATU Bert, CX3AN will be operating from Port Vila as YJ0CX from August 27 until September 3. Focus will be on 30 and 40 meter using CW and on 20 and 17 using SSB. QSL via home call.

QSL preview





IOTA

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This week on HF

AFRICA

AF-064 Robben Isl A team with Paul ZS1V, Jan ZS1VDV, Andre ZS1AN and Johan ZS1A will be active as ZS9V from August 18 until August 20. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and CW on the higher bands. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.
<http://zs9v.org.za/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF064>

EUROPE

EU-034 Hiiumaa Isl Look for Pasi OH2MZB and Simo OH2HAN as ES0HAM between August 17 and August 21. Mainly active using RTTY with some SSB. QSL via OH2HAN, bureau or direct. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU034>

EU-080 Arosa Isl Rene, DL2JRM is active as EA1/call until August 18. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU080>

EU-121 Arranmore Isl The Lagan Valley ARC is operating as EJ0L from the lighthouse on Arranmore until August 21. QSL via MI0BPB, direct only.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU121>

EU-136 Rab Isl Giovanni, IK1WEG is QRV as 9A/call until August 19. Operation on HF and VHF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU136>

EU-165 San Pietro Isl Massimo, I0PNM is once again operating as IM0/call until August 20. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter. QSL via home call.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU165>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-157 Kayak Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=na157>

Mikhail, VE7ACN is active as NL6/AA7CH from August 18 until August 28. Operation from 40 to 10 meter, maybe 160 and 80 meter also. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via home call, direct or bureau.

NA-220 Simiutaq Isl Bo, OX3LX will be active until August 24. Activity during his spare time from 60 to 6 meter. QSL via OZ0J.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA220>

OCEANIA

OC-046 Windward Isl A team with F6BCW, F6DTZ, F6IPT, F5UOW, F1MNO, F1TCV and K3EL is QRV as TX5EG until September 5. Operation from 80 to 12 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F6BCW, bureau or direct.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc046>

OC-128 Palawan Isl Dale, KE0BRZ will be operating in 'holiday-style' as DU1/call from August 18 until August 22. Operation mainly on 20 meter using SSB.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC128>

OC-191 Niutoputapu Isl Masa, JA0RQV plans to be operating as A35JP/P from August 17 until August 22. QTH will be the same guest house in Hihifo village where he activated OC-191 in 2014. Success rate will depend on the probability of domestic flight which is scheduled once a week. Activity planned from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC191>

On the scene

Martti OJ0BH and Henri OJ0JR from Market Reef



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Heinz, DL1YP will be active again as FO/call from Moorea (OC-046) between September 6 until October 1. QRV on 20, 17 and 15 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

FS, ST MARTIN

Joe W3HNC and James K3NK will be operating from October 23 until November 1. Joe will be QRV as PJ7A and FS5KA (SSB). James will be active as PJ7/K3NK and as FS/K3NK (CW and digital). QSL via homecalls.

S7, SEYCHELLES Kasimir, SL2SBY will once again be active as S79KB from Mahe. Activity from October 20 until November 1 on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

SV5, DODECANESE Oliver, DK7TX will be active as SV5/call from Kos, Kalymnos, Nisyros and Telendos between October 3 and October 13. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

V6, MICRONESIA Yutake, JH1MLO will be operating as V63MLO from South Park Hotel, Pohnpei. Operation between September 27 and October 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Lance, W7GJ will be operating as VK9CGJ from Cocos Keeling between September 12 and September 18. After Cocos he continues to Christmas Island as VK9XGJ between October 2 and October 18. This will be a 6 meter EME DXpedition. QSL via home call, direct only. <http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/>

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK between October 27 and October 31. Activity in 'holiday-style'. Adrian might be longer on the island than published so might be longer QRV, license is valid for one year.

THE REMINDERS

3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON Seb, F5UFX announces 'after our successful dxpeditions to tromelin (ft4ta) and juan de nova (ft4ja), we are very happy to announce our new project. Our team will be active from Saint Brandon island 3B7 in March-April 2018 for a two weeks operation. more details to follow soon!'

3B8, MAURITIUS Hans, PA3HGT will be active as 3B8/call from September 5 until September 22. Activity on 40, 20 and 10 meter. QSL via home call.

3X, REP OF GUINEA Luc F5RAV and Gérard F5NVF will be operating as 3XY4D between October 27 and November 6. More to follow.

3Y, BOUVET ISL A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth as 3Y0Z. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. QSL via N200. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

5T, MAURITANIA A team with Petr OK1BOA, Palo OK1CRM, David OK6DJ, Petr OK1FCJ, Pavel OK1GK, Ruda OK2ZA and Karel OK2ZI will be active as 5T5OK from September 15 until September 29. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW. <http://www.cdxp.cz/>

5W, SAMOA Al, K7AR will be operating as 5W0RA from September 19 until September 28. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, logsearch on Club Log.

6Y, JAMAICA Look for AA4V, N4SF, K8AJA and W4HE as 6Y4V, 6Y4F, 6Y4J and 6Y4E from October 21 until October 31. An entry in the CQ WW DX SSB contest is included as 6Y4V. QSL see ops instructions.

8P, BARBADOS Mac, WT4BT will be operating as 8P9MT from November 4 until November 10. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW.

9G, GHANA A team with S54W, S57GM, S57SU, S57UN, S59A, S59ZZ and OZ7AM will be active from Kokrobite as 9G5W. Activity from November 21 until November 29. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via S59ZZ and LoTW. <https://ghana.si/>

9MO, SPRATLY ISLAND Originally announced for December, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands has been postponed to March 10 – March 20 2018, owing to the unavailability of the resort on Layang Layang. Plans are for Hrane, YT1AD and a large group to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. The team has two vacant positions.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA Rich, PA0RRS will once again be QRV as 9M2MRS between December 1 and January 30, 2018. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

9U, BURUNDI The MDXC team led by Antonio IZ8CCW and co-leader Gabriele I2VGV will conduct their next DXpedition as 9U4M, this between November 6 and November 17. QRV with 5 stations using all band and all modes. QSL via IK2VUC, direct or bureau, LoTW, logsearch and OQRS on this website: <http://www.mdxc.org/9u4m/>

9X, RWANDA Harald, DF2WO will again be active as 9X2AW between November 15 and November 30. QSL via M0OXO.

A2, BOTSWANA Alex, IW5ELA will be active in 'holiday-style' as A25AL from September 7 until September 15. Activity on HF using CW with a vertical. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log.

A2, BOTSWANA Pavel R2AD, Yuri RM0F and Elena RC5A will be operating as A25BE, A25BI and A25SP around mid-September. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via homecalls, OQRS Club Log and LoTW.

E5, SOUTH COOKS Nobuaki, JA0JHQ will be active from Rarotonga as E51JHQ between September 1 and September 4. Operation mainly during the All Asian DX SSB Contest from 80 to 6 meter QSL via home call.

E6, NIUE Grant, VK5GR will be active in 'holiday-style' as E6AG from September 13 until September 24. Operation from 40 to 6 meter, perhaps on 80 meter also using digital modes and some SSB. QSL via OQRS (details coming soon).

<http://www.e6ag.net/>

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY A team will AI5P, N0KV, W0ZA and WD0E will be active as FJ/AI5P and FJ/N0KV from October 17 until October 26. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via AI5P and N0KV.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Members of the Cambridge University Wireless Society will be operating as FP/M0WUT, FP/M0BLF, FP/DK2AB, FP/G3ZAY, FP/DH5FS and FP/G7VJR. QRV from September 13 until September 23 on HF using all modes. QSL via homecalls.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE Stan, LZ1GC will once again be QRV as H40GC between September 30 and October 20. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Look for G8OFQ, KG0YL, VK2BXE and WB2REM will be operating as HD8M (dates not yet known). Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log OQRS.

J5, GUINEA BISSAU The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as J5T from November 13 until November 25. Operation with 4 stations on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via I2YSB and LoTW, real-time logsearch and OQRS via <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

JW, SVALBARD Jozef, OM6TC will be QRV as JW/call from September 15 until September 20. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

JW, SVALBARD Rene, DL2JRM will be active as JW/call from November 10 until November 13. Operation on all bands. QSL via home call.

KH1, BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS The Dateline DX association (not recently K4M team) is announcing a DXpedition to Baker with Don N1DG, Tom N4XP, Kevin K6TD and others. Dates and other information will be provided once the vessel is arranged.

KH2, GUAM Miki, JJ2CJB will be QRV as AC2AI/KH2 between October 27 and October 30. An entry in the CQ WW SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Look for PJ4Q (operators are W4PA, PJ4DX, PJ4NX, PJ4KY and G3XTT) during the CQ WW SSB contest on October 28-29. Before and after the contest they will focus on the WARC bands from October 23 until November 1. QSL via W4PA.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Philip, WA1ZAM will once again be operating as PJ7PL from October 20 until November 5. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 30 to 10 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via WA1ZAM.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN LU1FM, LU2CJW, LU3FMD, LU4FBU and LU9FHF will be active as PJ7T between October 24 and November 4. QRV on HF. QSL via LU1FM, LoTW.

<http://www.tarjetasqsl.com.ar/pj7t/>

S7, SEYCHELLES Martin, G4XUM will once again be QRV as S79K during the CQ WW DX CW contest (November 25-26). QSL via G3NKC.

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Jose, EA5IDQ will be operating as S9CW from October 12 until October 21. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

T8, PALAU Kay, JH3AZC informs that JH3AZC, JP3EXR, JH3QFL, JH3VAA will be active from Koror Island, OC-009 as T88CX, T88DG, T88CU, T88CV and T8EM between October 11 and October 17. QRV on HF, EME and satellites.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from October 11 until October 17. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

TN, CONGO A team from DXfriends will be active from Brazzaville as TN5R. More to follow.

V3, BELIZE Robert, DL7VOA will be operating as V43AO from Hopkins. Activity from November 18 until November 30 from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be operating as V47JA from Calypso Bay. Activity from October 15 until November 7. John will operate from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct only and LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Tevfik, TA1HZ will once again be active as V51/call during the CQ WW DX SSB contest (Oct 28-29). Operation before and after the contest. QSL via LZ3HI.

V6, MICRONESIA Chusuke, JR1FKR will be operating as V63FKR from South Park Hotel, Pohnpei between September 27 and October 2. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

V6, MICRONESIA Sho, JA7HMZ will once again be QRV from Pohnpei as V63DX. Operation from November 24 until December 1. QSL via home call, direct only.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISL John, VK3YP has announced planning has commenced for a Dxpedition to Macquarie Island (#9 on Club Log most wanted DXCC) in early 2018 with a total of 5 VK operators. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ, Luke VK3HJ, Peter VK3FN and David K3LP will be active as VK9XI from Christmas and as VK9CI from Cocos Keeling Isl.

-Christmas Isl from October 2 until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<http://christmascocos2017.vkdxq.com/index.php/category/news/>

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND Keith GM4YXI and Chris GM3WOJ are once again QRV from October 23 until November 6. Operation as VK9CZ (pending). This operation follows immediately after the VK9CI DXpedition. More to follow.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF Rob N7QT is planning a DXpedition together with DL3DXX, LB8DC, N9ADG, SM1ALH, SM5AQD and SM5GLC, maybe with 2 others from November 3 until November 16. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via N7QT direct or bureau.

<https://www.qrz.com/DB/VK9MA>

VP2E, ANGUILLA Henri OH3JR and Seppo OH1VR will be once again operating as VP2EHC and VP2ESM from November 21 until December 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct only.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT A team with DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL7DF, DL7UFR, DL7VEE and SP3DOI will be QRV as VP2MDL between November 6 and November 20. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

<http://www.dl7df.com/vp2m/>

YJ, VANUATU Michael, G7VJR (Club Log) will be operating as YJ0G from Epule. Activity between March 2 and March 19, 2018. Operation on HF. QSL via M00XO, OQRS.

Announced IOTA

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THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-051 Los Isl Alain, F5OZC will once again be active as 3XY3D from Kassa, Los Island during November. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW. QSL via home call.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF051>

AF-094 Rachgoun Isl The Algerian Radio Club of Djelfa, with the cooperation of ARU is planning a trip to AF-094 with the call 7Y94I. Operation from September 1 until September 10. Operation on HF. QSL via 7X2DD.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF094>

AF-104 Grand Cavallo Isl The Radio Club of Djelfa with the cooperation of ARU will conduct a DXpedition as 7Y7AI from September 30 until October 10. Operation on HF. QSL via 7X2DD. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF104>

AF-111 Baiyah Isl In collaboration with the Liberian Radio Amateur Association, a team consisting of Richmond EL2BG, Dickson EL2DT, Jeremy EI5GM, Dave EI9FBB and Col MM0NDX are delighted to announce a much anticipated IOTA DXpedition to Baiyah Island AF-111 This IOTA has never before been activated. Tentatively, dates of activity will be around November 1-4, 2017. This may change slightly but we will update in due course regarding that. <http://af111new.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF111>

ASIA

AS-074 Indah Isl A large Malaysian team will be QRV as 9M4IOTA between September 16 and September 18. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes.

QSM via QRZ.com details. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS074>

AS-096 St Mary Isl A large team from India will operate from September 30 until October 1 as VU3NPI. The team will be active on HF using battery power. QSL via VU3NPI. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS096>

Bangladesh IOTA DXpedition

AS-127 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as127>

AS-140 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS140>

A team with Derek G3KHZ, Hans SM6CVX, Axel DL6KVA, Steve G4EDG, Tuhin S21ED and Anup S21TV will be operating from October 13 until October 27. Operation on 40 and 15 meter using verticals. QSL for AS-127 via SM6CVX, for AS-140 goes via G3KHZ, bureau or direct. <http://s21iota.weebly.com/>

EUROPE

EU-125 Fanoe Isl Members of the DARC Bad Salzungen ARC will be operating as OZ/calls between September 23 and September 30. Operators are DJ2AS, DH8WW, DL1AQU, DL2AMT, DL3ARK, DL4AMK and DL5ASE.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU125>

EU-190 Viktoriya Isl The RI1F team (up to 12 ops) depart for the NEW IOTA on September 27, 2017. Depending on sea conditions, it should take approx 3-4 days to reach the island so we expect them to be active from October 1 until October 7. [Bookmark](https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190) for updates. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190>

OCEANIA

OC-175 Sarangani Isl Sergei R4WAA and Yan RZ3FW will be QRV as DU9/calls from November 21 until November 29. Operation on HF. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc175>

OC-198 North Isl Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>

Craig mentions *'THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST ADVENTUROUS AND EXCITING ONE MAN DXPEditionS EVER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THIS ON THE AIR SINCE 2011 AND SO I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE AIR'*.

OC-216 Ashmore Reef Craig VK5CE, Mike AB5EB and Mike AD5A will activate this island between November 7 and November 10 as VK9AR. The IOTA is claimed by just 3% (and will go lower after the annual listings are updated) and it is equal 5th in the world in the IOTA Most Wanted List. This is an operation using a tent and generator and the cost is over \$14,000. Full details are at <https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC216>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-100 Pajaros Rocks A new attempt by IT9YRE and I1SNW activating SA-100 will take place in March 2018. Exact dates not yet known. Maybe a special call will be used instead of CE1/calls. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA100>

Antarctic base stations

Bellinghausen station Alex, UA1OJL is QRV as RI1ANO until March 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

Dumont d'Urville Station update Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February1, 2018. QSL via F6KPQ. <https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

Neumayer Station III Daniel, DL1SU, works as an electronics engineer at the base. He uses the club call sign DP0GVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DP0GVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

Syowa research station Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60th anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

Special call

THE NEWCOMERS

VE, CANADA Look for **VY2PLH** to mark the operations from lighthouses on Prince Edward Island. Operation on August 19 and 20 from East Point Lighthouse. Activity on HF using SSB, PSK31 and some CW. QSL via VY2GF.

W, USA The Old Barney ARC will be active as **W2T** from Tucker's Island Lighthouse on August 19 and maybe also on August 20 from 13 UTC until 21 UTC. Operation on 40 and 20 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via N200.

THE REMINDERS

4X, ISRAEL 4Z70ARNON (8-18 September) and **4X70EXODUS** (17-18 September) are two special calls commemorating the 70th anniversary of the voyage of the "Exodus", the ship carrying thousands of Holocaust survivors who sought to illegally immigrate into British Mandatory Palestine. **4X70EXODUS** will be operated from a ship cruising in the Mediterranean during a commemorative voyage, while **4Z70ARNON** will be based in Tel Aviv. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. See qrz.com for more information on the event.

5B, CYPRUS H2017PFO is the special call until end 2017 to celebrate that Paphos (Cyprus) has the honour of being the European Capital of Culture for 2017 together with Aarhus (Denmark). QSL via Club Log OQRS or via 5B4AIE, direct preferred.

DL, GERMANY DM200LFS (special DOK 200LFS) commemorates the 200th birthday of Louis Ferdinand Schoenherr, a German inventor of power looms. Activity until end February 2018. All QSOs count as a "joker" and 10 points for the KIDS award that is supporting SOS Children's Villages in Saxony. QSL via eQSL, LoTW and bureau.

<http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

DL, GERMANY DR60VKL is the special call to mark the 60th anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

DL, GERMANY The ARC of Pfronten Fuesen (DOK T11), is celebrating its 60th anniversary with the call **DL60TELF**. Activity until April 30, 2018. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DR0HARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25th anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

DL, GERMANY Look for **DB20ENERGY** to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the German Company DB Energie. Operation until end 2017. QSL via bureau or via DM2DX direct.

DL, GERMANY DR60SAL is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

E7, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA The ARC from Zenica is celebrating its 70th anniversary with the call **E770BAB**. Activity until end 2017. QSL via E71EZC, direct or bureau.

EI, IRELAND The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

EI11WAW - County Donegal

EI22WAW - County Leitrim

EI33WAW - County Sligo

EI44WAW - County Mayo

EI55WAW - County Galway

EI66WAW - County Clare

EI77WAW - County Limerick

EI88WAW - County Kerry

EI99WAW - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

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HA, HUNGARY Special call **HG14HST** is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on September 8-12. QSL via HA2NA and LoTW. <http://www.hst2017.org/en/>

HA, HUNGARY The MTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub is using the call **HG17EYOF** until August 31 to celebrate the European Youth Olympic Festival (a biennial multi-sport event for youth athletes from the 48 member countries of the association of European Olympic Committees) which will be held in Gyor on 23-29 July. QSL direct only to MTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub, Gyor, Nagysandor Jozsef u. 27, 9027, Hungary.

HB, SWITZERLAND Look for **HB600NVF** until December 31. This to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the birth of Niklaus von Flue, the patron saint of Switzerland. QSL via LoTW, for paper QSL via HB9JOE. <http://www.qrz.com/db/hb600nvf>

I, ITALY Look for **II2FIST** to celebrate the 30th FISTS Club anniversary. Operation from July until end 2017 using CW only. QSL via IZ2FME, direct or bureau. <http://fists.co.uk/>

I, ITALY Look for **II2XC** until end December to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani. QSL via bureau.

I, ITALY Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Insubria Radio (IQ2IR), special call **IR2XIR** will be used during 2017. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via 9A8MDC.

JA, JAPAN 8N0IIDA is the special call to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Iida City. Operation until end February 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8J7FESTA** to celebrate Tohoku Festival until August 31. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8J2YAF** to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Nagoya College ARC until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70th anniversary on the air with the call **8J1YAC** until end March 2018. Activity from 160 meter to 70cm using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or via JE1XUZ direct.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8N3H70Y** to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31, 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Special call **8J2016Y** is active until October 31. This to celebrate the Inuyama Festival, one of the 33 Japanese float festivals that in 2016 UNESCO inscribed to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. QSL via the JARL bureau.

LA, NORWAY LA1742K is the special call to celebrate the 275th anniversary of the city Kristiansund. Operation until end 2017. QSL via LA6K, direct or bureau.

LA, NORWAY LM80REX and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

LY, LITHUANIA Look for **LY17LP** to promote the Lithuanian Hill-Forts on the Air programme. Operation during August. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

LZ, BULGARY Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ55UPB** (August), **LZ100SK** (September), **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

OH, FINLAND Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

OM, SLOVAK REP Look for **OM500R** to mark the Reformation celebrations until end 2017. QSL see QRZ.com.

OM, SLOVAK REP Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685th anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

OM, SLOVAK REP The Secondary School of Electrical Engineering in Kosice is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the special call **OM50SPSEKE**. Operation until end 2017. QSL via OM8AND, bureau.

ON, BELGIUM Look for **OP17L** during August by the UBA Liege Radio Club, this to commemorate World War I. QSL will be sent automatically.

ON, BELGIUM Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP.

<http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

OZ, DENMARK OZ44C marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

OZ, DENMARK Look for **OZ1AARHUS** to mark the City Aarhus being one of the two European Capitals of Culture in 2017.

OZ, DENMARK The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

OZ, DENMARK To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA50LELY marks the land that was reclaimed from the IJsselmeer in 1952, which later became Lelystad. Operation until November 28. QSL via PA3HEB, direct or bureau.

PY, BRAZIL Look for **ZY158CAT** until August 30. This to celebrate the 158th anniversary of the city of Catalao, in the Brazilian state of Goias. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via PP2BO, direct.

S5, SLOVENIA Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

S5, SLOVENIA S5100LIONS celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Lions Club International until end 2017. QSL via S53DOX.

SM, SWEDEN The Gotlands Radioklubb (SK1BL) on Gotland Island (EU-020) will use special calls **7S1GRK** and **SK70BL** until December 31 to celebrate its 70th anniversary. See <http://sk1bl.hamlogs.net/> for the award programme. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

SM, SWEDEN Special event station **SC90SM** is QRV until December 31, this to mark the 90th anniversary of the longwave broadcasting station in Motala. Inaugurated in 1927 and closed in 1962, it was one of the most powerful BC stations in Europe. QSL via SM5ELV, direct or bureau.

SP, POLAND SN1944W (via SP5PWA) and **SN0MPW** (via SP5KAB) are the special calls to commemorate the Warsaw Uprising during World War II. Operation until October 3. More on QRZ.com.

SP, POLAND Look for **SN250A** until end 2017. This to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the city Andrychow. QSL via SP9KUP, direct or bureau.

SP, POLAND SN100F commemorates the revelation of the Three Secrets of Fatima in Portugal 100 years ago. QRV until end 2017. QSL via SP5CGN, direct or bureau.

UA, RUSSIA The Radio Marathon "Moscow-870" is QRV end 2017. Special calls for August are **R870K** (August 1 – August 20) and **R1382M** (August 21 – August 31). QSL via RK3AW. Detailed information on the event and the award programme can be found at <http://www.moscow870.com>

UA, RUSSIA UE80AR draws attention to the founding of the Archangelsk Oblast 80 years ago until the end of September. An award is available as well. QSL via RN1ON, bureau or direct.

UA, RUSSIA 2017 has been declared a year of ecology in Russia. **R110A** calls attention to Prof. V.V. Alekhin who visited a region around Kursk 110 years ago, which later became the first state reserve. QRV until August 31. QSL via RU3WR.

UR, UKRAINE EN90QDG marks the beginning of the hydropower station Dniepr 90 years ago. Operation until October 30 on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via UR6QR.

UR, UKRAINE The Druzhkivka Club is celebrating its 90th anniversary as **EN90IWA**. QRV until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

UR, UKRAINE Special call **EO25P** is active until end 2017. This to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Volyn Amateur Radio League.

VE, CANADA X01X is the call for the Yukon CanAm Contest Club. This to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation until December 31. QSL direct to KC1CWF or via LoTW.

VE, CANADA Members of the Kings County ARC are active as **XM1150CAN**, this to mark the founding of Canada 150 years ago. Active until end 2017. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

VK, AUSTRALIA VI4ALARA is the special call until September 30 to promote the Australian Ladies Amateur Association's ALARAMeet, this is held in Cairns, Queensland. QSL via operators instructions. <http://alara.org.au/>

VR, HONG KONG Commemorating the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with China, Hong Kong licensed radio amateurs are allowed to use the special prefix **VR20** on a voluntary basis until June 2018.

W, USA The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event "is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS. <http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/>

Callsign	SES Title	Event Dates
N6R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers	1/19/17 - 1/23/17
W7J	Discovery of Jupiter's Moons	2/2/17 - 2/6/17
W7C	First Flight of the Concorde	3/2/17 - 3/6/17
N7S	First Space Shuttle Launch	4/13/17 - 4/17/17
N7T	Hubble Space Telescope	5/18/17 - 5/22/17
W7S	Discovery of Sunspots	6/8/17 - 6/12/17
N7M	Man Walking on the Moon	7/20/17 - 7/24/17
K7I	Birth of the IBM-PC	8/10/17 - 8/14/17
W7F	First Flight of the F-22	9/7/17 - 9/11/17
K7S	Sputnik Launch	9/28/17 - 10/2/17
K7E	Invention of the Electron Tube	11/9/17 - 11/13/17
W7D	Dreamliner First Flight	12/14/17 - 12/18/17

XE, MEXICO The Nuevo Leon ARC is active as **4A2MAX** from St Maximilian Maria Kolbe Temple in Monterrey. QRV until August 19 on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and OQRS Club Log.

YB, INDONESIA Special call YB72RI is QRV with ten stations as **YB72RI/0 to YB72RI/9** from various locations until August 17 to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the Republic. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via bureau.

YB72RI/0: Jakarta Special District

YB72RI/1: West Java und Banten

YB72RI/2: Central Java und Special District of Yogyakarta

YB72RI/3: East Java - Madura

YB72RI/4: South Sumatera, Lampung, Jambi, Bengkulu und Bangka Belitung

YB72RI/5: Riau, Riau Islands und West Sumatera

YB72RI/6: North Sumatera und Special District of Aceh

YB72RI/7: West Kalimantan, South Kalimantan, East Kalimantan, Central Kalimantan

YB72RI/8: South Sulawesi, South East Sulawesi, West Sulawesi, Central Sulawesi, North Sulawesi, Gorontalo, Maluku and North Maluku

YB72RI/9: Bali, Nusa Tenggara Barat, Nusa Tenggara Timur and Papua

<http://yb72ri.orari.or.id/>

YB, INDONESIA YB67JTG is the special call to commemorate the 67th anniversary of Jawa Tengah, the Indonesian province of Central Java. Operation on HF between August 20 and August 27. QSL via operator's instructions.

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