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DX news

The 5L3BI story

With just over a week since their return from Liberia, the [5L3BI](#) team are now able to share the difficulties they encountered during their attempt of activating AF-111NEW. The full story can be downloaded [here](#)

3Y0Z Bouvet Island –update

Our sea container should now be between the ports of San Antonio, Chile and its destination, Punta Arenas, Chile. The logistics have at times been confounding, but we are actually ahead of schedule with our shipping.

We have our license and callsign for our maritime mobile operation on the way to Bouvet. One of the problems with shipboard operation is static charge build up on antennas from the winds and precipitation. This is a particular problem with antennas that are not at DC ground. Having a transceiver exposed to this hazard can be disastrous for the radio. We are aware of the issue, and are instituting ways of dealing with this threat.

<https://dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>

DXCC

This week on HF

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Olof, G0CKV will once again be active as 3B9HA from November 23 until December 12. Operation on HF using CW. An entry in the CQWW CW is included. Locus on the low bands outside the contest. QSL via M00XO OQRS and LoTW.

3W, VIETNAM Tom, KC0W is operating as 3W9CW throughout November. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via KC0W, direct only.

4O, MONTENEGRO Ark, UA4CC is active again as 4O7CC until November 30. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he is on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW or home call.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is once again operating as 4S7KKG until March 25, 2018. Operation on HF using digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

5H, TANZANIA Chas, NK8O is once again QRV as 5H3DX from Zinga until December 4. Operation during his spare time from 40 to 10 meter using CW and some PSK. QSL via home call, direct only and LoTW.

5T, MAURITANIA Fawaz A92AA and Obaid A61M are operating as 5T1A and 5T1R until December 20. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via NI5DX, direct only, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log.

5V, TOGO John, N9MDH is operating from Lomé as 5V1JE. Activity until May 2018 from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

5X, UGANDA Nick, G3RWF is once again operating as 5X1NH until November 30. The main activity will be CQWW DX CW Contest. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via home call.

5X, UGANDA Andy, DL3YM will be QRV as 5X8BB from Entebbe. Activity during the CQWW DX CW contest as SOAB LP. After the contest he remains active until December 1. QSL via home call, LoTW.

6W, SENEGAL Dave, VE9CB will be operating during the CQWW CW Contest (November 25-26). Operation as 6W1SU from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA A team with LZ1NK, LZ2BE, LZ2HM, LZ3ND, LZ4AE, TA3D and TA2TX will be active as 6Y0W (contest call), 6Y0D, 6Y0AE, 6Y0BE, 6Y0HM and 6Y0ND. Activity from November 23 until November 29. Focus on low bands.

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

9X, RWANDA Harald, DF2WO is active as 9X2AW until November 30. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via M0OXO and LoTW.

9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO Nick, VE3EY will be operating as 9Y4/call during the CQ WW CW contest (November 25-26). Focus on the low bands, WARC bands outside the contest between November 22 and November 27.

C6, BAHAMAS Tomi HA7RY and George AA7JV are running C6AGU from the small island of Water Cay. They are here to use the upcoming CQWW and ARRL 160m CW contests to test some new gear for the upcoming [KH1 DXpedition](#). Operation until December 3 from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via HA7RY.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE Look for Johannes PA5X for the coming months as C93PA. Operation on HF using SSB and digital modes. QSL via PA5X bureau, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

CT3, MADEIRA Serge R7KW and Oleg YL3JM are QRV as CT9/calls until November 26. QSL via K2PF, OQRS Club Log.

D4, CAPE VERDE Zoli, HA5PP will be QRV as D4P during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). QSL via LoTW.

FG, GUADELOUPE Oliver, F6ARC is operating as FG/call until November 29. Focus on the low bands. QSL via LoTW.

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY A Polish team with SP3CYY, SP3GEM, SP6IXF, SP6JIU, K1CC and SP6EQZ as team leader is operating as TO2SP until November 30. Activity with minimum 3 stations using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via SP6IXF, OQRS and LoTW. <http://to2sp.dxing.pl/>

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Masa, JR3RIU will be active as FK/call during the CQWW CW DX contest. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter. QSL via LoTW or via home call, direct only.

FM, MARTINIQUE Adrian, KO8SCA is active as TO5W in 'holiday-style' until November 28. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. Logs will be uploaded during the DXpedition. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Hartwig, DL7BC will be operating as FY/call (maybe FY4VOS but pending) between November 26 and December 7. Activity in 'holiday-style' between 10 and 40 meter. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via home call, direct or bureau.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernhard, DL2GAC is operating as H44MS from Malaita Island until end November. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL An Argentinian team featuring LU3YK, LU5FF, LU7VB, LU7YS, LU8YD and LU9VEA will be active from San Cristobal as HC8LUT between November 29 and December 8. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, JT65, FT8, PSK31 + SAT. QSL via IK2DUW. <https://hc8lu.blogspot.be/>

HK0, SAN ANDRES An Argentinian team is active as 5K0T until November 25. Operation with 3 stations using CW, SSB and digital modes, one stations will be a satellite station. QSL via LU1FM, Club Log OQRS, real-time log by KK6EK. <http://tarjetasqsl.com.ar/5k0t/index.html>

J5, GUINEA BISSAU The Italian DXpedition Team is active as J5T with 7 operators until November 25. Operation with 4 stations on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via I2YSB and LoTW, real-time logsearch including a band and mode survey and OQRS via <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again operating until around December 15. Activity as call/JD1 on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY direct or via JG8NQJ bureau.

KP2, US VIRGIN ISL Scott, NE9U is operating as call/KP2 until December 5. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest and ARRL 160 meter contest is included as NP2X. QSL via K5WW and LoTW.

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD is once again QRV as P40W until November 28. Main activity during the CQWW DX CW contest, outside the contest focus will be on 160, 30, 17 and 12 meter. QSL via N2MM direct only, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE John K4BAI, Eric K9ES and Chuck AD4ES are active as PJ4/calls until November 28. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest is included as PJ4A (40m), PJ4E (80m) and PJ4I (possibly 20m). QSL PJ4A and PJ4/K4BAI via K4BAI, QSL PJ4E and PJ4/K9ES via K9ES, QSL PJ4I and PJ4/AD4ES via AD4ES.

PJ4, BONAIRE Olli DH8BQA, Paul DL5CW and Tom DL8YM are operating as PJ4/calls until November 29. During the CQWW DX CW contest they will sign as PJ4Y. QSL via homecalls, for PJ4Y via DL5CW, direct or bureau.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA PP2BT and PY7RP will be active as PS0F during the CQWW CW DX contest (November 25-26). QSL via OQRS Club Log or direct via homecalls.

PZ, SURINAME PZ5V, operated by members of the Voodoo Contest Group until November 28. Team members are Ned/AA7A, Ray/G4FON, John/G4IRN, Lee/KY7M. Unfortunately Bud/N7CW has dropped out due to unforeseen circumstances. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <http://voodoocontestgroup.com/>

PZ, SURINAME Rico, PA3BVK is active as PZ5JW for the next 2 months. Activity mainly on 30 meter using CW. QSL via home call.

S7, SEYCHELLES Martin, G4XUM is QRV as S79K from Mahe. Operation on HF using CW and some SSB until November 29. QSL via G3NKC, OQRS Club Log and LoTW.

T8, PALAU Noboru, JH1OLB will once again be operating from November 23 until November 29 as T88DT. Operation from 160 to 6 meter depending the conditions and using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

TK, CORSICA A large team with TK5EP, S50P, S53BB, S53CC, S53F, S53MM, S53RM, S53WW, S53ZO, S5500, S57C, S57L, S57VW will be QRV as TK0C during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). Operation with TK/calls before and after the contest.

V2, ANTIGUA Bud, AA3B is operating as V26K until November 27. Main activity is the CQWW DX CW contest but he will give RTTY a try. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

V2, ANTIGUA Frank, N2FF is operating in 'holiday-style' as V26FF. QRV until December 7. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. Q

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DG8NCO will be on an EME DXpedition from November 26 until December 10. Activity as V31EME on 2 meter and 70cm. QSL via DG8NCO.

V3, BELIZE Robert, DL7VOA is operating as V34AO from Hopkins. Activity until November 30 from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW during the local evening and night hours. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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.

V8, BRUNEI Tom, KC0W will be active as V85/call between November 24 and December 10. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call, direct only.

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

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS Eberhard, DL7JLL is operating as VP8JLL until November 25. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

VP9, BERMUDA Tony, VE3RZ is operating as VE3RZ/VP9 during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). Outside the contest he operates in RTTY and FT8 until November 28. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

VU, INDIA Bernhard, DL2GAC will be QRV as VU2BMS between November 28 and January 24, 2018. Activity on HF using SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

XU, CAMBODIA Tom, KC0W is operating as XU7XXX. Operation on HF using CW. QSL via home call, direct only.

YN, NICARAGUA Mike, AJ9C is once again operating as YN2CC from Granada. Activity until November 29 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call and LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Stan, K5GO will be operating during the CQ WW DX CW contest as ZF9CW. He stays on Cayman Brac for the next 3 weeks. QSL via home call and LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Dan, N6MJ will once again be active as ZF2MJ during the CQWW DX CW contest (November 25-26). Also active before and after the contest. QSL via home call.

Coming up soon

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.

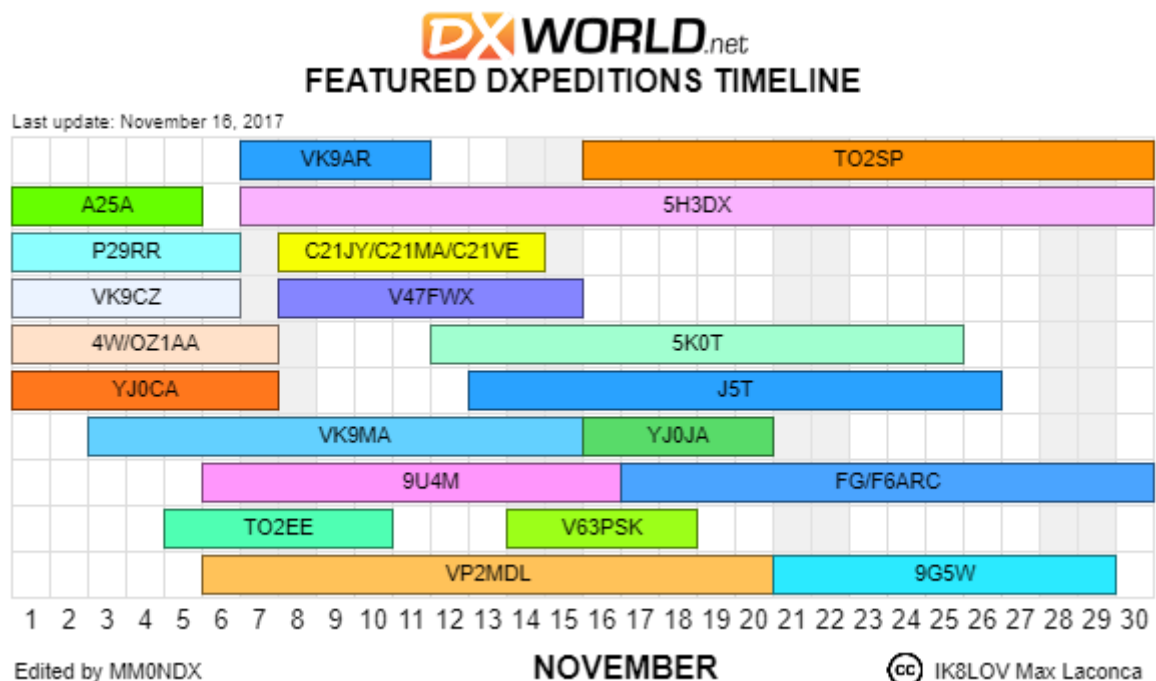
JW, SVALBARD Erik, LA2US will once again be operating as JW2US from December until somewhere in May, 2018. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

V8, BRUNEI Tom, KC0W will be operating as V8/call between December 3 and December 18. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call, direct only.

XW, LAOS Ken, K4ZW will once again be operating as XW4ZW from Vientiane between December 3 and December 8. Focus will be on the low bands. QSL via LoTW or via K1SE. Logsearch on Club Log.

ZC4, SOV BASE AREAS CYPRUS Adrian, G0KOM will be operating as ZC4MK from December 5 until December 12. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

DXCC Timeline



On the scene

T02SP St Barts: a part of the team members



IOTA

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This week on HF

AFRICA

AF-051 Los Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF051>

AF-096 Tristao Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af096>

Alain F5OZC and Sebastien F8DQZ are once again active as 3XY3D/P from Kassa, Los Island until end November. On November 28 and 29 they will be operating from Tristao as 3XY3D/P. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW. QSL via home call.

ASIA

AS-024 Kuro Isl Nag, JA7GAX is QRV as call/6 until November 28. Operation on HF using CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS024>

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is QRV as JS6RRR and JI3DST/6 until November 28. Activity on HF using SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via home call.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS079>

AS-130 Con Son Isl Tom, KC0W is active as 3W9CW until November 30. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW only. QSL via home call, direct only and logsearch on Club Log. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS130>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Dennis W1UE, Paul K1XM and Charlotte KQ1F are active until November 27 as HQ9X in the CQWW DX CW Contest and as HR9/calls before and after the contest. QSL via KQ1F. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA057>

NA-078 Isla Magdalena Manuel XE2IC, Jose-Felix XE2I and Antonio XE2HVF will be operating as XF1IM from November 25 until December 3. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via XE2IC. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA078>

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until December 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC042>

OC-090 Busuanga Isl Jacek, SP5APW is QRV as DU1/call until November 23. Operation on HF using SSB with some PSK31 and RTTY on 40, 17 and 20 meter. QSL OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via home call, direct or bureau,

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC090>

OC-150 Lombok Isl Amir, YB9IPY is active as call/P until November 24. Operation on 40, 20 and 15 meter using SSB. QSL via IK2DUW, logsearch on Club Log.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc150>

OC-175 Sarangani Isl Yan RZ3FW and Sergei RW4AA are active as DU9/calls until November 29. An entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest is included. QSL via homecalls.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC175>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-078 Mucura Isl Look for Josep EA3BT and Nuria EA3WL until November 28 as 5K1B. Last operation from this island goes back in 2008. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA3BT, Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA078>

Coming up soon

AFRICA

AF-050 Tidra Isl 9K2AI/5T2AI, A61M and A92AA will be operating as 5T5TI from December 1 until December 7. QSL via NI5DX.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF050>

ASIA

AS-058 Langkawi Isl Once again the Kuala Lumpur DX Team 9M4IOTA will be active from December 2 until December 4. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via 9M2000, direct only.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS058>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-221 Isla de Lobos Operators XE1AY, XE1SGW, XE1SOV, XE1SPM, XE1SRD and XE2IUK will be active again as XF2L from November 30 until December 3. QSL via XE1SOV direct, logsearch on the Grupo Puebla DX's website.

http://puebladx.org/spcall/XF2L_log.php

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=na221>

QSL preview

Kavaratti DXpedition • Lakshadweep Islands

VU7T



VK9VKL

Cliff Tindall



Christmas Island

Australia

CT9/R7KW CT9/YL3JM



Madeira Island

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will be operating as ZC4MK between December 5 and December 12. QSL via home call.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Pete, K8PGJ will once again be operating as ZF2PG from Grand Cayman between January 13 and January 21, 2018. QRV on HF. QSL via home call and LoTW.

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!'

3D2, ROTUMA A team of 5 operators with Tony 3D2AG, Heye DJ9RR, Erno DK2AMM, Hans DL6JGN and Ronald PA3EWP will be active as 3D2EU (pending) between February 23 until March 16, 2018. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via DK2AMM. 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/>

6W, SENEGAL Willy, ON4AVT will be operating from Mbour as 6W/CALL during February 2018. Operation on 20 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

6Y, JAMAICA A Japanese team with JA3UJR, JH3LSS, JI3DNN and JA3AVO will be active as 6Y6J between January 10 and January 23, 2018. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL for all calls via JA3AVO, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

7Q, MALAWI The EIDX Group will be active as 7Q7EI from March 21 until April 3, 2018. A team from 14 operators will be operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. <http://www.7q7ei.com/>

8Q, MALDIVES Roland, HB9VQQ will be QRV from Kandima Island Resort. Operation as 8Q7HB from December 22 until December 30 on HF. QSL via home call.

9M0, 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.

<http://www.yt1ad.info/9m0w/>

C9, MOZAMBIQUE A Belgian team with Kurt ON8KW as team leader will be active between May 2 and May 15, 2018. Callsign is pending. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. <https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com/>

CE0Y, EASTER ISL An experienced team with Andy, DH8WR, Werner, DJ9KH, Guenter, DL2AWG, Norbert, DL2RNS, Georg, DL4SVA, Paul, DL5CW, Olaf, DL7JOM, Wolf, DM2AUJ, Kalle, DM3BJ and Rolf, DL7VEE will be operating as XR0YD from March 2 until March 15, 2018. They will run 3 well equipped stations 24/7 from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Website soon.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL Once again, CY9C will be active during August 2018. The team with WA4DAN, N0TG, K4ZLE, AA4NC, N8AA, VA3QR, WW2DX, W2RE, N2IEN and N5TG will be operating between August 1 and August 9, 2018. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY, EME, SAT and maybe FT8. QSL via WA4DAN, LoTW, bureau and Club Log. <http://cy9c.com/index.html>

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Alex, 5B4ALX will be active as FK/call from a small village near Noumea. Activity between March 20 and April 4, 2018. More to follow.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Hartwig, DL7BC will be operating as FY/call and as TO3BC in the BARG HF RTTY contest on March 17-18 and on March 24-25 in the CQ WPX SSB contest. More on <http://www.qslnet.de/dl7bc>

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active in 'holiday-style' as J88PI from Palm Island between January 21 and January 28, 2018. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

KH1, BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS The Dateline DX association (most 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.

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA Haru, JA1XGI will once again be active as P29VXG between February 1 and February 8, 2018. Focus for EU and on TB. QSL via home call. <http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation/>

P4, ARUBA Mathias, DL4MM will be active as P4/call from January 24 until January 31, 2018. An entry in the CQWW 160 CW contest is included as P40AA. Outside the contest he will focus on the low bands. 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.

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

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.

XW, LAOS Ken, K4ZW will be operating as XW4ZW from Vientiane. Activity from December 3 until December 8 on all bands. QSL via K1SE and LoTW.

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned from March 9 until March 17, 2018. Callsign is pending. The team will be formed by XX9LT Bom, PP1CZ Leo, PR7AB Junior, PY2MC Claudio, PY2SEX Alex, PY2WAS Alex, PY3MM Miguel, PY4BZ Fernando, PY5HSD Herminio, PY6RT Beto and PY7XC Jim. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. 160 Meter might be possible. QSL via PP1CZ, direct or bureau. Club Log OQRS.

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 M0OXO, OQRS.

Announced IOTA

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NORTH AMERICA

NA-072 Taboga Isl Operators HP1DRK, HP1MAC and HP1RIS will be operating as H91IT. Activity from January 6 until January 9, 2018. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via HP1RCP.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA072>

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Chris, F4EBK will be operating from Baliuag City during February 2018. Activity on HF. QSL via home call.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC042>

OC-179 Taumako Isl Cezar, VE3LYC plans to operate from Taumako Isl (Duff Islands) for a period of at least 5 days early May 2018. Website coming soon.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC179>

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-108 Tigres Isl An experienced team will be active as D2TI. Operation around begin March, 2018. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af108>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-040 Rosario Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA040>

SA-093 Tutumate Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA093>

Martin LU9EFO and Camilo HK3TU will be operating as HK1/LU9EFO and HK3TU/1 from Rosario Islands and as HK4/LU9EFO and HK3TU/4 from Tutumate Island. Activity sometime in February 2018 from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via F4BHW.

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 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. Also he will be active as RI50ANO from January 1 until March 31, 2018. This to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Bellinghausen Station. A special diploma is planned.

Dumont d'Urville Station 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 February 1, 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 DPOGVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DPOGVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

Novolazarevskaya Station Nikolai, RW6ACM will be active as RI1ANL from March 2018 until March 2019. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes.

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 The Halifax Explosion was a maritime disaster in Halifax, Nova Scotia on December 6, 1917. The blast devastated the Richmond district of Halifax, killing 2000 people and injuring more than 9000. Commemorating those tragic events, the Halifax ARC has been issued the special call **CK100VDA** between December 2 and December 10. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW. QSL direct via VA1YL.

VU, INDIA Datta, VU2DSI is active as **AU2JCB** until December 11. This to celebrate the birthdate of Indian physicist and radio pioneer Jagadish Chandra Bose. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via VU2DSI (direct).

THE REMINDERS

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.

CE, CHILE Special calls **3G1PAX** and **3G18PAX** are on air until end January 2018. This to mark Pope Francis' visit to Chile. QSL via bureau.

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.

HA, HUNGARY Members of the FMV ARC are operating with the special call **HA60FMV**, this to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the club. QRV until June 30, 2018. QSL via bureau. For an award see <http://ha60fmv.com/>

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 **IR3MD** by the ARI Rovereto to mark Maria Dolens, the mighty bell casted after WWI to commemorate the fallen in all wars. Operation during November. QSL via IZ2GOT.

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 The ARI section Vinci celebrates their 30th anniversary as **IP5LV** until end November. QSL via IQ5LV bureau or via IK5ZUB direct.

I, ITALY The ARI Parma is operating as **II4GV** until January 27, 2018. This to commemorate Giuseppe Verdi, born on October 10, 1813. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via bureau. <http://www.ariparma.it/temporanei/II4GV-en.html/>

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 **8NOIDA** is the special call to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Iida City. Operation until end February 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN The Tokyo Bay Ham Club is celebrating their 40th anniversary with the special call **8J1ZIU**. Activity until end May 2018. QSL goes automatically 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 **8N3H7OY** to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31, 2018. QSL via 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 **LM8OREX** and **LM8OQ** 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.

LZ, BULGARY Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **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 The Belgian section HRT (ON4HRT) is active during November as **ON1418POP**, this to commemorate the WWI. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, real-time log on <http://www.on4hrt.org/>

ON, BELGIUM Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **ON17HC**. 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 The VRZA Zuid West Nederland ARC celebrates its 25th anniversary as **PA25ZWN**. Operation until November 28. QSL via PI4ZWN.

<http://www.pi4zwn.nl/>

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.

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.

SM, SWEDEN The Helsingens RAC Goeteborg (SK6AW) is celebrating its anniversary with the special call **7S50AW**. Operation during November. QSL via SM6PPS, direct or bureau. <http://www.sk6aw.net/>

SP, POLAND SN145BRAIL is the special call to mark the founding of the Louis Braille Special Education Centre for Blind and Visually Impaired Children and Youth 145 years ago. Operation during November. QSL via SP2PBY.

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 Look for **HF700LUB** to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the city Lublin. QRV until August 2018. QSL via SP8AB.

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.

TA, TURKEY Nuri, TA3X is active as **TC630MECCA** until January 14, 2018. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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. <http://www.qrz.com/db/EO25P> for information on the certificate available for contacts made with EO25P and other EO25 stations (EO25PA, EO25PD, EO25PG, EO25PL, EO25PQ, EO25PWC, EO25PWJ, EO25PWL, EO25PY and EO25PZ).

VE, CANADA XO1X 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.

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

Z3, MACEDONIA Look for **Z370M** by the ARC 'Nikola Tesla' (Z37M) to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary. Operation until end 2017. QSL LoTW or via Z33Z direct or via LZ1JZ bureau.

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