



## **DX bulletin 231**

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### **DX NEWS**

#### **3Y0Z Bouvet Island –update**

The call en route to Bouvet is 3G9A/MM aboard the MV Betanzos.

It's a long voyage from [King George Island](#), South Shetlands to Bouvet, so give the team a call. Find out how they are and pass any traffic/news you may hear.

Follow the voyage [here](#)

3G9A/MM via N200.

GL 3Y0Z team !

"We are happy to report that we are on schedule for a January 13 departure to Bouvet Island, the World's most isolated island and the number two most wanted DX entity. "All team members will meet in Punta Arenas, Chile no later than January 10. We will attend a one and one-half day marine safety course, purchase last minute supplies and then fly across the Drake Passage to King George Island in the South Shetlands. There, we will board the newly refurbished Chilean vessel M/V Betanzos, and begin our 9 to 11-day voyage to Bouvet". Their plans remain unchanged: "we will have two stations on every open band whenever humanly possible, gain and directional antennas where possible, high power stations and a propagation-driven operation. The primary modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY. FT8 will be utilized if it is the only productive mode. Anyone preparing to utilize FT8 must read the 3Y0Z FT8 protocol on the Band Plan page of the DXpedition website ([www.bouvetdx.org](http://www.bouvetdx.org))". QSL via Club Log's OQRS (<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/3Y0Z>) for either direct or bureau requests; traditional cards go via N200, direct (Bob Schenck, P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton NJ 08087-0345, USA) or bureau. You may include a donation with your OQRS QSL request on Club Log (via PayPal), or you may include additional funds with your direct mailed QSL card. As for LoTW, "we will be uploading to LOTW for everyone who requests a direct QSL card. These will be done in batches during our QSL card processing, as time allows. A full LOTW upload will be made about 6 months after the end of the DXpedition".

#### **K3LP David Collingham S.K**

Very sad news recently received. David Collingham, K3LP, is Silent Key.

David had been on over 70 DXpeditions, visited over 100 different DXCC entities, operating from 62 of them. He was a leader or co-leader on over 14 major DXpeditions. He was inducted as a member of the CQDX Hall of Fame in 2014. In addition, he activated Most Wanted DXCC Entities; 8 of the Top 10 and 16 of the Top 50. Over the last twenty years, he had supported numerous youth education and development projects, and youth sports.

May he R.I.P and thoughts to his wife Rebecca & family.

## 6060 Somalia –update

1. The KPA 500 W amp is unfortunately QRT. So one station will run barefoot.
2. We have moved the RX antenna away from hotel, as well we discovered the previous RX antenna had been cut by someone, explaining the low gain... hope new one will remain intact.

## The DX-World team on the road....

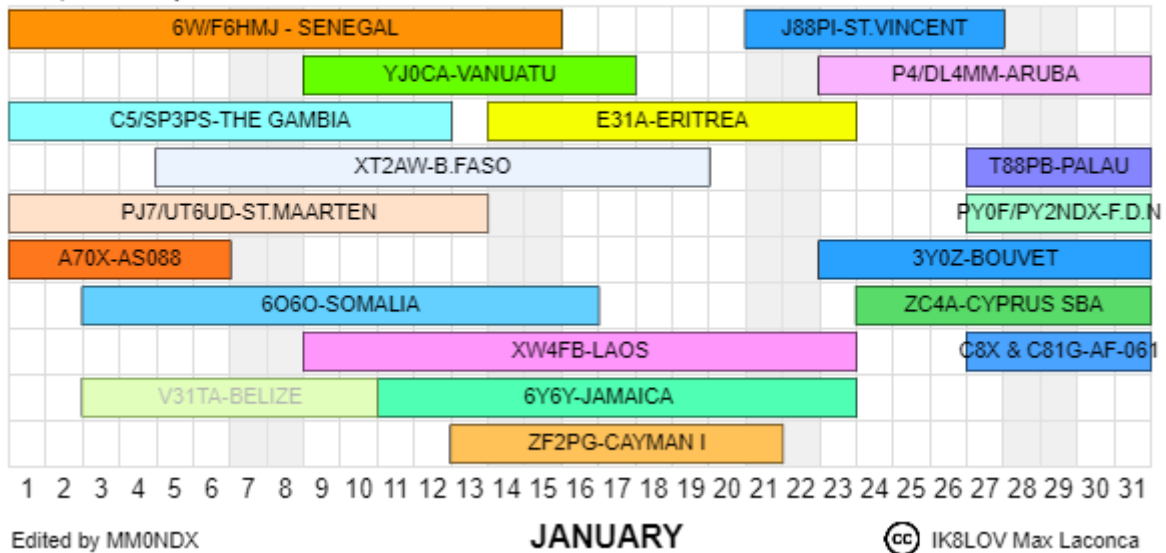
The DX-World team going on DXpedition later this year.  
Stay tuned for full details in coming weeks.



# DXCC Timeline

## DX WORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: January 7, 2018



## DXCC

### This week on HF

#### Caribbean TOUR by DE3BW and DD0VR

**FG, GUADELOUPE** FG/DD0VR from January 14 until January 20.

**J7, DOMINICA** J70VR until January 14.

Bigi DE3BW and Heli DD0VR are operating from these countries in 'holiday-style'.  
Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via DD0VR.

**3D2, FIJI** Jim, WB2TJO is once again operating from Taveuni as 3D2JS. Activity until mid-March. Operation during his spare time on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct only.

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

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

**6O, SOMALIA** Kenneth LA7GIA and Adrian KO8SCA are operating as 6O6O until January 15. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using mostly CW. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, LoTW. In conjunction with this trip we organize a fundraiser for Doctors Without Borders in Somalia. All donations received will be earmarked to DWOB in Somalia. Donations are not sought for the ham side of the DXpedition, but we hope everyone will consider a small contribution to the fundraiser. Contributions can be given either by paypal 6o6o@la7gia.com or when doing OQRS through M0OXO website. If we have good wifi – we will provide instant Club Log and LoTW. <http://www.la7gia.com/>

**6W, SENEGAL** Jacques, F6HMJ is QRV as 6W7/call until January 15. Activity from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. Low band operation depends on the conditions. QSL via home call.

**6W, SENEGAL** Earl, WA3DX is touring in Senegal until January 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' as 6W1/WA3DX from Dakar, 6W7/WA3DX from Mbao and as 6W6/WA3DX

from Kaolack and the Saloum Islands. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB, PSK and SSTV. QSL via home call, direct.

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

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

**9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO** Thomas, DL9OBQ is operating as 9Z4/call until February 7. Operation mainly on 30, 17 and 15 meter using CW. QSL via home call, bureau.

**A5, BHUTAN** Pat, N2IEN is active as A52PD until January 14. Activity on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via NR6M, direct and LoTW

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Przemyslaw, SP3PS is active from Kotu as C5/call until January 12. QRV from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via homecall.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Andre, ON7YK is operating as C5YK until January 30. Operation on 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter mostly in digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and logsearch on <http://www.on7yk.eu/>

**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.

**E3, ERITREA** Zorro JH1AJT, Franz DJ9ZB, Dima RA9USU, Yan RZ3FW and Champ E21EIC will be active as E31A between January 14 and January 23. Main purpose of this trip is to support the Eritrea National Olympic Committee. QSL via JH1AJT, OQRS Club Log.

**HP, PANAMA** Will, AA4NC is QRV from different regions in Panama as HP/call. Activity until January 24 on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes.

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

**JW, SVALBARD** Morten, LA4SJA is operating as JW4SJA from Bear Island. Activity on HF until June. QSL via home call.

**OD, LEBANON** Once again, Adrian EA1CYK is operating as OD5/call until May. Operation during his spare time but mainly during the weekends. QSL via EA7LS.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Joeke, PA0VDV will once again be active as PJ2/call from January 16 until February 8. Operation on HF with a focus on 80 meter using CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Vadym, UT6UD is operating as PJ7/call until January 13. Operation from 160 to 17 meter. QSL via home call.

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

**V3, BELIZE** Paul, VE3AXT is again active as V31AX until April 4 from Consejo Shores, Corozal. QSL via M0URX.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Rudi, DK7PE is active as V5/call until end January. Focus on 190 and 60 meter with an entry in the CQWW DX 160m contest. QSL via home call.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Sumio, JI1MDM will be operating as V63AKB from Pohnpei. Activity between January 15 and January 18 from 20 to 12 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS** John, N9EAJ is active as VP5/call until February 4. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

**VU, INDIA** Bernhard, DL2GAC is QRV as VU2BMS until January 24. Activity on HF using SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Harald, DF2WO is once again active as XT2AW until January 22. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via M0OXO.

**XV, VIETNAM** John, KB4FB is QRV from Dan Nang as 3W9FB during early January, with a brief gap, again during early February 2018. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW.

**XW, LAOS** John, KB4FB is once again operating as XW4FB until January 23. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW.

**YJ, VANUATU** Chris, VK2YUS is once again operating as YJ0CA from Port Villa until January 21. QRV on 40 and 20 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

**YS, EL SALVADOR** Markus, HB9KNA is operating as YS1/call until May. He is active as YS1/call while waiting for his permanent residence papers. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**ZC4, UK SOVEREIGN BASE CYPRUS** Bob, 5B4AGN informs that ZC4A is operating until January 31 including CQ160 meter contest. Activity with 2-3 stations from 160 to 10 meter. Focus on CW with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via M0URX.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Pete, K8PGJ will once again be operating as ZF2PG from Grand Cayman between January 13 and January 21. QRV on HF in 'holiday-style' using SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

## Coming up soon

**J5, GUINEA-BISSAU** Through his missionary work 'books for the high school of Cumura', Livio IZ3BUR will be active as J52EC from January 24 until February 21. Operation during his spare time. QSL via home call.

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

**P4, ARUBA** Mathias, DL4MM will be active as P4/call from January 24 until January 31. 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.

## QSL preview



## IOTA

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## This week on HF

### ASIA

**AS-153 Ganga Sagar Mela** Look for AU2WBR that is periodically QRV until March 31. QSL via VU2NRO. Sagar Island is an island in the Ganges Delta, lying on the continental shelf of Bay of Bengal about 100 km South of Kolkata, West Bengal, India. The island is 224 sqkm area. This island, also known as Gangasagar or Sagardwip, is a place of Hindu pilgrimage. Every year on the day of Makar Sankranti (14 January), hundreds of thousands of Hindus gather to take a holy dip at the confluence of river Ganges and Bay of Bengal and offer prayers (puja) in the Kapil Muni Temple.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS153>

### OCEANIA

**OC-134 South Isl** January 21 – January 29

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc134>

Pista, HA5OJ is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with this trip in New Zealand as ZL/call. Operation from 30 to 6 meter using CW only. QSL via bureau.

<http://www.ha5oj.hu/news.php>

**OC-244 Corregidor Isl** A large team with DU1MS, DV1ZDR, DV1ZDQ, DV1YZD, DW1QRZ, DW1XNG, DU1YMD, DU1YLR, DU1XRF and 4G1ABT will be active as DU0DM between January 13-14. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DU1MS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC244>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announced DX

#### THE NEWCOMERS

**6Y, JAMAICA** Yuri, VE3DZ will once again be operating as 6Y2T between February 13 and February 20. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest (Febr 17-18) is included. QSL via home call.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV will be operating as FG/calls between February 23 and March 12. Operation on HF and an entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest as TO3Z.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Look for 5B4ALX as FK/call from March 20 until April 4. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. A special QSL will be available. <http://www.5b4alx.cloud/>

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** Uli, DL2AH will be active from Ofu Island (OC-077) as WH8/call. Operation from October 2 until October 29 in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

**V3, BELIZE** Iain, G4SGX will once again be QRV as V31GX from March 7 until March 16. Activity on HF using CW with some FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay. Activity from February 13 until March 16 from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL direct via home call, direct only and LoTW.

**Z2, ZIMBABWE** A Norwegian team plans a DXpedition during March as Z2LA. More to follow.

## **THE REMINDERS**

**3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON** Seb, F5UFX and his team from previous DXpeditions as FT4TA and FT4JA will be operating as 3B7A from April 5 until April 17. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with 5 stations. QSL via F5CWU, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS.

See <http://www.saintbrandondx.com/>

**3B8, MAURITIUS** Nigel, G3TXF will be QRV as 3B8XF during the 2018 Commonwealth Contest – BERU (10-11 March). QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**3D2, ROTUMA** A team of 5 operators with Tony 3D2AG, Heye DJ9RR, Erno DK2AMM, Hans DL6JGN and Ronald PA3EWP will be active as 3D2EU between February 23 until March 16. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via DK2AMM direct or bureau, LoTW or Club Log OQRS. . <http://www.rotuma2018.de/>

**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 February. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8, 2 meter EME will also be on air. 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. Operation on 20 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

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

**9M0, SPRATLY ISLAND** Originally announced for December, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands has been postponed to March 10 – March 20 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/>

**C5, THE GAMBIA** The call C5DX is granted and will be activated between February 9 and February 16. A party of 18 sixth form students and 3 staff from Sandringham School in St. Albans, England will visit their partner school Farafenni Senior Secondary High. The two schools have worked in partnership for 10 years and Farafenni High is now one of the highest achieving rural schools in The Gambia. <https://dx-world.net/c5dx-the-gambia/>

**C6, BAHAMAS** Bob N4BP/C6AKQ, Tim N4UM/C6ARU and Mike K4RUM/C6AUM will be active from Great Abaco between February 6 and February 20. Operation planned during the CQ WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**C9, MOZAMBIQUE** A Belgian team with Kurt ON8KW as team leader will be active between May 2 and May 15 as C8T. 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. They will run 3 well equipped stations 24/7 from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. <http://xr0yd.mydx.de/>

**CE0Y, EASTER ISL** Once again, Michael DF8AN will be operating as CE0Y/call from February 21 until February 28. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call.

**CN, MOROCCO** Sigi DL7DF and his team (DK1BT, DL4WK & DL7UFR) will be active from Tahazout, Morocco as CN2DF and CN2FR between February 13 and February 20. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DL7DF.

**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** Once again, CY9C will be active with WA4DAN, N0TG, K4ZLE, AA4NC, N8AA, VA3QR, WW2DX, W2RE, N2IEN and N5TG. QRV between August 1 and August 9. 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>

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Harald, DF2WO will again be operating in 'holiday-style' as D44TWO during May. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO.

**D6, COMORES** Look for D68I between January 28 and February 10. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via IK5CRH.

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

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Ismo, OH2IS will be operating as FM/call from February 18 until February 28. Activity on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

**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.gslnet.de/dl7bc>

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD will once again be operating between February 15 and May 10. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau. Logsearch on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>

**J3, GRENADA** Nobby, G0VJG will be active as J3/call from June 13 until June 27. Focus on 6 meter SSB and HF bands. QSL via G4DFI.

**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. Plans are to be active as KH1/KH7Z during June 2018 for about 10 days from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. This will be the first DXpedition to this Most Wanted DXCC Entity since and the FWS ruling that allowed this trip prevents another DXpedition for ten years. The team will contribute 50% of the expected budget of USD 400,000. QSL via OQRS Club Log is preferred, direct goes to K4TSJ and LoTW.

<http://www.baker2018.net/index.html>

**P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA** Haru, JA1XGI will once again be active as P29VXG from New Britain Island between February 1 and February 8. Focus for EU and on TB. QSL via home call and LoTW, log search on Club Log. <http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation/>

**P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P40W between February 12 and February 20. An entry in the ARRL DX CWA Contest is included (Feb 17-18). QSL via LoTW or via N2MM, bureau.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Rudy, NF9V will be active as PJ2/call between February 13 and February 20. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via homecall, LoTW.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Philipp DK6SP (20 years) and Jamie M0SDV (17 years) will be operating as PJ4/calls between March 16 and April 2. Activity from 160 to 6 meter with focus on the WARC bands using CW and SSB but digital modes like RTTY and FT8 might happen. QSL via homecalls.

**PY0F, FERNANDO DA NORONHA** Rafael, PY2NDX will be QRV as PY0F/call from January 27 until February 1. QSL via home call.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be operating as T88UW from April 13 until April 19. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log.

**T8, PALAU** Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be QRV as T88PB from January 27 until January 31 from Korrer. Main activity will be 80 meter CW during the CW WW 160 meter contest. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW.

**TY, BENIN** Wim, ON6DX will be operating as TY1TT from Grand Popo between February 20 and March 2 (dates to be confirmed). QSL via home call.

**TY, BENIN** Radio Club de Provins F6KOP announces its next DXpedition to Benin during March 7 and March 18. A team of 12 operators, led by Jean-Luc F1ULQ will be operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes.

<https://ty2018dx.wordpress.com/>

**V3, BELIZE** Victor, WB0TEV will once again be active as V31VP from February 8 until February 12. Operation from 80 to 12 meter using mostly SSB and RTTY. An entry in the CQ WPX RTTY contest is included together with KK7JS. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau.

**V3, BELIZE** Torsten DG7RO and Alexandra DO5ALX will be operating as V31TF and V31RU between February 7 and February 25. Activity on HF using SSB and RTTY, perhaps with some FT8. QSL for both calls via DG7RO, bureau or direct.



**VK0, MACQUARIE ISL** John, VK3YP has announced planning has commenced for a Dxpediton 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.

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL** The UK's 6-Gs DXpediton Team will be operating from Christmas between October 16 and October 30. More to follow.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS** Pat, K0PC will be operating as VP5/call from February 13 until February 20. Activity in the ARRL DX CW contest as VP5K. QSL for both calls via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**VP6, DUCIE ISL** The Perseverance DX Group announced their next DXpediton to Ducie Island (OC-182), Club Log's n°27 most wanted DXCC. A team of 14 operators with DJ9RR, HA0NAR, HA5AO, K3EL, K5GS, N6HC, N6HD, N6WM, N6XG, PY2PT, W1SRD, W2LK, W6AO and ZL3CW will be active as VP6D with seven stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes including FT8. Activity is scheduled between October 20 and November 3. <http://vp6d.com/>

**XF4, REVILLAGIGEDO** Mark, XE1B will be active as 4B4B from Socorro Isl, Revillagigedo Islands. Operation from March 1 until March 15. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call direct, Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA030>

**XX9, MACAO** A DXpediton is planned from March 9 until March 17 to Macao as XX9B. 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. Operation on HF. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

## **Announced IOTA**

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#### **AFRICA**

**AF-061 Ibo Isl** Johannes PA5X and Gerben PG5M will be active as C8X and C81G between January 28 and February 5. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. Logs will be upload during the day. <http://dx.to/c81g/>  
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af061>

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-180 South Water Caye** Art, NN7A will be QRV as V31JZ/P between February 8 and February 14. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA180>

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-066 Inhaca Isl** May 5 – May 9 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af066>

**AF-088 Mozambique Isl** April 29 – May 3  
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af088>

Vasily, R7AL, Vasily RA1ZZ, Al RZ3K and Vlad RK8A will be operating as C96RCC and C98RCC between April 29 and May 9. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via R7AL, Club Log OQRS.

<https://dxpediton.wixsite.com/mozambique>

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

## OCEANIA

**OC-022 Bali Isl** Emmanuel, F5LIT will once again be operating as YB9/call between January 30 until February 10. Operation on 20, 17 and 15 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC022>

**OC-042 Luzon Isl** Chris, F4EBK will be operating from Baliuag City during February. Activity on HF. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC042>

**OC-105 Cagayan De Sulu** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC105>

**OC-174 Tawi Tawi** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC174>

Dindu, DU1UD will be QRV as call/8 during the first or second quarter of 2018. OC-105 is the most wanted IOTA in the Philippines. He will also try to activate OC-174 during the same period. Length of stay depends on local conditions and safety. More to follow.

**OC-128 Palawan Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will spend his holidays on Palawan from March 13 until March 18 as DU1/call. Operation on 17 and 20 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC128>

**OC-179 Taumako Isl** Cezar, VE3LYC plans to operate from Taumako Isl (Duff Islands) early May.

Update from Cezar on January 10:

My new passport arrived. The Solomon Islands radio license officer I am corresponding with be back in the office on January 15. I intend to purchase the plane tickets early next week. In order to account for possible delays in boat travel due to weather and sea conditions, I decided to arrive in Honiara a little earlier than originally planned. This will extend the overall trip by about a week, from 12 to 19 days. If the trip to Duff can be taken timely and everything there goes well, I will try to operate from one or two other IOTA groups in the area. If this happens, I will do my best to announce it on this website a little bit in advance. My overall plan is to operate from Temotu (H40) for 10 days, and from Solomon Islands (H44) for 3-4 days.

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

## 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 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. 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 end March. 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 until March 31, 2018. This to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> 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. QSL via F6KPB. <https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

**Molodezhnaya Station** Nikolai, RW6ACM remains on the base as RI1ANA until February. Operation during his spare time on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via RN1ON, direct or bureau.

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

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

**Vostok Station** Alex, RD1AV is active from Vostok Station, Antarctica as RI1ANC from until February 10. QRV during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS on Club Log. From time to time a second station at RI1ANC may be active. This is a new operator called Zahar. Please be patient with his slow CW, however he is also now active on FT8 mode meaning it's possible two stations QRV simultaneously from Vostok Base.

## Special calls

### THE NEWCOMERS

**F, FRANCE TM390SR** is celebrating the 390<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the siege de La Rochelle. Activity until June 16. Activated by Franck F4DTO and Patrick F4GFE. QSL via F4DTO, direct or bureau.

**LZ, BULGARIA** Once again, Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) is using 12 calls during 2018 to honour as many different Bulgarian saints:

**LZ1883PSS** January

**LZ380PM** July

**LZ250MT** February

**LZ1146SPS** August

**LZ40MS** March

**LZ920MLC** September

**LZ362ME** April

**LZ1545POA** October

**LZ11110SAE** May

**LZ33MM** November

**LZ430PPW** June

**LZ532PSO** December

All details for award and QSL via <http://www.lz1kcp.com/>

**LZ, BULGARIA** Look for **LZ140LO** to celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bulgarian Independence until end March. An award is available. QSL via LZ1ZF.

**LZ, BULGARIA** Members of the Thracian Rose Club are drawing attention to the 115<sup>th</sup> Rose Festival as **LZ115RF**. Operation until end July. QSL via LZ1YE.

**OA, PERU 4T18PAX** is the special call to celebrate the visit of Pope Francis to Peru during January. Operation during January on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OA4O, direct or bureau.

### THE REMINDERS

**5W, SAMOA** Atsu, 5W1SA will be operating as **5W20SAMOA**, this to celebrate 20 years activity of 5W1SA, who already logged more than 100k QSO. QRV during 2018.

**CE, CHILE** Special calls **3G1PAX** and **3G18PAX** are on air until end January. 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. 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** Look for **DJ70WAE** (special DOK 70WAE) throughout 2018, this to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Worked All Europe Award. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY DK200MARX** (special DOK 200KM) celebrates Karl Marx's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2018. QRV on all bands and all modes. QSL via DK5PZ direct, Club Log OQRS.

**DL, GERMANY DA200FWR** (special DOK FWR200) draws attention to the 200th birthday of Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen, a German pioneer of forms of cooperative economy in the 19th century. His ideas and works were recognised by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2016. QSL via bureau or via DK2PU direct.

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club of Paderborn celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2018 as **DL70PADER**. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Railway radio operators from Paderborn are celebrating their club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **DB50EFAPB** during 2018. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Members of the ARC Hassberge are celebrating the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town Zeil am Main. Operation as **DF1000ZEIL** during 2018. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Radio amateurs in Wismar are celebrating 90 years of ham radio in Mecklenburg-West Pomerania with the call **DM90AIW** (special DOK EK4ABK). QRV until June 30. Their historical source is a QSL card of EK4ABK dating from Jan. 9 in 1928. QSL via bureau, Club Log.

**DL, GERMANY** Special call **DM900ZWI** celebrates the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of Zwickau. QRV during 2018. QSL via DM5JBN.

**DL, GERMANY** The ARC of Pfronten Fuesen (DOK T11), is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the call **DL60TELF**. Activity until April 30. QSL via bureau, LoTW. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

**EI, IRELAND** To commemorate the sinking of Royal Mail Ship Leinster during World War I (10 October 1918), special call **EI100MCV** is activated until end 2018, with particular activity in the weeks around the date of 10 October. This was, and still is, the single largest loss of life in the Irish sea with a total of 567 people lost. The intention is to use all modes and bands, operating on or close to frequencies ending with 18. QSL via the bureau.

**EI, IRELAND** Look for **EI50AOM** during the next months to commemorate the Tuskar Rock Air Tragedy of 1968. QSL via EI2KA.

**F, FRANCE** Look for **TM15AAW** during February. This to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Antarctic Activity Week. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct or bureau. <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM15AAW>  
<http://www.waponline.it/>

**G, ENGLAND** The Welland Valley ARS will host a number of special calls in 2018 to mark the end of World War I and in remembrance of the millions who were killed or wounded. 12 calls will be activated during entire 2018:

**GB1GW** January

**GB5GW** July

**GB1FWW** February

**GB5FWW** August

**GB2GW** March

**GB6GW** September

**GB2FWW** April

**GB6FWW** October

**GB4GW** May

**GB8GW** November

**GB4FWW** June

**GB0AD** November 10-11 (Armistice Day)

See <http://www.arz.com/db/GB1GW> for QSL instructions and awards.

**G, ENGLAND** The founding of KW Electronics Ltd will be celebrated in 2018 as **GB2KW** (by Chris GM3WOJ and team). QRV until January 28. QSL for GB2KW via LoTW.

**G, ENGLAND** Members of the Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society will be active with the calls **GB0HNY**, **GB1HNY**, **GB2HNY**, **GB4HNY**, **GB5HNY**, **GB6HNY** and **GB8HNY** until January 24. An award is available as well. For QSL information see qrz.com.

**GM, SCOTLAND** Special event station **GB2KW** is QRV until January 28 from near Inverness, Scotland using a variety of different vintage transceivers, transmitters and receivers manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. Activity on 160, 80, 40 and 20 metres SSB and CW. QSL via LoTW and eQSL only, no paper QSLs will be available.

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

**HH, HAITI** Several Haitian radio hams will use the call **HH70A** for 6 months until July 2018. This to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Club D'Haiti. QSL via W3HNK.

**HL, SOUTH KOREA** Celebrating the XXIII Olympic Winter Games that will be held next year in PyeongChang (<https://www.pyeongchang2018.com/en>), special event station **DT23WOP** is active until February 28. All QSO will be confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW.

**HL, SOUTH KOREA** Look for **HLOWOP** to celebrate the XXIII Olympic Winter Games held in PyeongChang. Activity until February 25. QSL via OQRS Club Log or via HL4CCM, direct or bureau. <https://www.pyeongchang2018.com/en>

**I, ITALY** ARI Fidenza will use a number of special calls during 2018 to honour 12 of 'the most eminent scientists who have given a fundamental contribution to the theoretical, experimental and technological development of the Radio Communications technology'

**II4MXW** (James Clerk Maxwell) during January  
**II4HRZ** (Heinrich Rudolf Hertz) during February  
**II4CAO** (Temistocle Calzecchi Onesti) during March  
**II4MAR** (Guglielmo Marconi) during April  
**II4TES** (Nikola Tesla) during May  
**II4AMP** (Andre-Marie Ampere) during June  
**II4COU** (Charles-Augustin de Coulomb) during July  
**II4VOL** (Alessandro Volta) during August  
**II4LNZ** (Heinrich Lenz) during September  
**II4OER** (Hans Christian Orsted) during October  
**II4HNR** (Joseph Henry) during November  
**II4FRD** (Michael Faraday) during December

QSL for all calls via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. For more information see

<http://www.arifidenza.it/>

**I, ITALY** The ARI Parma is operating as **II4GV** until January 27. 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 **IIOPGP** to commemorate Pier Giorgio Peretto (1930 – 2002), the developer of the first programmable desktop calculator, the Olivetti P101. Operation until January 31. QSL via I0KQB, direct.

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

**JA, JAPAN** The Tokyo Bay Ham Club is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the special call **8J1ZIU**. Activity until end May. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

**JA, JAPAN** **8J7HCB** marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival. Operation until May 31. QSL via bureau or via JK7LXU direct.

**JA, JAPAN** The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the air with the call **8J1YAC** until end March. 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 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31. QSL via bureau.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The 11 Cities Marathon will be held during entire 2018 to celebrate the city of Leeuwarden, European Capital of Culture for 2018. Look for

<b>PF2017LWD</b> (Leeuwarden) January	<b>PF2018FRA</b> (Franeker) July
<b>PF2018SNK</b> (Sneek) February	<b>PF2018HAR</b> (Harlingen) August
<b>PF2018YLS</b> (Ijlst) March	<b>PF2018DOK</b> (Dokkum) September
<b>PF2018SLO</b> (Sloten) April	<b>PF2018WOR</b> (Workum) October
<b>PF2018BOL</b> (Bolsward) May	<b>PF2018STA</b> (Stavoren) November
<b>PF2018HIN</b> (Hindeloopen) June	All cities during December

QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via PA0MBD. A number of awards will be available.

<http://hamecc2018.eu/>

**SP, POLAND** Look for **HF700LUB** to celebrate the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city Lublin. QRV until August. QSL via SP8AB.

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

**UA, RUSSIA** The Miller DX Club and hamlog.ru are offering a Russian New Year 2018 radio marathon until January 8. Look for **UE18A, UE18C, UE18E, UE18F, UE18G, UE18M, UE18U, UE18Z** and the HQ **UE18NY**. An award will be available. QSL via Club Log OQRS <http://mdxc.ru/>

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Look for **VI70HI** to commemorate the first ANARE Expedition to Heard Island in December 1947. Activity until February 28. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO.

**VR, HONG KONG** Commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**VU, INDIA** Members of the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2MQT) will be active as **AU2WBR** from Ganga Sagar Mela/Sagar Island (AS-153) until March 31. Hundreds of thousands of Hindus will be meeting for a ritual bath on the 14th of January at the confluence of the river Ganges and the Bay of Bengal. QSL via VU2NRO.

**W, USA** James KB2FMH and Mark NO8J will be QRV as **W2D** and **W8D** during January. This to celebrate the R.L Drake Company. Activity mainly during the weekends from 80 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL for W2D via KB2FMH direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**YO, ROMANIA** **YP2018HNY** is the special call to celebrate Christmas and the new year on HF. Activity until January 15. QSL via YO3KPA direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS.

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