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DX NEWS

3Y0Z Bouvet Island -update

The 3Y0Z team members are safely home. We have been home about two weeks now, after 31 days aboard our vessel M/V Betanzos.

We have been to Bouvet Island, and as a result, we have a better appreciation for the challenges we face. It is a dark, dismal and dangerous place. Yet, when the sun shines, it is magnificent.

The most difficult thing to reflect upon is the final day offshore, when we saw the island, crystal clear in calm winds, less than a mile away. The conditions were perfect for our first reconnaissance flight and possible landing of men and camp infrastructure. But, during the violent night before, the Captain had made the decision to abort. In retrospect, his call was clairvoyant. The mechanical, propulsion failure on the ship that occurred would have brought disaster, if it resulted in some of our men being stranded ashore. <https://dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>

3C3W EQ GUINEA -update March 5

The flight to Annobon planned for tomorrow will not happen. The next possible date of flight is Saturday, March 10th. So, the team stays in Luba/Bioko island and continues to work as **3C3W** at until least until Friday.

3D2EU ROTUMA -update March 5

The team is having a hard time keeping the antenna's up as the weather is challenging. Today a small tropical storm hit the island with winds up to 120 km/h. Such a environment certainly does not help in picking up weak signals from a static loaded band. The temperature is +30C and humidity is extremely high. As you can see from the pictures this is not a 5-star Rotuma-Hilton DXpedition. [tnx EUDXF]

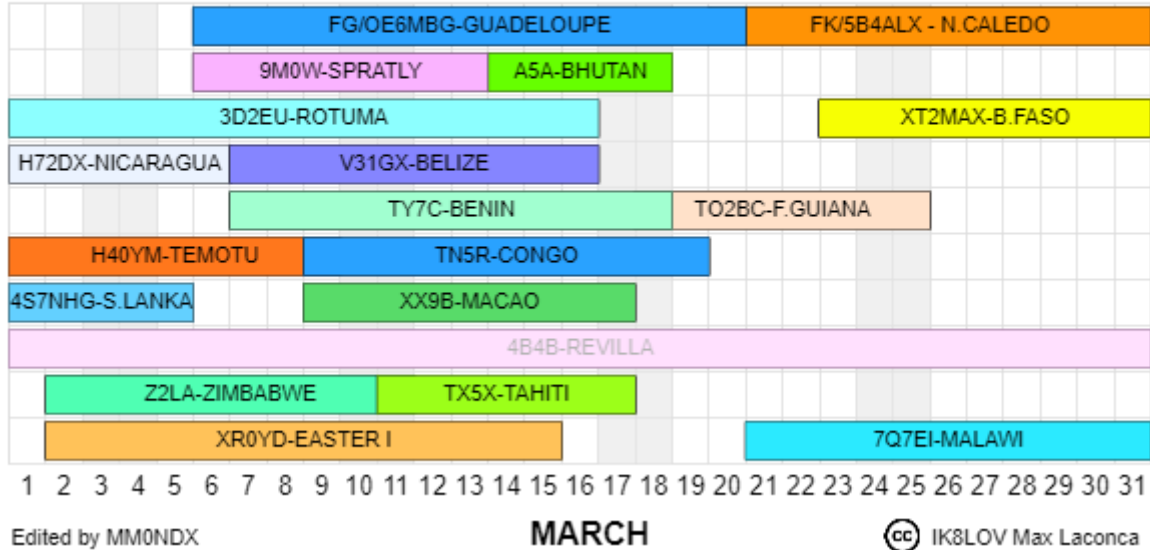
3B7A SAINT BRANDON -update

Two 3B7A team members will set sail from Mauritius for Saint Brandon on 3 April. They will be in charge "of all equipment transit operations, as well as identifying the location for all antennas, stations, generators, etc." The rest of the team will leave on 5 April. Plans are to be QRV as soon as possible, but "do not expect any QSO before the entire team is on the island". Five stations will be in use, with "priority given to the areas with the shortest and most difficult openings" (see the propagation predictions page on <http://www.saintbrandondx.com>). 3B7A will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres (60m excluded). The team has decided "not to bring any antenna for 6m. Conditions are so bad that it would be a waste of time for just a few or no contact at all. No antenna for 6m also means no try for EME". QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau) or via F5CWU (direct or bureau); LoTW for all contacts about six months after the end of the DXpedition.

DXCC Timeline

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: March 8, 2018



DXCC

This week on HF

Gerhard, OE3GEA's Pacific Tour

Gerhard is planning a Pacific Tour in 'holiday-style' between 30 and 10 meter.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA until March 10 FO/call

KH6, HAWAII March 11-20 KH6/call

QSL for all calls via home call, direct or bureau.

3C0, ANNOBON

3C, EQUATORIAL GUINEA

YL2GM and team (YL1ZF, YL2KL) are operating as 3C0W from Annobon and as 3C3W from Bioko Island (AF-010) until March 27. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. Logsearch on Club Log. QSL via YL2GN direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log. http://www.lral.lv/3c0w_3c3w/qsl.html

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

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.

3D2, ROTUMA A team of 4 operators with Heye DJ9RR, Erno DK2AMM, Hans DL6JGN and Ronald PA3EWP is active as 3D2EU 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/>

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.

9M0, SPRATLY ISLAND DXpedition in memory of K3LP.

Originally announced for December 2017, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands is postponed again due to technical reasons. They have a meeting with people from the Air Company and resort Layang Layang and they have promised us that we have flight on March 8 in the morning. 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/>

C6, BAHAMAS Dom, M1KTA will be operating from Eleuthera Island as C6AKT from March 8 until March 17. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

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 is operating as XR0YD until March 15. They run 3 well equipped stations 24/7 from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8.

<http://xr0yd.mydx.de/>

CT9, MADEIRA Rosel DL3KWR and Hardy DL3KWF will be active as CT9/calls between March 8 and April 5. Activity using mostly CW with a focus on 12, 17, 30 and 60 meter. QSL via homecalls bureau preferred, LOTW.

FG, GUADELOUPE Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV are QRV as FG/calls until March 12. QSL via homecalls. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included as TO3Z. QSL via homecalls, for TO3Z via F6HMQ.

FG, GUADELOUPE Mike, OE6MBG is operating as FG/call until March 20. Operation in 'holiday-style' with focus on 10 meter openings as well on 40 and 30. QSL via home call and LoTW.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Pierre, F6ITD is active as FG/call and TO7D from La Desirade until March 15. Focus will be on the low bands and FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call, logsearch on Club Log.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Hartwig, DL7BC will once again be QRV as FY/call/P between March 12 and March 26. An entry in the BARTG HF RTTY Contest and in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as TO2BC is included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard, DL2GAC is operating as H44MS until May 2. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating until 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>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again operating as call/JD1 until mid-June. Operation during his spare time on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY.

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.

P4, ARUBA Look for K9NW, K9PG, W6LD and WE9V as P40L until March 9. QSL via WA3FRP.

PJ2, CURACAO Ben, DL1RNT is active as PJ2/call until March 15. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will be QRV as PJ2/call from March 12 until March 29. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

PJ2, CURACAO Arno, PB1HF is operating as PJ2/call until March 21. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS A Polish team with SP2FUD, SP2GCJ and SP9FIH will be active as PJ5/calls starting from March 12, an entry in the CW WPX contest is included as PJ5T. More on <http://pj5.dxpeditons.org/>

SU, EGYPT After more than five years in Jordan and about three years of activity as JY9FC which resulted with more than 90k QSO, Jovica, E78A new work assignment is in

Cairo, Egypt. Until end of 2018, Jovica will be active as SU9JT with 100W and wire antennas. QSL via E73Y, bureau or direct, Club Log OQRS.

T8, PALAU Kiyoshi, JA0EKI will be QRV as T88XH from March 8 until March 14. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

TN, CONGO A team from DXFriends will be active as TN5R from Pointe Noire. Operation from March 9 until March 19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with at least 4 stations. QSL via EA5RM, logsearch and OQRS on

<http://www.dxfriends.com/tn5r>

TY, BENIN Radio Club de Provins F6KOP is QRV as TY7C to Benin until 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. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW or via F5GSJ, direct or bureau. <https://ty2018dx.wordpress.com/>

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

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

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

VP9, BERMUDA Chris KG6CIH and David WH6DSN will be QRV as VP9/calls between March 8 and March 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF using SSB. QSL via LoTW.

XF4, REVILLAGIGEDO Mark, XE1B is active as 4B4B from Socorro Isl, Revillagigedo Islands. Operation 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>

XV, VIETNAM Chuck, W0DLE is active from Ho Chi Minh as 3W9DLE until end April. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct.

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition 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 160 to 12 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via PP1CZ, direct or bureau. Club Log OQRS. <http://xx9b.py2sec.com/>

YJ, VANUATU Michael, G7VJR (Club Log) is operating as YJ0G from Epule. Activity until March 19. Operation on HF. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

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.

Z2, ZIMBABWE A Norwegian team with Rune LA7THA, Arne LA7WCA and Thor LA9VPA is operating as Z2LA until March 11. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, logsearch on Club Log.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Adrian, AA5UK is active until March 10. Operation as ZF2AE/ZF8 from Little Cayman. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF and satellites SSB/FM. QSL via home call, direct only and LoTW.

Coming up soon

8P, BARBADOS Dick, G3RWL will be QRV as 8P6DR between March 20 and April 29. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, home call and LoTW.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Alex, 5B4ALX will be active as FK/call from a small village near Noumea. Activity between March 20 and April 4. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. Outside he will operate from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, JT65 and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via IZ4AMS direct or bureau. <http://www.5b4alx.cloud/>

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>

J6, ST LUCIA Steve, WF2S will once again be active as J68SL during mid-March. Focus on FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

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. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest will be included as PJ4V, QSL via M0URX.

TJ, CAMEROON Silvano I2YSB and the Italian DXpedition Team is planning a DXpedition to Cameroon from March 15 until March 29 as TJ3TT. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via I2YSB, direct or LoTW, logsearch on the website. <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

VP2E, ANGUILLA Jim, WB2REM will be QRV as VP2EGO from March 17 until March 24. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Ross W2TT and John AF3K will be operating as VP5/calls from March 20 until March 27. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via OQRS Club Log.

XT, BURKINA FASO Harald, DF2WO will once again be active as XT2AW from March 19 until April 15. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via M0OXO.

QSL preview



IOTA

The IOTA'S marked with a yellow box are claimed by less than 25% of IOTA participants. These IOTAs are rather rare. Follow the link to find out more.

This week on HF

ASIA

AS-081 Namhae Isl Taka, JA8COE will be QRV as HL4/JA8COE/5 from March 9 until March 11. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call OQRS.

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

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.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-091 Quadra Isl VE7ACN/7 March 13-19 <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>
NA-038 Havre Aubert Isl VA7XW/VE2 April 2-9 <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>
NA-084 Harrington Isl VA7ACN/VE2 April 10-17 <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>
Mike, VE7ACN is operating from these Islands. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl VE1RUS and VE3KTB are active from Eureka as VY0ERC until April 1. Most favourable bands are 40 and 20 meter using SSB, digital and very slow CW. QRV when time permits. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

NA-034 Longboat Key Lou, W0FK is once again operating as call/4 until March 14. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

OCEANIA

OC-047 Guadalcanal Isl <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>
OC-100 Nendo Isl <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>
Chung, VA7YM is QRV until March 17. QSL via EA5GL.
Schedule:
– 2/27 Move to Lata, Temotu Province
Operate as H40YM
– 3/13 Move to Honiara from Lata
Operate as H44YM until 3/16 night
– 3/17 Depart from Honiara, Solomon Islands

OC-046 Tahiti Bill KH600 and son Will W0ZRJ will be operating as TX5X from March 10 until March 17. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

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.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-071 Montao de Trigo Isl A team large Brazilian team will be operating as ZW2MT during March 10-11. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via PY2RMZ. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

Coming up soon

EUROPE

EU-054 Favignana Isl Look for IF9A by IT9PPG and IT9WDC between March 20 and March 25. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via IT9PPG.

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SOUTH AMERICA

SA-029 Cedro Isl The Cabreuva DX Team will be active as ZV1C on March 17-18. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via PU2VCP.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA029>

On the scene

3D2EU Rotuma, the shack



XR0YD Easter Island, the antennas



9M0W, Spratly Island, team on the move



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOERS

A5, BHUTAN Mio JR3MVF and Kay WA0WOF will be QRV as A52YL from April 29 until May 5. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via WA0WOF.

A5, BHUTAN Joe JH3AEF and Jusei JA3IVU will be QRV from the Dochula Eco Resort as A52AEF and A52IVU. Operation from April 29 until May 6 from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

HH, HAITI A team with EA1ACP, EA1DVY, EA7FTR, EB7DX, HH2JR and HH2MK will be QRV as 4V7R from October 19 until October 29. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via EB7DX. <http://lazydxers.com/4v7r/index.html>

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Rick, AI5P will be active as PJ5/call between April 9 and April 16. QSL via home call.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from November 17 until December 1. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Ken, KH6QJ will be operating as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge, Kiritimati from April 17 until April 24. QRV on 40, 20 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

V3, BELIZE Jose, EC5AC will be active from Maya Hill as V31FT. Activity between October 29 and November 8 with a focus on FT8. QSL via home call.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL Look an Australian team with Chris VK3QB, Brenton VK3YB and Luke VK3HJ as VK9LI. Operation is planned between May 11 and May 18. Activity from 160 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://www.facebook.com/VK9LI-Lord-Howe-Island-188704095218234/>

VP2E, ANGUILLA Art WA7NB and Gary K2UU will be active as VP2EAB and VP2EGW from November 18 until November 26. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Pete, K8PGJ will once again be QRV from Grand Cayman as ZF2PG between January 12 and January 20, 2019. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

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/>

6W, SENEGAL Franz, DC4CQ will be operating as 6W/call between April 14 and April 28. Activity from 40 to 15 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

7Q, MALAWI The EIDX Group will be active as 7Q7EI from March 24 until April 2. A team from 13 operators will be operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. Log will be uploaded on Club Log. QSL via M0OXO OQRS <http://www.7q7ei.com/>

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/>

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.

E5, SOUTH COOK Bruce, AD7MM will once again be QRV from Rarotonga as E51BAS between May 13 and May 25. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, LoTW.

E5, SOUTH COOK Oleh, UR5BVP will be QRV from Rarotonga as E51BCP between April 15 and April 20. QRV on HF including SOTA activities. QSL via KD7WPJ.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between July 3 and July 17. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FR, REUNION ISL Alain, F1FJR will be active as FR/call between May 5 and May 15. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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.

JW, SVALBARD Torsten DL4APJ and Peter DJ2AX will be operating as JW/calls between September 20 and September 25. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

JW, SVALBARD Karl, LA8DW will once again be QRV as JW8DW during May 26-29. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

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>

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.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Col MM0NDX, Emil DL8JJ and Paul G4PVM will be QRV as OJ0Y (pending) during June 27-29. Operation from 80 to 6 meter. Possible a short activity before and after from Aland Islands as OH0/calls. QSL via M0SDV.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Uli, DL2AH will be operating as T32AH from September 12 until October 1. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, RTTY and FT8. 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.

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 DXpedition Team will be operating from Christmas between October 16 and October 30. More to follow.

VP6, DUCIE ISL The Perseverance DX Group announced their next DXpedition to Ducie Island (OC-182), Club Log's n°27 most wanted DXCC. A team of operators with UT6UD, 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/>

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX will be operating in 'holiday-style' as XT2MAX. QRV from March 23 until April 2. Operation on all bands, all modes. QSL via LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU Grant, VK5GR will be active in 'holiday-style' as YJ0AG between April 17 and April 29. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using digital modes with some CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

YJ, VANUATU Geoff, ZL3GA will once again be active as YJ0GA from July 18 until July 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

Z6, KOSOVO Petr OK1BOA, Palo OK1CRM, David OK6DJ, Petr OK1FCJ, Pavel OK1GK, Ruda OK2ZA, Karel OK2ZI and Ludek OK2ZC will be active from Kosovo as Z66D between April 15 and April 21. Limited activity / building up on April 15 & 16th, full operation planned from 17th to 21st, limited/dismantling on 22nd. Operation using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via OK6DJ. <https://www.qrz.com/db/Z66D>

Z6, KOSOVO Gab, HB9TSW will be operating from March 29 until April 19 as Z36BG. Operation during his spare time and especially his evenings and Sunday. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

Z6, KOSOVO Emir 9A6AA and Robert 9A5RBJ will be operating from Peja as Z68AA and Z68RBJ. Operation between May 14 and May 21 on HF. QSL via homecalls.

Announced IOTA

The IOTA'S marked with a yellow box are claimed by less than 25% of IOTA participants. These IOTAs are rather rare. Follow the link to find out more.

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://dpxpedition.wixsite.com/mozambique>

ASIA

AS-023 Amami O Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as call/6 from May 6 (08:00UTC) to May 7 (21:00UTC). Operation from 40 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

AS-126 Lipe Isl A large team with HS8JCV, HS9HK, HS8GKR, HS9JZT, HS9STL, E23CAL and HS3NBR will be operating as HS8JCV/P between March 29 and April 2. Operation on HF. QSL via HS8JCV. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS126>

AS-201 Buyukada Isl The DX-World team with Col MM0NDX, Max IK8LOV and Bjorn ON9CFG will be QRV as TA0/calls from May 7 until May 11. Activity from 80 to 2 meter in holiday-style. QSL via M0SDV. <http://www.m0sdv.com/>
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EUROPE

EU-090 Palagruza Isl Members of the Radio Club Croatian Flora Fauna will be active as 9A90P between June 16 and June 23. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via 9A2MF. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EU-120 Isle of Wight A Belgian team with ON3DMR, ON4AFW, ON4AWT, ON4JW, ON6EF, ON6VJ and ON8WR will be operating as GB9OSA from May 8 until May 13. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mainly SSB and digital. QSL via ON6EF, direct or bureau. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/> <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

OCEANIA

OC-105 Cagayan De Sulu

OC-174 Tawi Tawi

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

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. Operation as DX8MAP from OC-105 and as DX8TT from OC-174. QSL via M0OXO.

OC-140 Direction Island June 8-12

OC-170 Woody Island June 20-22

OC-193 Cheyne Island June 16-19

OC-199 East Lewis Island June 5-7

Craig, VK5CE will be QRV as VK6CE/6 from 3 IOTA groups in Western Australia during June. Operation from Woody for 2-3 days, from Lewis for 3-4 days and from Direction for 3-4 days. Details on <https://vkiota.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6/>
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

OC-158 Florida Isl

OC-168 Mbanika Isl H44R April 22-25

OC-179 Taumako Isl H40D April 29 – May 3

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

Cezar VE3LYC and Bernhard DL2GAC are planning to operate from these islands. They will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres with two stations. QSL via VE3LYC direct, OQRS Club Log.

Please consider supporting this ambitious and very expensive project if you haven't already done so. Visit the expedition website at <http://oc-179.weebly.com> for more information, future updates, and support

"There is a small possibility that following the OC-168 operation I may attempt to operate from Nggela Sule (Florida Islands, OC-158) on 26 and 27 April", Cezar says.

"However, under no circumstance I will rush to end the OC-168 operation in order to squeeze in some activity from OC-158"

OC-265 Cato Reef Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK5MAV/9 from April 9 until April 18. Any support will be much appreciated. Apparently this group of rare Australian islands is in a process of management plan change, which will include more strict control of access. <https://www.grz.com/db/VK5MAV/9>

<http://vk5mav.wixsite.com/dxpedition/single-post/2018/02/23/No-more-troubles-I-hope>

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

SOUTH AMERICA

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 50th anniversary of the Bellinghausen Station. A special diploma is planned.

Neumayer Station III Matthias, DH5CW is QRV as DP0GVN until mid-February 2019. Operation on HF during his spare time. QSL via DL5EBE.

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

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

4K, AZERBAIJAN Look for **4K100W** by Vlad 4K9W until end 2018. This to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via DL6KVA.

THE REMINDERS

RST special event

Until end of May members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA) will be active for the third time from locations in Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Greenland with the calls **KL7RST**, **VY1RST**, **VE8RST**, **VY0RST**, and **OX7RST**. QSL via K7ICE (d).

4X, ISRAEL Radio amateurs from Israel are going to celebrate the founding of the state from April 19 onwards for 70 days with the calls **4X70I**, **4X70S**, **4X70R**, **4X70A**, **4X70E** and **4X70L**. A special award "Israel 70" will be available, with the callsign **4Z70IARC** counting as a Joker per the award rules. The stations will also be active in the Holyland Contest (April 19/20). QSL via LoTW.

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.

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

DL, GERMANY Look for **DJ70WAE** (special DOK 70WAE) throughout 2018, this to mark the 70th anniversary of the Worked All Europe Award. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY DK200MARX (special DOK 200KM) celebrates Karl Marx's 200th 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 70th anniversary during 2018 as **DL70PADER**. QSL via bureau.

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

DL, GERMANY Members of the ARC Hassberge are celebrating the 1000th 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 900th anniversary of the city of Zwickau. QRV during 2018. QSL via DM5JBN.

DL, GERMANY The ARC of Pfronten Fuesen (DOK T11), is celebrating its 60th 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.

ES, ESTONIA Special stations **ES100A**, **ES100C**, **ES100F**, **ES100G**, **ES100J**, **ES100L**, **ES100M**, **ES100O**, **ES100P**, **ES100Q**, **ES100R**, **ES100S**, **ES100U**, **ES100X** and

ES100Z are active until end March to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Republic of Estonia. See <http://es100.eu> for complete information on the awards. QSL via LoTW, paper QSL will be sent via the bureau, and should be requested on the website before 31 May.

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

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:

GB2GW March

GB2FWW April

GB4GW May

GB4FWW June

GB5GW July

GB5FWW August

GB6GW September

GB6FWW October

GB8GW November

GBOAD November 10-11 (Armistice Day)

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

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.

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 70th anniversary of the Radio Club D'Haiti. QSL via W3HMK.

I, ITALY Look for **II2RR** until end 2018 to mark the 70th anniversary of the first issue of RadioRivista, Associazione Radioamatori Italiani's monthly journal. QSL via IK2VUC.

I, ITALY Ninety years ago the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, special call **II1ITR** will be active from May 25 to June 25. QSL via IZ1ETD, direct or bureau

I, ITALY The United Nations Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as **4U13FEB** until March 31 to promote and celebrate World Radio Day (13 February). QSL via 9A2AA.

I, ITALY Look for **II0GM** by Giovanni I0KQB, this to commemorate G. Marconi. Activity during 2018. QSL via I0KQB, direct only.

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'

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/>

ISO, SARDINIA Simone, ISOAFM is using the special call **IROFOC** to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club. Operation until end 2018. QSL via ISOAFM, direct or LoTW.

JA, JAPAN 8N1TKB is the special call to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Tsukuba City. QRV until end March. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

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

JA, JAPAN 8N0400N is celebrating the founding of the city Nagaoka 400 years ago. Operation during 2018. QSL via bureau.

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

JA, JAPAN Look for **8J3B** to mark the 100th anniversary of the 'Lake Biwa Rowing Song' until June 26. QSL will be sent automatically via the bureau. Direct QSL goes via JK3IJQ.

JA, JAPAN The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70th 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 **8N3H70Y** to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31. QSL via bureau.

LA, NORWAY Look for **LM90C**, **LM90HQ** and **LM90NRRL** throughout 2018 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Norsk Radio Relae Liga, the Norwegian IARU Society. QSL via bureau.

LU, ARGENTINA L50A is the special call to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO). Operation until end May on various bands and modes, FT8 included. QSL via bureau or direct. <http://lu4aao.org/L50A.htm/>

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

LZ40MS March

LZ362ME April

LZ11110SAE May

LZ430PPW June

LZ380PM July

LZ1146SPS August

LZ920MLC September

LZ1545POA October

LZ33MM November

LZ532PSO December

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

LZ, BULGARIA Look for **LZ140LO** to celebrate the 140th 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 115th Rose Festival as **LZ115RF**. Operation until end July. QSL via LZ1YE.

OH, FINLAND OG60F is the special call to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the radio club from Pori. Activity during 2018. For more info see

<http://teljanradioamatoorit.dy.fi/?OG60F>

OZ, DENMARK Special event stations **OZ18ICE** and **5P8ICE** will be active on all bands and modes for the Ice Hockey World Championship to be held in Denmark from May 1 until May 23. See qrz.com for information about the awards issued for working these stations. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Patrick PE2PVD, Guido PD2GWE, Evelyn PD1EHO, Sander PD9HIX, Thomas PA3TVV, Maarten PD2SVA and Erwin PA3EFR are commemorating Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Scout Movement, with the call **PA2018BP** until March 9. QSL via PA3EFR. <http://www.pa3efr.nl/>

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

PF2018YLS (Ijlst) March

PF2018SLO (Sloten) April

PF2018BOL (Bolsward) May

PF2018HIN (Hindeloopen) June

PF2018FRA (Franeker) July

PF2018HAR (Harlingen) August
PF2018DOK (Dokkum) September
PF2018WOR (Workum) October
PF2018STA (Stavoren) November

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 700th anniversary of the city Lublin. QRV until August. QSL via SP8AB.

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.

VK, AUSTRALIA The Gold Coast ARS is active as **VI4GAMES** until end May. This to celebrate the XXI Commonwealth Games, held in Gold Coast City on April 4-15.

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.

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