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## **DX News**

**A closer look at Oceania's 2<sup>nd</sup> most wanted IOTA**

<https://youtu.be/Nhz5ReuW2Tw>

Interesting video. A closer look at Rose Atoll, OC-190. The 2nd most wanted Oceania IOTA (2.4% claimed). Only Snares Island (OC-068) is more wanted (0.9% claimed). A quick check of the IOTA Directory suggests OC-190 is 8th most wanted IOTA globally. Incidentally, we note mention of Sand island a short distance away from Rose Atoll. This appears to be 4 acres in size and has no vegetation. It's not listed in the IOTA Directory under OC-190, but likely qualifies. Perhaps, due to no obvious vegetation, this particular island could be considered better for tents, generators etc..

A few years ago, a well known IOTA DXpedition group were looking to activate this rare island, however they were unable to obtain a USFWS permit.

## **DXCC**

### **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**3A, MONACO** Ennio 3A/IW1RBI is active until July 19. Operation during his spare time from 30 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Bill K9HZ/J68HZ is operating daily between 01:00 and 10:00 UTC until September on 160 meter FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Takashi, JH1FFW is active as JD1/call until July 19. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

**KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY** Miguel, W1SRR is deployed in Guantanamo until mid-July 2021. Operation as KG4MA during his spare time on HF using SSB and digi. QSL information not yet known.

**P4, ARUBA** Bill N4IQ and Bob ND7J are operating as P4/call until July 22.

<http://p4aruba.com/>

## **Coming up soon**

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Loic HB9HBY and Greg HB9TWU will be QRV as HB0/HB9HBY during July 24-26. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

# IOTA

## This week on air

### EUROPE

**EU-177 Stora Alo-Boka** Kjell, SM4DDS will be active as 7S5A between July 19 and July 24. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS, home call direct or bureau and LoTW.

### OCEANIA

**OC-139 Kangaroo Isl** Grant VK5GR and Andrew VK5AKH are operating as VK5KI until July 18 in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter and perhaps 160. <https://vk5gr-iota.net/>



### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-014 Grand Manan Isl** Len VE9MY/P and Linda VE9GLF/P are operating until July 18 on 80, 40, 20 and 17 meter using SSB. QSL via homecalls.

**NA-134 Aasiaat Isl** Bo, OX3LX is QRV until July 30. Activity from 40 to 4 meter during his lunchtime and after dinner (main focus 50 and 70 Mhz). QSL via OZ0J.

## Coming up soon

### EUROPE

**EU-090 Velika Palagruza Isl** A team with S50X, S52P, S53Z, S58MU, 9A3SM and DM7AA will be operating as 9A20A around the IOTA contest, before and after the contest they will sign as 9A/calls between 80 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL for 9A20A via S58MU.

**EU-113 Kythira Isl** Markus, DJ4EL will be QRV as SV8/call from July 26 until July 30. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**EU-133 Gogland Isl** A small team from Russian Robinson Club (R1MJ, R1CBL & RA1AGJ) will be active between July 23 and July 28. QRV as homecall/P with activity also planned during the IOTA Contest weekend. Activity from 160 to 15 meter. QSL via homecalls.

**EU-174 Ammouliani Isl** A team will be active as J48L during the IOTA contest (July 25-26). QSL via SV2CLJ direct.

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-228 West Isl / Granite Isl** Andy, VK5MAV/P hopes to be active from one of these IOTA's during the IOTA contest.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-058 Jekyll Isl** Andrew, AA5JF/4 will be operating between July 23-26 in 'holiday-style' using CW and FT4/8. During the contest he runs SSB and CW. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

## **ON THE SCENE**

**Grant, VK5GR as VK5KI from Kangaroo Island OC-139**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9G, GHANA** Matteo, IZ4YGS will once again be operating as 9G5GS from Sanzuele between August 8 and September 15. Activity from 160 to 15 meter using FT8 with some SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**FJ, SAINT BARTHELEMY** Look for FJ/FS4WBS and FJ/FS5GL in September 2020. QRV on 40, 20 and 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**JW, SVALBARD** Erwann, LB1QI will be active as JW/call during September 24-27. Activity from the JW5E Radio Club from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/jw/lb1qi>

## **THE REMINDERS**

**3B8, MAURITIUS** A team with G0CKV and others will be active as 3B8M during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 28-29). Activity before and after the contest on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO.

**3X, GUINEA** The F6KOP team (E44CC) is preparing an DXpedition to Guinea and Kassa Island AF 051 during January 2021. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. More to follow.

**3Y, BOUVET** The Rebels will try to activate Bouvet somewhere December 2020. More to follow.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be active from Male as 8Q7QR from September 4 until September 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. An entry in the All Asian DX Contest is included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**A3, TONGA** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC from October 19 until November 2. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

**CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND** Hans-Martin, DK2HM will be operating as XR0YHM between August 27 and September 7. QRV in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or home call direct or bureau.

**CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND** The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active as xr0y sp FROM September 15 until September 30. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

**CY0, SABLE ISL** Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized from October 19 until October 28. The team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM from September 28 until October 17. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed until 2021. He will confirm new dates once known.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between September 22 and October 6. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html>

**FS, ST MARTIN** David, F8AAN will once again be active as FS/call from November 18 until December 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: I have been given the OK by my employer for a two week DXpedition to FW land (Wallis & Futuna). This will be a CW only operation with a strong emphasis on Europe. Bands will be 40 – 6 meters. I'm seriously contemplating FT8 on 160/80 meters ONLY but it all depends how much room the 160/80 meter verticals will take up. Unfortunately, Saipan airport has been closed for the past month so I can't leave KH0 land even if I wanted to. As soon as everything opens up I'm ready to be FW/KC0W.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A DXfriends DXpedition will take place to San Cristobal. QSL via EA5RM. More to follow.

**JX, JAN MAYEN** Ken LA7GIA announces a low band DXpedition as JX0X in September/October 2021. JX is high ranked on the low bands and also on CW and digital. The team members are Ken LA7GIA, Mats RM2D, Dima RA9USU and Dominik DL5EBE. Operation on all bands but with focus on the low bands. Also bands as 60, 20 and 17 meter depending on the conditions. Website to follow.

**KH4, MIDWAY ISL** Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway during the second half of February 2021 for about 2 weeks (if the COVID 19 is under control). Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the

island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.)

More to follow.

**KH8, SWAINS ISL** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until Spring 2021 at the earliest. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

**OX, GREENLAND** Henning, OZ2I will be QRV as XP2I during the CQWW CW DX contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW preferred.

**OY, FAROE ISLANDS** Torsten DL4APJ and Udo DL2AQI will be operating as OY/calls from September 15 until September 23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls, bureau and LoTW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be active as PJ7AA from February 27 until March 27, 2021. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**SV5, DODECANESE** Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating as SV5/call from Karpathos Isl between September 12 and September 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

**T8, PALAU** Look for JM1LIG/T88FM, JA6UBY/T88RR and JO3LVG/T88MK between September 12 and September 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**TI, COSTA RICA** Members of AB3G will be operating from different Costa Rican provinces during a week of Summits on the Air. They will be QRV between January 3-9, 2021. <https://ab3g.weebly.com/#>

**TT, CHAD** The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) between September 29 and October 12 from Ndjamena. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only).

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be QRV as V47JA from Calypso Bay between August 22 and September 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call direct.

**VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND** The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island VK9W in 2021. 8 Operators from those two teams will comprise the 2021 Willis Island DXpedition team. Boat arrangements have already been made. We are currently working with the Australian government for the necessary permits. (WA4DAN). More to follow.

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX during November / December 2020. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

**YI, IRAQ** Giorgio IU5HWS will be active from July 30 until end November. QRV on 40-20-10 meter. Giorgio will update his YI/IU5HWS page on QRZ.com with more details later.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Activity from November 21 until December 5. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**Z6, KOSOVO** A German team will be operating as Z66DX between October 15 and October 28. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <http://www.z66dx.de/>

**ZA, ALBANIA** Franz, OE6TQG will be operating as ZA/call from September 6 until September 17. Operation on all bands using all modes. QSL via home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW.

# **Announced IOTA**

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **ASIA**

**AS-152 Bol'shoy Begichev** Dates are not yet confirmed, however the Arctic Legends team (RT9K) recently received their RI0Q license with a view to being active from Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152 in early 2021.

### **EUROPE**

**EU-042 Pellworm Isl** A team consisting DJ1JB, DJ4EL, DJ5TM and others plan activity from Pellworm Island (and other surrounding islands within the group) during August 27 to September 3. Activity as DJ4EL/P from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and verticals & quads. QSL via LoTW, homecall.

Markus, DJ4EL says: *The goal is to activate a couple of islands around Pellworm which will be our headquarter. At least one island has never been activated before. Could be possible that we reactivate my DD4T DXpedition call and present a logo for that rare one.*

**EU-081 Saint Marcouf Isl** A Belgian team with ON5DZ, ON5HC, ON7PQ and ON8AZ will be operating as TM2U between August 23 and August 28. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via ON8AZ. <https://www.eu081.be/>

**EU-111 Monach Isles** A team with G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the IOTA 2021 contest period from Ceann Ear. Outside the contest they will be active as GM3RCV.

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-039 Adak Isl** Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Adak Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

**NA-070 Kiska Isl** Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Kiska Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl** A team with Connor W4IPC, Matt AE4MQ, James WX4TV, Zach KN4KVC, Mike N3KPU, Grace KE3G and Mason KM4SII will be active as N4T around December 2020. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and satellites. QSL via LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/n4t>

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands** The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame. The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

### **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-092 Papegaaen Isl** Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that he has new dates for his IOTA DXpedition to Papegaaen Island as PZ5G. He hopes to be QRV from this rare IOTA during October 16-19. Activity on 80-10m using CW and SSB.

-PZ5G October 16-19 Grid GJ15kv (10-80 meter CW and SSB)

-PZ5GE October 11-25, Grid GJ25kr (10-40 meter using SSB only)

More on QRZ.com

## **Antarctica base stations**

**Mirny Station** Alexander, RX3ABI is QRV as RI1ANM from Mirny Base, IOTA AN-016, until early 2021 while on work assignment. Activity during his spare time on 40 and 20 meters using FT8. QSL via home call.

**Syowa Station** The 61<sup>st</sup> Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition's overwintering team at the Syowa Station on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica includes Taka, JA1AGS and Hiro, JH7JCX. In their spare time they are QRV from the 8J1RL club station, with activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres mainly FT8. They will be there until January 2021. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9K, KUWAIT** Special event station **9K8FTDMC** is QRV until July 31 to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. QSL via operators' instructions.

**A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** Special event station **A60FTDMC** is QRV until July 31 to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. QSL via operators' instructions.

#### **A60EMM Emirates Mars Mission**

The United Arab Emirates has officially entered the global space exploration race. This came after His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan, President of the UAE, issued a decree to establish the UAE Space Agency, and began working on sending the first Arab and Islamic probe to Mars, a project named "Hope Probe". This makes the UAE one of only nine countries working to explore Mars.

The probe will start its journey in 2020, and is scheduled to arrive to Mars by 2021, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the union of the UAE. The planning, management and implementation of the probe project are implemented by an Emirati team, whose members depend on their skills and diligence to acquire all space exploration-related knowledge and applying it. The program is fully funded and supervised by the UAE Space Agency, while the probe is being developed by the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), in collaboration with international partners.

Ops for 2020:

- A60EMM/1st Op. A61M — QSL via A61BK
- A60EMM/2nd Op. A61Q — QSL via EA7FTR

<https://www.mbrsc.ae/emirates-mars-mission>

**A9, BAHRAIN** Special event station **A91FTDMC** is QRV until July 31 to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. QSL via operators' instructions.

**F, FRANCE** The British Breakout from Normandy Museum is organising its annual Liberation Festival on August 1-2. At this occasion, the museum's radio-club (F4KKE) will be on the air as **TM11AD** in memory of those soldiers of the British 11th Armoured Division who liberated the area on 31st July 1944. Activity will take place on all HF bands in CW, SSB and digimodes. The team hopes to use genuine WWII equipment during the weekend to demonstrate to the public. QSL via F4KKE. Logs will be uploaded daily to LoTW and ClubLog (OQRS).

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Special event station **HB15SOTA** is QRV until May 8 to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SOTA activities in Switzerland. QSL via operators' instructions.

**HZ, SAUDI ARABIA** Members of the Saudi Wireless Amateur Association are QRV with special event station **HZ8FTDMC** until July 31 to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. QSL via operators' instructions.

**JA, JAPAN** Special event station **8N1ABIKO** is QRV until the end of 2020 in celebration of the founding of Abiko-City, IOTA AS-007. QSL via bureau.

**OD, LEBANON** Special event station **OD5FTDMC** is QRV until July 31 to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. QSL via operators' instructions.

**OE, AUSTRIA** Although the Gosau meeting 2020 had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the special event station **OE2XXM** (ADL 553) will be active during July.

The organisers still hope to hold their autumn field day in September. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**SU, EGYPT** Special event station **SU8FTDMC** is QRV until July 31 to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. QSL via operators' instructions.

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** Special event station **ZL65FTDMC** is QRV until July 31 to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. QSL via operators' instructions.

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **FT8DMC 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

Special event stations will be on air during the FT8DMC Activity Days during July. All stations will bear the **FTDMC or FTDM suffix**, referring to the third anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. <https://www.dx-world.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/FT8DMC-3rd-anniversary-press-release-english.pdf>

**5B, CYPRUS** Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) during 2020 as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see qrz.com.

**9M, MALAYSIA** Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, everyone is encouraged to follow the new norms of life with social distancing, washing your hands frequently and wearing face masks whilst being outside in public, even working from home (WFH). MARTS wishes to thank SKMM for approving the following special event callsigns to be used for a period of three months starting 15 May 2020.

- **9M4STAYHOME**
- **9M4DUDUKRUMAH**
- **9M4COVID19**

These callsigns will be activated on HF and VHF frequencies covering SSB, CW and Digital modes from various locations all over Malaysia.

Coordinators are 9M2PRO, 9M2MDX, 9W2VWT and 9W2PD.

**BV, TAIWAN** Look for **BV120SU** to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Soochow University. Operation on HF until August 4. QSL via BU2EQ. (TNX DXNL)

**CO, CUBA** Operators of the Ham Radio Club Manuel Alvarez are celebrating the centenary of the first radio station founded in 1920 by Manuel Alvarez. Operation as **T46W** on August 21, 22 and 23. QSL via LoTW.

**DL, GERMANY** DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special call **DL73TXL** until end June 2021 to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DL250BEETH** (special DOK 250LVB) joins the celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year. QSL via DJ6SI direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DM30RSV** is the special call to commemorate the formation of the Radiosportverband, the first independent national ARC in Germany. QRV until October 2. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct via DK5ON, logsearch Club Log. <https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/dx/7oe-jahre-darc-3oe-jahre-rsv/>

**DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV until the end of January 2021. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The special event callsign **DL35SDR** (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention during 2020 to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DA0DOM** (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. QRV during 2020 from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL)



**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air during 2020. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log. <http://www.70darc.club/> (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** during 2020 to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Special call **DL100BKW** is active throughout 2020 to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE** Mado F1EOY and others will be active as **TM5ISY** at various times until October 14. The special callsign is in memory of Carine Dubois, F5ISY, who passed away on 3 November 2019. QSL via F1EOY.

**G, ENGLAND** Larry, G4HLN is active as **GB100GKU** until July 28 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the long-range maritime radio service in the United Kingdom. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands. QSL via the bureau. GKU was the callsign of the first long-range maritime radio station in the UK, opened in 1920 from a site at Devizes, Wiltshire. It operated on long-wave frequencies and mainly worked the transatlantic liners. (TNX 425DX)

**G, ENGLAND** Marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Royal Corps of Signals, special callsign **GB100RS** will be operated by members of the Royal Signals ARS from England until August 8, Northern Ireland on 9 August-5 September, Wales on 6 September-3 October, and Scotland on 4-17 October. Additionally, **GB100RCS** will be active from the HQ station at Blandford Camp, Dorset as soon as permission to reopen it is received. See <https://rsars.org.uk/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** **HB40HTC** and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme - the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award - will be in place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special callsigns and also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports". <https://hb-ocwa.ch/>

**I, ITALY** Members of the Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club ([www.inorc.it](http://www.inorc.it)) will be active as **II0ICEH** from July 18 until August 1. They will operate only CW. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. A certificate will be available. ICEH was the callsign of the Italian ocean liner "Andrea Doria", most famous for her sinking on 26 July 1956, after the Swedish MS "Stockholm" collided with her off the coast of Nantucket, Massachusetts. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Mondovi hosts the 19<sup>th</sup> DCI meeting, the 17<sup>th</sup> WAP meeting, and the 11<sup>th</sup> IFFA meeting from September 18 to 21. The special event station **IP1DCI** operates in this context until September 30. QSL via IK1QFM.

**I, ITALY** Look for **IO6STAY** during the COVID 19 period. Operation until July 20. QSL via IK6QON direct.

**I, ITALY** Look for **II3FYT** to celebrate 5 years of Gruppo Radio Dispersi. QRV during 2020. (TNX IW3HV)

**I, ITALY** Members of the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club is active as **4U25B** until end August. It draws attention to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi. QSL via 9A2AA direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls during 2020 to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

July: **II4NBL** Marconi is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1909)

August: **II4CLT** Inauguration of the radio station at Coltano (1911)

September: **II4PTN** Marconi applies for his first patent (1896)

October: **II4LGH** Marconi switches on the lights at Sydney Town Hall from Genoa via wireless transmission (1930)

November: **II4RVT** Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)

December: **II4MDY** Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See <http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/> for the award and more info.

**I, ITALY** The ARI section of Bruneck activates the callsign **II3STAY** until end 2020.

QSL via IN3ZWF (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

**JA, JAPAN** Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**JT, MONGOLIA** **JU85UIA** celebrates the founding of the University of Internal Affairs 85 years ago. Operators throughout 2020 are JT1CH, JT1BZ, JT1BU, JT1DR, JV1A, and JT1BV. QSL via JT1CH (d). (TNX DXNL)

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** **LX20I** is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be used for most contests in 2020, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. <http://lx7i.com/lx20i/>

**LZ, BULGARIA** Special call **LZ50BFRA** is active until end 2020 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs. Founded on 26 April 1970, BFRA is the national IARU member society. QSL via LZ1BJ (bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as **OE1970WWL**. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** **OE25EU** is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Austria acceded to the European Union. It will be used during the first full weekends of July-November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**OK, CZECH REPUBLIC** Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Czechoslovak DX Club, special callsign **OL30DXC** will be active on all bands and modes from now until 31 December. A special QSL card will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct cards go via OK2PXJ. (TNX 425DX)

**OK, CZECH REPUBLIC** OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active throughout 2020 with the special event callsign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Special station **PA75VERON** is active during 2020 to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

**S5, SLOVENIA** Members of the Radio Club Cerklno are active as special event callsign **S500E** throughout 2020. Activity is to mark half a million QSO made from the S50E - JN76AD station. A special QSL will confirm each contact via the bureau in early 2021. LOG will be uploaded on ARRL LoTW and CLUBLOG on a regular basis. For those who want to send card direct please request QSL over Clublog OQRS (preferred) or send SASE with 3 US\$ or equivalent in EUR to cover return postage to QSL manager Miran Vončina S500, Cvetkova 35, 5282 Cerklno, Slovenija. Cards with insufficient postage or no return envelope will be returned via the QSL bureau. Special S500E T-shirt will be awarded to station with highest number of QSO (band/mode) from each continent and Slovenija. For more information, updates and useful links please visit Radio Club Cerklno S50E website at <http://www.s50e.si/> (TNX S50U)

**SP, POLAND** Special calls **3Z90PZK**, **HF90PZK**, **SN90PZK** and **SP90PZK** are QRV during 2020 to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also **HF90TPAR**, **HF90TPBB**, **HF90TPBF**, **HF90TPBG**, **HF90TPCF** and **HF90TPCG**, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**SV, GREECE** The Hellenic department of the 'Fifth Ocean Ham Aviator's Club' will be operating during September as **SX1AFM**. This to commemorate the 70 years since the establishment of the Hellenic Air Force History Museum. QSL see QRZ.com.

**VK, AUSTRALIA** The Western and Northern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club (WANSARC) celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **VI50AWS** until end August. All contacts will be confirmed with a special QSL. <https://www.wansarc.org.au/>

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Special callsign **VI110WIA** celebrates the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wireless Institute of Australia. Operation until end 2020, it is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** The Wireless Institute of Australia has joined the "Stay Home" campaign and be active as **VK20HOME** until end 2020. The special call is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA AT2THC** is a special callsign used until August by the Tripura Ham Radio Club in Agartala to provide assistance during the COVID-19 emergency. QSL via VU2LJB. (TNX 425DX)

**XE, MEXICO** The special event stations **4A60A, 4A60M, 4A60E, 4A60X, 4A60I, 4A60C, 4A60O, 4A60N, 4A60F** and **4A60S** celebrate the founding of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana (ARARM) 60 years ago. QRV until July 25. The club also offers an award for contacts with these stations.

**XE, MEXICO** The DXXE group celebrates their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2020 with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**YJ, VANUATU** During the month of July, a team consisting YJ8CW, YJ8ED & YJ8RN will be active as **YJ040IND** in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of Vanuatu. QRV mostly at weekends on 40-20-15m, CW/SSB/FT8.

**YO, ROMANIA YO1STAYHOME** and **YO19STAYHOME** are both currently active and will remain on air until September 15. An award is available as well. (TNX DXNL)

**YU, SERBIA** Look for **YT50SCWC** by the Serbian CW Club to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Operation during 2020. QSL via YU1MM, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA ZS1820S** celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the 1820 British Settlers in the Eastern Cape area of South Africa. The call sign will be active during 2020 on various bands and modes. QSL is via the bureau to ZS2EC, also via LoTW, Club Log and QRZ.

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** Look for **ZS95SARL** during 2020. This to celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.