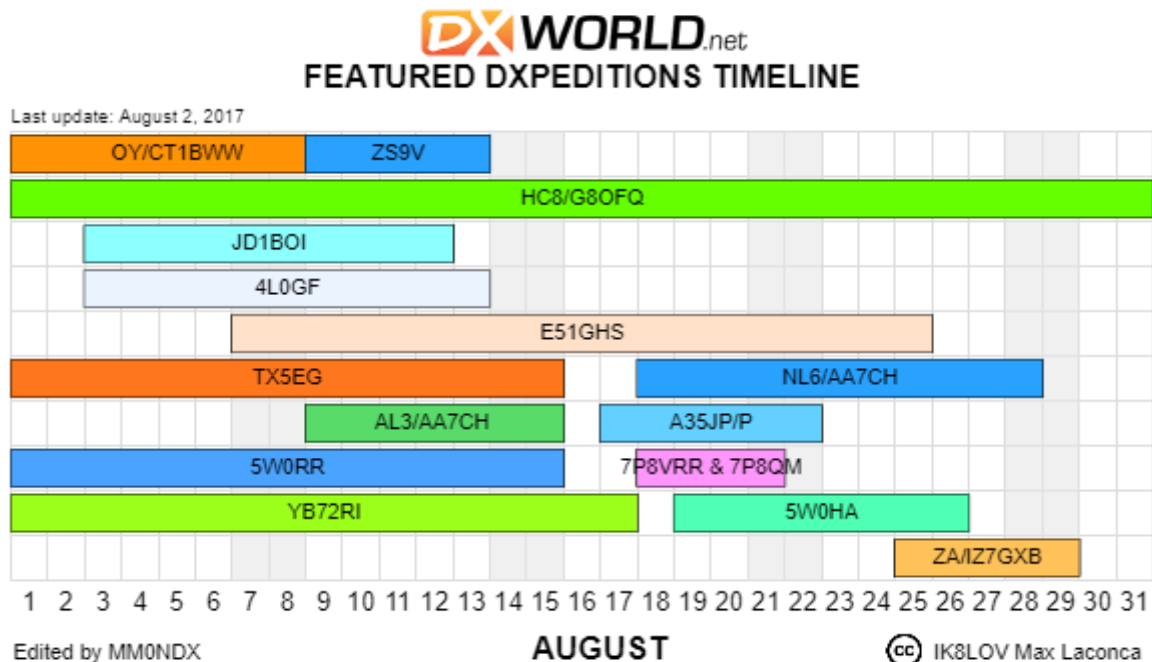


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## DX news

**Yes!!! The DX-World Timeline is back!!!**



### **Bouvet Island 3Y0Z update by Ralph Fedor K0IR**

As in any group, the moral compass, accountability, and integrity of amateur radio operators covers a wide spectrum. The best of these character qualities in the ham radio community came to light last week.

FlexRadio Systems and Ranko Boka, 403A, of SKY SAT wanted to be absolutely positive that they would in no way compromise the success of the Bouvet Island DXpedition. They looked at this DXpedition as a once in a lifetime experience for many DX'ers and put the success of 3Y0Z above personal gain, competition, and acclaim. Read full story on

<https://dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>  
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/acom-flex-doc/>

## Radio Society of Great Britain hosts international youth event

Eighty young people from 26 countries are coming to the UK for a week to take part in the seventh prestigious YOTA (Youngsters on the Air) summer camp. Hosted by the RSGB at the scouting activity centre at Gilwell Park, near London, it will be a week packed with a variety of events and a chance for the young people to forge international friendships. The youngsters will take part in fun and challenging amateur radio activities, visits to Bletchley Park and the National Radio Centre, Ofcom's Spectrum Management Centre in Baldock and also the London Science Museum. They will also have the amazing opportunity to use amateur radio to speak directly to astronaut Paulo Nespoli, IZ0JPA on the International Space Station (ISS) and see him via live video by Amateur TV. <https://dx-world.net/yota-2017/>

## DXCC

### This week on HF

#### **Balkan Tour by IZ7GXB**

**40, MONTENEGRO**

**ZA, ALBANIA**

**Z3, MACEDONIA**

Costa, IZ7GXB is visiting the Balkans during August. He is active as 407GXB, ZA/IZ7GXB and Z38/IZ7GXB. Operation on HF with focus on 6 meter. QSL via home call. <https://balkanstour-iz7gxb.jimdo.com/>

**4L, GEORGIA** Armen 4L6DL, Sergo 4L6QC, Alexander UR5EAW, Antione F5RAB and Luc F5RAV will be operating as 4L0GF. Operation between August 3 and August 13.

**4O, MONTENEGRO** Gianluca IK4LZH and Teresa IU4ICT will be QRV as 4O/calls between August 6 and August 15. Activity on 40 and 20 meter using SSB. QSL via IK4LZH and LoTW.

**5W, SAMOA** Roly, ZL1BQD is once again operating as 5W0RR from Apia, Samoa until August 15. Operation mostly using JT65, possibly FT8 mode. QSL via home call.

**9X, RWANDA** Alan, KE4TA has received his license for the next 3 years as 9X0TA. Operation primarily on 20 and 17 meter but he might try for 80 and 40 also. QSL via N4GNR. For updates see <http://www.rwandadx.com/>

**CP, BOLIVIA** Antonio, EA5RM is once again working on a non-governmental organization's project. Operation during his spare time until August 14 on HF using SSB and digital modes. QSL via EA5RM direct or LoTW.

**D2, ANGOLA** Paulo, CT1FJZ is again operating as D2FJZ from Luanda. Activity on 20 meter using SSB. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via home call.

**E5, COOK ISLANDS** Alex, F4GHS will be QRV as E51GHS from August 7 until August 25. Operation from August 7-16 from Aitutaki, from August 16-25 from Rarotonga. Activity in 'holiday-style' using a vertical for 20 meter. QSL via home call.

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

**GJ, JERSEY** Paul, G4PVM will be active as GJ4VPM between August 5 and August 11. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW, logs will be uploaded to Club Log for IOTA credits.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Koji, JI1LET will be active again as JD1BOI from August 3 until August 12. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct only.

**OY, FAROE ISL** Marq, CT1BWW is active as OY/call until August 10. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

**P4, ARUBA** A German team with DF4XX, DL4HG, DL7AT and DL8UD is operating as P40X until August 6. Operation on all bands with an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest (July 29-30). QSL via DL8UD.

**R1/F FRANZ JOSEF LAND** Eugeny RI1FJ is back again until August 2018. QSL via UA2FM.

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

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

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

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON is once again active as V47JA until August 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Rafael, NN3RP is active as YN2RP until August 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call and LoTW.

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

## **IOTA**

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### **This week on HF**

**AF-064 Robben Isl** A team with Paul ZS1V, Jan ZS1VDV, Andre ZS1AN, Johan ZS1A, Pierre ZS6A and Oleg ZS1ANF will be active as ZS9V from August 9 until August 13. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and CW on the higher bands. More to follow. <http://zs9v.org.za/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF064>

**AS-094 Hainan Isl** Zhao, BD7IHN will be operating as B7/call starting from August 4. He is not sure when he will leave the island. Operation on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS094>

**EU-038 Terschelling Isl** Petro, PH9GFB is QRV as PA38EU until August 12. QSL via home call, bureau is preferred. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU038>

**EU-087 Hogbonden Isl** Kjell, SM4DDS is operating as call/3 until August 5. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU087>

**EU-125 Fano Isl** Dieter, DF2SD is QRV as OZ/call until August 4. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU125>

**EU-127 Neuwerk Isl** A team with DB1WA, DL1MRD, DM4DL and DM5HF will be operating as DR0F during the IOTA contest. QSL via DM4DL, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU127>

**EU-136 Rab Isl** Giovanni, IK1WEG will be QRV as 9A/call from August 7 until August 19. Operation on HF and VHF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU136>

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

**EU-177 Harstena Isl** Olof, G0CKV is QRV as call/P until August 5. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU177>

**NA-042 Hinchinbrook Isl** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=na042>

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

Mikhail, VE7ACN will be active as AL3/call from NA-042 between August 9 and August 15, later he will be active from NA-157 as NL6/AA7CH from August 18 until August 28. Operation from 40 to 10 meter, maybe 160 and 80 meter also. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via home call, direct or bureau.

**NA-111 Long Beach Isl** Operators from the Old Barney ARC will be active as N2OB on August 5 from about 13 UTC until 21 UTC. QSL via N200.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA111>

**FRENCH POLYNESIA IOTA Tour**

A team with F6BCW, F6DTZ, F6IPT, F5UOW, F1MNO, F1TCV and K3EL will be on IOTA tour as TX5EG from following islands:

**OC-027 Marquesas Isl** July 29 – August 6

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc027>

**OC-046 Windward Isl** August 15 – September 5

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

Operation from 80 to 12 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F6BCW, bureau or direct.

## Coming up soon

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

**EU-049 Lesvos Isl** Berkin, TA3J will be active as SV8/call between August 14 and August 17. Operation on HF and 6 meter. QSL via home call.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU049>

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announced DX

#### THE NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **THE REMINDERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**9M0, SPRATLY ISLAND** Originally announced for December, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands has been postponed to March 10 – March 20 2018, owing to the unavailability of the resort on Layang Layang. Plans are for Hrane, YT1AD and a large group to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. The team has two vacant positions.

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

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

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

**A2, BOTSWANA** Alex, IW5ELA will be active as A25AL from September 7 until September 15. Activity on HF using CW with a vertical. QSL via home call.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Look for G8OFQ, KG0YL, VK2BXE and WB2REM will be operating as HD8M between September 14 and September 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log OQRS.

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

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

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

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** Marc, ON7SS will be operating as LX/OO90 between August 24 and August 28. QSL via OQRS on <http://www.on7ss.be/logsearch.html>

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** LU1FM, LU2CJW, LU3FMD, LU4FBU and LU9FHF will be active as PJ7T between October 24 and November 4. QRV on HF. QSL via LU1FM, LoTW. <http://www.tarjetasqsl.com.ar/pj7t/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND**

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

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

-Christmas Isl from October 2 until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**YJ, VANUATU** Tony, KQ2I will be active from Efate as YJ0AT between August 29 and September 14. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, direct only.

**YJ, VANUATU** Michael, G7VJR (Club Log) will be operating as YJ0G from Epule. Activity between March 2 and March 19, 2018. Operation on HF. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

## **Announced IOTA**

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### **THE NEWCOMERS**

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

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

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

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

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

### **THE REMINDERS**

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

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

**AF-104 Grand Cavallo Isl** The Radio Club of Djelfa with the cooperation of ARU will conduct a DXpedition as 7Y7AI from September 30 until October 10. Operation on HF. QSL via 7X2DD.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF104>

**AF-108 Tigres Isl** A 8-man team will be operating early 2018 as D2TI. The full planning is in stage. Website and full details to follow. This IOTA group has never been activated before. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF108>

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

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

**EU-190 Viktoriya Isl** The RI1F team (up to 12 ops) depart for the NEW IOTA on September 27, 2017. Depending on sea conditions, it should take approx 3-4 days to reach the island so we expect them to be active from October 1 until October 7.

Bookmark for updates. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190>

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

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

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

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

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

**SA-100 Pajaros Rocks** A new attempt by IT9YRE and I1SNW activating SA-100 will take place in March 2018. Exact dates not yet known. Maybe a special call will be used instead of CE1/calls. More to follow.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA100>

## **Antarctic base stations**

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

**Dumont d'Urville Station update** Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPQ.  
<https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

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

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

## **Special call**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**G, ENGLAND** Look for **GB5RC** to commemorate 50 years of offshore broadcasting. Activity by the Martello Tower Group from August 3 until August 7 with 2 stations mainly on 80, 40 and 20 meter. QSL via GB5RC bureau or direct to G6NHU.

**G, ENGLAND** The youngsters on the air will be active as **GB17YOTA** during the 7<sup>th</sup> edition. Operation from Gilwell Park between August 5 and August 12. QSL via operators instructions.

**G, ENGLAND GB8YA** is the Youngsters Activity event during the same week as YOTA. This to allow young people who are not able to go to YOTA camp this year a chance to get on the air. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**GW, WALES** The special event station **GB4RME** is active from the Royal Mint in Llantrisant until August 5. Operators are Glyn/GW0ANA, Brian/ GW0PUP, Bob/GW0WKR, Nigel/GW1CUQ, Ken/GW1FKY, Rich/GW4BVJ, Phil/MW0DHF, Bernie/MW0GBW, Chris/MW0XFU, Ken/2W0KPH and SWL Jack. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes and satellite. QSL via GW0ANA, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log.



**OE, AUSTRIA** Look for **OE17BEACH** until August 6. This to mark the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championship 2017 held in Austria. QSL via OE3KLU, bureau.

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

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

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

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

## **THE REMINDERS**

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

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

**DL, GERMANY DM200LFS** (special DOK 200LFS) commemorates the 200th birthday of Louis Ferdinand Schoenherr, a German inventor of power looms. Activity until end February 2018. All QSOs count as a "joker" and 10 points for the KIDS award that is supporting SOS Children's Villages in Saxony. QSL via eQSL, LoTW and bureau. <http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

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

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

**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, 2018. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EI11WAW** - County Donegal

**EI22WAW** - County Leitrim

**EI33WAW** - County Sligo

**EI44WAW** - County Mayo

**EI55WAW** - County Galway

**EI66WAW** - County Clare  
**EI77WAW** - County Limerick  
**EI88WAW** - County Kerry  
**EI99WAW** - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**JA, JAPAN** **8NOIIDA** is the special call to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Iida City. Operation until end February 2018. QSL via bureau.

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

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

**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 2018. Activity from 160 meter to 70cm using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or via JE1XUZ direct.

**JA, JAPAN** Look for **8N3H7OY** to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31, 2018. QSL via bureau.

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

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

**LA, NORWAY** **LM8OREX** and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VE, CANADA** **XO1X** is the call for the Yukon CanAm Contest Club. This to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation until December 31. QSL direct to KC1CWF or via LoTW.

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

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

**VR, HONG KONG** Commemorating the 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 2018.

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

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

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