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## DX NEWS

### **3Y0Z Bouvet Island –update**

**FEBRUARY 5 @ 0900z** — Our captain has decided that it is in the best interest of safety and expediency to proceed directly to Cape Town, South Africa rather than Punta Arenas, Chile. We are currently heading north to avoid the possibility of encountering ice. Currently there is no ice in sight or on radar. In due time we will head easterly toward Cape Town. Our entire team is safe. Most are resting in their bunks and in good spirits. We will keep the amateur radio community and our families informed as we continue our journey.

**FEBRUARY 5 @ 14:45z** — Position: 53 degrees 42 minutes South, 0.41 degrees West. Heading 58 degrees. Speed 7 knots. The wind is from 165 degrees and pushing us along in moderate following seas.

Our ride is now considerably smoother than earlier, today. We did pass through some ice between 1200 and 1300 UTC. The sea is clear now.

We are headed for Cape Town, South Africa. This is the safest and most expedient course for us. We thank those who have expressed concern and good wishes. We are, of course, very, very disappointed. We are slowed, but safe.

### **FT8 DXpedition Mode**

You have probably heard something about recent efforts to develop a special "FT8 DXpedition Mode" in WSJT-X. This message aims to bring you up-to-date on our progress, and generally to make our plans more widely known.

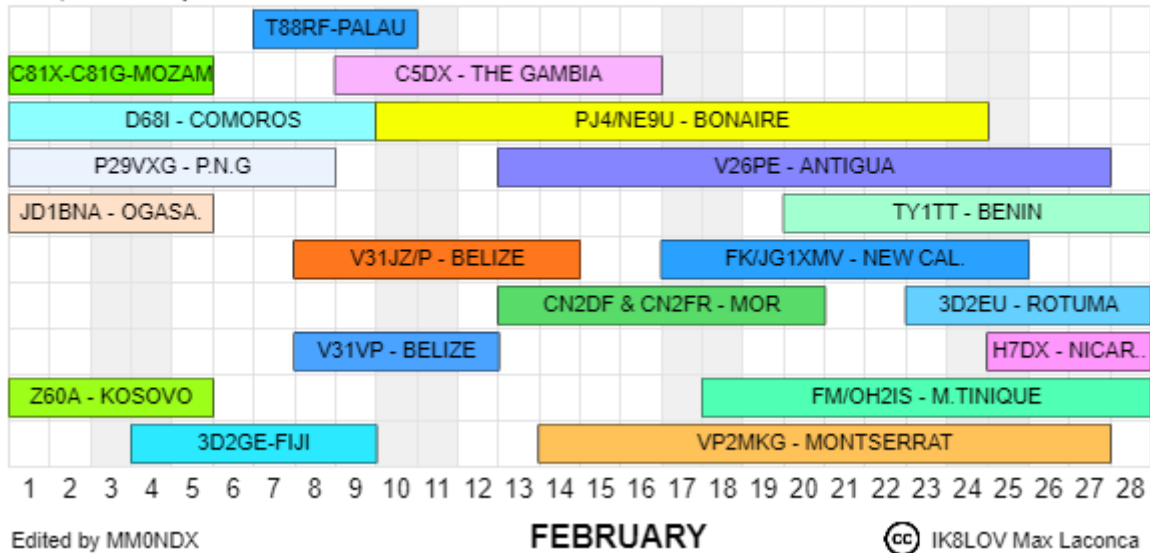
The basic goal of \*FT8 DXpedition Mode\* is to enable DXpeditions to make FT8 QSOs at the highest possible rates. We have been working together with members of the Baker Island (KH1/KH7Z) group. Their planned expedition will take place in June-July 2018.

Like most major DXpeditions, this one will almost certainly make a majority of its QSOs using SSB and CW. However, the group is well aware of the rapid rise of FT8 popularity, and they plan to use FT8 as well. <https://dx-world.net/ft8-dxpedition-mode/>

# DXCC Timeline

## FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: February 5, 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.

**3D2, FIJI** February 4-9 3D2XYZ (call not sure yet)

**A3, TONGA** February 10-13 A35XYZ (call not sure yet)

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** February 14-20 ZL/call

**E5, COOK ISL** February 21-24 E51GEA

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** February 25 - March 10 FO/call

**KH6, HAWAII** March 11-20 KH6/call

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

**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.

**4L, GEORGIA** Furkan TA7AOF and Golkem TA7AZC are operating as 4L/calls from Batumi until February 12. Operation using mainly digital modes, an entry in the CQ WPX RTTY contest. QSL via LoTW or via homecalls.

**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.

**5W, SAMOA** Dick, AD7AF is operating from the Savaii Lagoon Resort as 5W0LR until February 22. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

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

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

**9X, RWANDA** Christian, M0UPL will be active from Kigali as 9X2SDA between February 11 and February 18. Operation on 40 and 20 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** The call C5DX is granted and will be activated between February 9 and February 16. A party of 18 6<sup>th</sup> form students and 3 staff from Sandringham School in St. Albans, England will visit their partner school Farafenni Senior Secondary High. The two schools have worked in partnership for 10 years and Farafenni High is now one of the highest achieving rural schools in The Gambia. <https://dx-world.net/c5dx-the-gambia/>

**C6, BAHAMAS** Bob N4BP/C6AKQ, Tim N4UM/C6ARU and Mike K4RUM/C6AUM are active from Great Abaco until February 20. Operation planned during the CQ WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contest. Outside the contest they will operate from 160 to 6 meter using mainly CW. QSL via homecalls, direct and LoTW.

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

**CN, MOROCCO** Sigi DL7DF and his team (DK1BT, DL4WK & DL7UFR) will be active from Tahazout, Morocco as CN2DF and CN2FR between February 13 and February 20. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DL7DF. <http://www.dl7df.com/cn/>

**CU, AZORES** Hermann, HB9CRV is active from Flores (EU-089) until February 16. Activity from 160 to 10 meter as CU8FN. QSL via HB9CRV, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**D6, COMORES** Look for IK5BCM, IK5CBE and IK5CRH as D68I until February 10. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via IK5CRH. <https://martinatic.wixsite.com/d68i>

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

**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.

**GD, ISLE OF MAN** Look for GM00BX, MM00KG and MM0VPY as MT0IXD from February 9 until February 12. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. An entry in the CQ WPX RTTY contest. QSL via M0OXO OQRS and LoTW. <http://scarlettpoint.im/site/>

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

**HC, ECUADOR** Rick, NE8Z is once again operating from Ecuador until February 10. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. Activity as HC1MD from Tumbaco (Pichincha Province), as HC1MD/HC2 from Punta Blanca (Santa Elena Province) and as HC1MD/HC7 from Papallacta (Napo Province). QSL for all calls via K8LJG, direct only and LoTW.

**HP, PANAMA** Mike W1USN and Bob AA1M are active as HP8/call until February 15. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW or via homecalls, direct or bureau.

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

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

**J6, ST LUCIA** Charles, KG9N will be QRV as J6/call from February 13 until February 27. Activity on HF during the ARRL contest. QSL via home call.

**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.

**KP2, US VIRGIN ISL** Dick, K4XU will be QRV as NP2/call from February 12 until February 19. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

**OA, PERU** Dave, WJ2O will be operating as OA4/call from February 13 until February 21. Focus on the WARC bands and the ARRL contest. QSL via LoTW.

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

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

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Scott, NE9U will be operating as PJ4/call from February 10 until February 24. QSL via LoTW or via home call, direct or bureau. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included as PJ4A.

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

**T8, PALAU** Kan, JJ2RCJ is active as T88RF until February 10. Activity on HF with focus on FT8 and RTTY. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

**V2, ANTIGUA** Paul, VA3ZC will be operating from Jolly Harbour as V26PE from February 13 until February 27. Activity on 40, 30 and 20 meter using SSB and digital. QSL via home call, LoTW.

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

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

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

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

**V4, ST KITTS** Bernie, W3UR is active as V47UR until February 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and some FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via NR6M.

**VP2M, MONTSEERRAT** George, K5KG will be QRV as VP2MKG from Gingerbread Hill between February 14 and February 27. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW or home call.

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

**XU, CAMBODIA** Andrea, IK7YTT will be operating as XU7YTT from February 9 until February 14. Operation on HF. QSL via IW7EGQ.

**XV, VIETNAM** John, KB4FB is QRV from Dan Nang as 3W9FB during early February. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW.

**XV, VIETNAM** Chuck, W0DLE will be active from Ho Chi Minh as 3W9DLE during February - April 2018. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct.

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

## Coming up soon

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

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Henning, OZ1BII will be QRV as D44EE between February 15 and February 20. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via home call direct or bureau.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Arnaud, JG1XMV will be QRV as FK/call starting February 17 until March 3. He will be QRV from Grand Terre Island, Lifou, Mare and 2 other islands during his stay. Operation on 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter using SSB. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

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

**TY, BENIN** Wim, ON6DX will be operating as TY1TT from Grand Popo between February 20 and February 28. QSL via home call. <http://www.dxpediton.be/Benin.html>

**VP9, BERMUDA** Kurt, W6PH will be QRV as VP/call from February 15 until February 19. Operation on HF, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via home call.

## 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-153 Ganga Sagar Mela** Look for AU2WBR that is periodically QRV until March 31. QSL via VU2NRO. Sagar Island is an island in the Ganges Delta, lying on the continental shelf of Bay of Bengal about 100 km South of Kolkata, West Bengal, India. The island is 224 sqkm area. This island, also known as Gangasagar or Sagardwip, is a place of Hindu pilgrimage. Every year on the day of Makar Sankranti (14 January), hundreds of thousands of Hindus gather to take a holy dip at the confluence of river Ganges and Bay of Bengal and offer prayers (puja) in the Kapil Muni Temple.  
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS153>

### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-075 South Pender Isl VE7ACN/7 until February 14** <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>  
**NA-091 Quadra Isl VE7ACN/7 March 13-19** <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>  
**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.html>  
**NA-084 Harrington Isl VA7ACN/VE2 April 10-17** <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>  
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.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=na008>

**NA-062 Key Colony Beach** Howie, K1VSJ is active until February 15. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.  
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=na062>

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

## OCEANIA

**OC-022 Bali Isl** Emmanuel, F5LIT is once again operating as YB9/call until February 10. Operation on 20, 17 and 15 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC022>

**OC-042 Luzon Isl** Chris, F4EBK will be operating from Baliuag City during February. Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

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

## Coming up soon

### SOUTH AMERICA

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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announced DX

#### THE NEWCOMERS

**TJ, CAMEROON** Silvano I2YSB and the Italian DXpedition Team is planning a DXpedition to Cameroon during the second half of March. Call is pending. More to follow. <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

#### THE REMINDERS

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

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

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

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

**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/>

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

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

**C9, MOZAMBIQUE** A Belgian team with Kurt ON8KW as team leader will be active between May 2 and May 15 as C8T. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. <https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com/>

**CE0Y, EASTER ISL** An experienced team with Andy, DH8WR, Werner, DJ9KH, Guenter, DL2AWG, Norbert, DL2RNS, Georg, DL4SVA, Paul, DL5CW, Olaf, DL7JOM, Wolf, DM2AUJ, Kalle, DM3BJ and Rolf, DL7VEE will be operating as XR0YD from March 2 until March 15. They will run 3 well equipped stations 24/7 from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. <http://xr0yd.mydx.de/>

**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.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV will be QRV as FG/calls from February 23 and March 12. QSL via homecalls. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included as TO3Z. QSL via homecalls, for TO3Z via F6HMQ.

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

**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.qslnet.de/dl7bc>

**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 will be active as JW/call from September 20 until 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 will be QRV as OJ0/call during June 27-29. Operation on HF. Possible a short activity on June 26 from Aland Islands as OH0/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.

**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.

**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.

**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 announces its next DXpedition to Benin during March 7 and March 18. A team of 12 operators, led by Jean-Luc F1ULQ will be operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW or via F5GSJ, direct or bureau. <https://ty2018dx.wordpress.com/>

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

**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.

**XV, VIETNAM** HL1AHS and HL1HUA will be QRV as XV9HL from Ho Chi Minh between February 26 and March 6. Operation using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via HL1AHS.

**XX9, MACAO** A DXpediton is planned from March 9 until March 17 to Macao as XX9B. The team will be formed by XX9LT Bom, PP1CZ Leo, PR7AB Junior, PY2MC Claudio, PY2SEX Alex, PY2WAS Alex, PY3MM Miguel, PY4BZ Fernando, PY5HSD Herminio, PY6RT Beto and PY7XC Jim. Activity from 160 to 12 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via PP1CZ, direct or bureau. Club Log OQRS. <http://xx9b.py2sec.com/>

**YN, NICARAGUA** Jim WB2REM and Mark WY1G will be active as H7DX between February 26 and March 6. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via WY1G direct, Club Log OQRS.

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

**Z2, ZIMBABWE** A Norwegian team with Rune LA7THA, Arne LA7WCA and Thor LA9VPA plans a DXpediton as Z2LA FROM March 2 until March 11. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, logsearch on Club Log.

## **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 NEWCOMERS**

#### **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.htm>



## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-034 Longboat Key** Lou, W0FK will once again be operating as call/4 between March 1 and 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>

## **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>

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

### **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.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS081>

**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-128 Phu Quoc Isl** Lufthansa ARC members Bernhard DK7TF and Jurgen DH6ICE will be operating as XV9DLH starting from February 24. QSL via DK8ZZ.

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

**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>

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-047 Guadalcanal Isl** <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

**OC-100 Nendo Isl** <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

Chung, VA7YM will be QRV between February 24 and March 17. QSL via EA5GL.

Schedule: – 2/24 Arrival Honiara, Solomon Islands

Operate as H44YM

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

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

Dindu, DU1UD will be QRV as call/8 during the first or second quarter of 2018. OC-105 is the most wanted IOTA in the Philippines. He will also try to activate OC-174 during the

same period. Length of stay depends on local conditions and safety. Operation as DX8MAP from OC-105 and as DX8TT from OC-174. QSL via M0OXO.

**OC-140 Direction Island** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc140>  
**OC-170 Woody Island** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc170>  
**OC-199 East Lewis Island** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc199>  
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/>

**OC-158 Florida Isl** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc158>  
**OC-168 Mbanika Isl** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc168>  
**OC-179 Taumako Isl** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC179>  
Cezar VE3LYC and Bernhard DL2GAC are planning to operate from Taumako Isl (Duff Islands) early May.  
Update from Cezar on January 25 (425DX news):  
VE3LYC's expedition time schedule has been finalized. Cezar, VE3LYC (H4 callsigns TBA) and Bernhard, DL2GAC (H44MS) will be active from Mbanika Island (OC-168, Solomon Islands for DXCC) on 22-25 April; they will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres with two stations. From 29 April to 3 May Cezar will be active from the Duff Islands (OC-179, Temotu Province for DXCC). "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-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.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC046>

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

**OC-265 Cato Reef** Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK5MAV/9 for 6 days in April or May. 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.qrz.com/db/VK5MAV/9>  
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc265>

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-029 Cedro Isl** The CabreuvaDX 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>

**SA-071 Montao de Trigo Isl** A team with PY2RMZ, PY2AE, PY2LCD and PY2DX will be operating as ZW2MT during March (dates TBA). Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA071>

**SA-100 Pajaros Rocks** A new attempt by IT9YRE and I1SNW activating SA-100 will take place in March. Exact dates not yet known. Maybe a special call will be used instead of CE1/calls. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA100>

## Antarctic base stations

**Bellinghausen station** Alex is QRV as RI1ANO until end March. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log. Also he will be active as RI50ANO until March 31, 2018. This to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bellinghausen Station. A special diploma is planned.

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

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

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

## Special calls

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**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.

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

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Look for **PA6ANT** by Cor PA3FOE between February 10 and March 4. This to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> Antarctic Activity Week. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via PA3FOE, direct or bureau, LoTW.

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

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **RST special event**

Between February and the 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.

**DL, GERMANY DM200LFS** (special DOK 200LFS) commemorates the 200th birthday of Louis Ferdinand Schoenherr, a German inventor of power looms. Activity until end

February. All QSOs count as a "joker" and 10 points for the KIDS award that is supporting SOS Children's Villages in Saxony. QSL via eQSL, LoTW and bureau.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**F, FRANCE** Members of Radio Club F6KMB will be operating as **TM6C** between February 11 and February 26 during the traditional Dunkirk Carnival. QSL via F6KMB.

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

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

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

<b>GB1FWW</b> February	<b>GB5GW</b> July
<b>GB2GW</b> March	<b>GB5FWW</b> August
<b>GB2FWW</b> April	<b>GB6GW</b> September
<b>GB4GW</b> May	<b>GB6FWW</b> October
<b>GB4FWW</b> June	<b>GB8GW</b> November
	<b>GB0AD</b> 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 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the club. QRV until June 30. QSL via bureau. For an award see <http://ha60fmv.com/>

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

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

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

**I, ITALY** 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'

**II4HRZ** (Heinrich Rudolf Hertz) during February

**II4CAO** (Temistocle Calzecchi Onesti) during March

**II4MAR** (Guglielmo Marconi) during April

**II4TES** (Nikola Tesla) during May

**II4AMP** (Andre-Marie Ampere) during June

**II4COU** (Charles-Augustin de Coulomb) during July

**II4VOL** (Alessandro Volta) during August

**II4LNZ** (Heinrich Lenz) during September

**II4OER** (Hans Christian Orsted) during October

**II4HNR** (Joseph Henry) during November

**II4FRD** (Michael Faraday) during December

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

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

**ISO, SARDINIA** Simone, IS0AFM is using the special call **IROFOC** to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club. Operation until end 2018. QSL via IS0AFM, direct or LoTW.

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

**JA, JAPAN 8N1TKB** is the special call to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tsukuba City. QRV during February and March. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

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

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

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

**JA, JAPAN** The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the air with the call **8J1YAC** until end March. Activity from 160 meter to 70cm using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or via JE1XUZ direct.

**JA, JAPAN** Look for **8N3H70Y** to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31. QSL via bureau.

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

**LY, LITHUANIA** Special calls from **LY100A** to **LY100Z** are active during February to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lithuania's independence. The activity is organized by the Lithuanian Amateur Radio Society. QSL via LY1RMD. <http://lrmd.lt/>

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

**LZ380PM** July

**LZ250MT** February  
**LZ40MS** March  
**LZ362ME** April  
**LZ11110SAE** May  
**LZ430PPW** June

**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 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bulgarian Independence until end March. An award is available. QSL via LZ1ZF.

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

**OH, FINLAND** **OG60F** is the special call to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> 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** The 11 Cities Marathon will be held during entire 2018 to celebrate the city of Leeuwarden, European Capital of Culture for 2018. Look for

**PF2018SNK** (Sneek) February

**PF2018YLS** (Ijlst) March

**PF2018SLO** (Sloten) April

**PF2018BOL** (Bolsward) May

**PF2018HIN** (Hindeloopen) June

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

<http://hamecc2018.eu/>

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

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

**VR, HONG KONG** Commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with China, Hong Kong licensed radio amateurs are allowed to use the special prefix **VR20** on a voluntary basis until June.

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

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