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DX NEWS

3Y0I Bouvet Island –update

DX-World just received info from a Norwegian contact that the [3Y0I](#) license has been renewed. A landing permit has also been issued by the Norwegian Polar Institute. No dates of activity are mentioned but the permit is good until February 2019. However, DX-World contact suggests activity could be sometime this year.

OUR TRIP, PLANNED ORIGINALLY AT THE END OF 2017, WAS CANCELLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE "3YØZ" EXPEDITION. DUE TO THEIR CANCELLATION, WE ARE NOW RETURNING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PROJECT AND PREPARATIONS FOR OUR TRIP AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

<https://bouvetoya.org/>

VK5MAV/9 OC-265 Cato Reef –update

Dates of the expedition have been confirmed today. It will happen from 9th till 18th of April 2018 (of course, if the boat will be OK/no cyclones/the Moon is in proper position/I didn't eat any poison, etc.).

The trip will happen on Big Cat Reality boat, the only company operating at Cato Reef. I'm planning to fly from Adelaide, South Australia to Bundaberg, Queensland (with stopover at Brisbane for few hours) on 8th of April, stay there overnight and go to Coral Sea on afternoon, 9th of April. Arrival to the Reef should happen on early morning, 11th of April. I'll be dropped off there to stay alone till around dinner time on 16th of April, when I hope to be picked up on the way back to Bundaberg.

<https://dx-world.net/vk5mav-9-cato-reef-oc-265/>

KH1 Baker Island –update

The 2018 DXpedition to Baker Island is proud to commemorate the 81st anniversary of Amelia Earhart's disappearance on July 2, 1937 near Baker & Howland islands, as well as the commitment and sacrifices made by the Hui Panalā'au students from Hawaii, who lived on Baker, Howland and Jarvis from 1935-1942.

<https://dx-world.net/kh1-kh7z-baker-island-dxpedition/>

The 10TH American Lighthouse Weekend –by Pedro LU1JHF

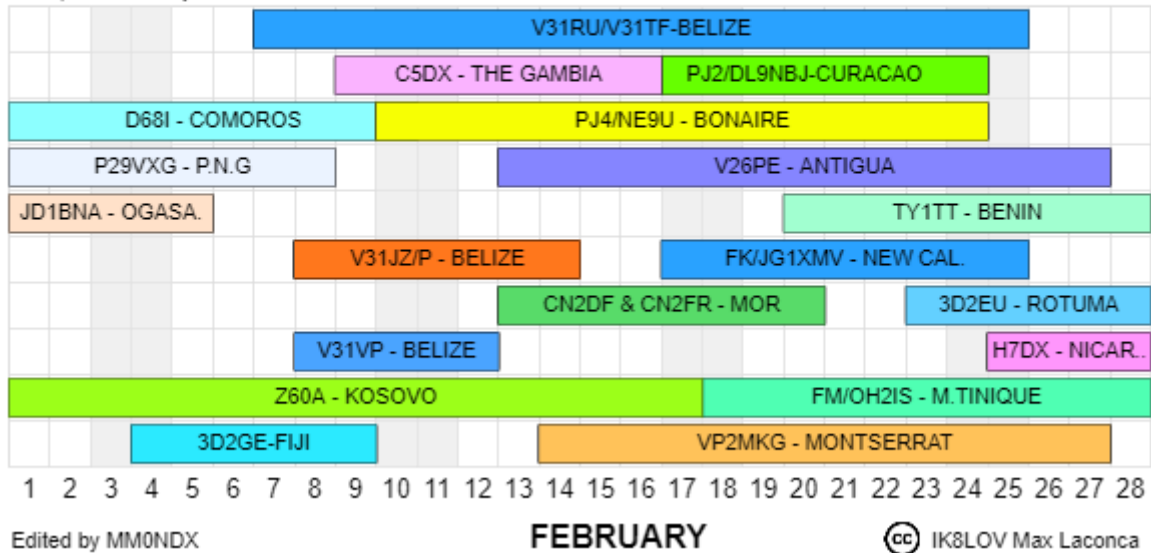
This is taking place from February 16 until February 18. There are 70 Lighthouses and Beacons in the list. Several of them are IOTA's. Full list and information on

<http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/FAROS2018/faros2018.html>

DXCC Timeline

DXWORLD.net
FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: February 11, 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.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND until February 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.

WWII Commemorative DXpedition to S. Pacific Islands

Until March 7 by Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK. They will make stops at 6 islands that were key in America's battles in the Pacific in World War II. Stops include, Oahu, Palau, Peleliu, Saipan, Tinian, and Guam and include visits to battle fields and war memorials
 Radio operations from T8, KH0, KH2 and KH6.

Until February 19

T8, Palau

Will, T8NC will operate in the ARRL CW Contest

Ron, T8VK will operate SSB, 160-10M

Other times, Holiday style: SSB, CW, RTTY, 160-10M

February 20-25

KH0, MARIANA ISL

KH0/AA4NC and KH0/AA4VK, Holiday style; SSB, CW, RTTY, 160-10M

February 25-28

KH2, GUAM

KH2/AA4NC and KH2/AA4VK, Holiday style; SSB, CW, RTTY 160-10M

March 1-8

KH6, HAWAII

Randy, N0TG will join AA4NC and AA4VK in KH6 for a radio reunion (past operations KP1, KP5, CY9, and CY0). They will operate in the ARRL DX Phone Contest at KH6LC and /KH6 Holiday style, SSB, CW, RTTY, 160-10M.
QSL AA4VK to home call
QSL AA4NC to home call
QSL KH6/N0TG to N0TG

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

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

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

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 is once again operating as 6Y2T until February 20. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest (Febr 17-18) is included. QSL via home call.

9X, RWANDA Christian, M0UPL is active from Kigali as 9X2SDA until February 18. Operation on 40 and 20 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

C5, THE GAMBIA The call C5DX is granted and is active until February 16. A party of 18 6th form students and 3 staff from Sandringham School in St. Albans, England is visiting 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.

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

CN, MOROCCO Sigi DL7DF and his team (DK1BT, DL4WK & DL7UFR) are active from Tahazout, Morocco as CN2DF and CN2FR until 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.

D4, CAPE VERDE Henning, OZ1BII is QRV as D44EE until 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.

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.

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 using CW, SSB and maybe FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

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

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 Clay, WC6YJ will be active as HR8/call between February 19 and February 28. Operation during his spare time from 80 to 17 meter. QSL via LoTW.

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

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 is QRV as J6/call until February 27. Activity on HF during the ARRL contest. QSL via home call.

JD1, OGASAWARA Nobu, JA0JHQ will be operating again as JD1BOW from Chichijima between February 21 and February 24. Main operation on 160 meter using CW and on 20 meter using FT8 or RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW.

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.

KH6, HAWAII David, OK6DJ is operating as KH6/call from Oahu Island until February 21. Operation on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

KP2, US VIRGINIA ISL Dick, K4XU is QRV as NP2/call until February 19. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

OA, PERU Dave, WJ2O is operating as OA4/call until February 21. Focus on the WARC bands and the ARRL contest. QSL via N2ZN direct and 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 is once again QRV as P40W until February 20. An entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest is included (Feb 17-18). QSL via LoTW or via N2MM, bureau.

PJ2, CURACAO Thilo, DL9NBJ is QRV as PJ2/call until February 28. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via Club Log OQRS only.

PJ2, CURACAO Rudy, NF9V is active as PJ2/call until February 20. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via homecall, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Scott, NE9U is operating as PJ4/call 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.

TY, BENIN Wim, ON6DX will be operating as TY1TT from Grand Popo between February 20 and February 28. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call. <http://www.dxpedition.be/Benin.html>

V2, ANTIGUA Paul, VA3ZC is operating from Jolly Harbour as V26PE 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 MOURX.

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.

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

VP2M, MONTERRAT George, K5KG is QRV as VP2MKG from Gingerbread Hill until February 27. Operation on HF using CW and SSB with a focus on the WARC and low bands. QSL via LoTW or home call.

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

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

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

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

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

3D2, ROTUMA A team of 4 operators with 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/>

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.

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.

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.

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-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>

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Chris, F4EBK is 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>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-027 Ilha da Paz Henrique, PU5IKE and 5 others will be QRV as PX5P from the lighthouse on SA-027. QRV during February 16-18 from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via operators instructions. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

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.

Coming up soon

ASIA

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>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

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

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

PJ2, CURACAO Arno, PB1HF will be operating as PJ2/call from March 7 until March 21. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

T2, TUVALU Tony, 3D2AG will once again be active as T2AR. Operation during his spare time on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Adrian, AA5UK will be active again between March 1 and March 10. Operation as ZF2AE from Grand Cayman between March 1 and March 4 and as ZF2AE/ZF8 from Little Cayman between March 5 and March 10. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF and satellites SSB/FM. QSL via home call, direct only and LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

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

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

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

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.

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.

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/>

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 Provsins F6KOP announces its next DXpedition as TY7C 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 Dxpeditio to Macquarie Island (#9 on Club Log most wanted DXCC) in early 2018 with a total of 5 VK operators. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

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

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 DXpedition to Ducie Island (OC-182), Club Log's n°27 most wanted DXCC. A team of operators with UT6UD, DJ9RR, HA0NAR, HA5AO, K3EL, K5GS, N6HC, N6HD, N6WM, N6XG, PY2PT, W1SRD, W2LK, W6AO and ZL3CW will be active as VP6D with seven stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes including FT8. Activity is scheduled between October 20 and November 3. <http://vp6d.com/>

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

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

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.

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned from March 9 until March 17 to Macao as XX9B. The team will be formed by XX9LT Bom, PP1CZ Leo, PR7AB Junior, PY2MC Claudio,

PY2SEX Alex, PY2WAS Alex, PY3MM Miguel, PY4BZ Fernando, PY5HSD Herminio, PY6RT Beto and PY7XC Jim. Activity from 160 to 12 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via PP1CZ, direct or bureau. Club Log OQRS. <http://xx9b.py2sec.com/>

YJ, VANUATU 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 DXpedition 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 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-201 Buyukada Isl The DX-World team with Col MM0NDX, Max IK8LOV and Bjorn ON9CFG will be QRV as TA0/calls from May 7 until May 11. Activity from 80 to 2 meter in holiday-style. QSL via M0SDV. <http://www.m0sdv.com/>

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

EUROPE

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

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.

OCEANIA

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 KH6OO 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 from April 9 until April 18. Any support will be much appreciated. Apparently this group of rare Australian islands is in a process of management plan change, which will include more strict control of access. <https://www.qrz.com/db/VK5MAV/9>
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc265>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-029 Cedro Isl The Cabreuva DX Team will be active as ZV1C on March 17-18. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via PU2VCP.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA029>

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 50th 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.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

DL, GERMANY DA200FWR (special DOK FWR200) draws attention to the 200th birthday of Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen, a German pioneer of forms of cooperative

economy in the 19th century. His ideas and works were recognised by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2016. QSL via bureau or via DK2PU direct.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ES, ESTONIA Special stations **ES100A, ES100C, ES100F, ES100G, ES100J, ES100L, ES100M, ES100O, ES100P, ES100Q, ES100R, ES100S, ES100U, ES100X** and **ES100Z** are active until end March to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Republic of Estonia. See <http://es100.eu> for complete information on the awards. QSL via LoTW, paper QSL will be sent via the bureau, and should be requested on the website before 31 May.

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

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

F, FRANCE Look for **TM15AAW** during February. This to celebrate the 15th 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.waonline.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:

GB1FWW February	GB5GW July
GB2GW March	GB5FWW August
GB2FWW April	GB6GW September
GB4GW May	GB6FWW October
GB4FWW June	GB8GW November
	GB0AD November 10-11 (Armistice Day)

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

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

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

IS0, SARDINIA Simone, IS0AFM is using the special call **IR0FOC** to celebrate the 80th 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 80th anniversary of Iida City. Operation until end February. QSL via bureau.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LY, LITHUANIA Special calls from **LY100A** to **LY100Z** are active during February to celebrate the 100th 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

LZ1146SPS August

LZ250MT February

LZ40MS March
LZ362ME April
LZ11110SAE May
LZ430PPW June

LZ920MLC September
LZ1545POA October
LZ33MM November
LZ532PSO December

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

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

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

OH, FINLAND **OG60F** is the special call to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the radio club from Pori. Activity during 2018. For more info see <http://teljanradioamatoorit.dy.fi/?OG60F>

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

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Look for **PA6ANT** by Cor PA3FOE until March 4. This to mark the 15th 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 are commemorating Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Scout Movement, with the call **PA2018BP** until March 9. QSL via PA3EFR. <http://www.pa3efr.nl/>

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

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

VK, AUSTRALIA Look for **VI7OHI** 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 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with China, Hong Kong licensed radio amateurs are allowed to use the special prefix **VR20** on a voluntary basis until June.

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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