



## **DX bulletin 238**

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### **DX NEWS**

#### **KH1/KH7Z Baker Island -update**

As a protected US National Wildlife Refuge, Baker Island is a place few humans ever get a chance to see. In fact, the protected status of the wildlife is the main reason why landing permission is so rare. There are strict conditions laid down by the US Fish & Wildlife Service to make sure our DXpedition does not disturb the island's delicate ecosystem.

#### **3Y0I Bouvet Island -update**

Once we rebooted preparations to our expedition, there are new, better ideas and breakthrough possibilities emerging. We also received a big number of questions, suggestions and comments from hams all over the world, to which we wish to respond with our latest important news. Hereby, we – as the organizers of the 3Y0I Bouvet Island Expedition – invite the team of the 3Y0Z expedition to join forces and to participate in our common project. The common project that will also allow to make their initial plans come true. Our decision is also caused by a fact we are fully aware and full of sympathy of their disappointment as the organizers followed by public opinions following the failure and cancellation of their plans. <https://dx-world.net/3y0i-bouvet-island/>

#### **D2TI Tigres Island -cancelled**

Sadly, due to a whole host of ongoing factors, this IOTA DXpedition has been cancelled for a 2nd time. Most notably the local airline company (TAAG) is unreliable and seems to be going bankrupt. [All the Russian operators had purchased their return air tickets with a view to being active from Tigres during mid-March]. It does not appear that AF-108 will be activated anytime soon, as together with airline issues, there is a vast problem with local logistics and help. For further info on this cancellation contact UA1QV.

~~**AF-108 Tigres Isl** – An experienced team will be active as D2TI. – Operation around mid-March. – More to follow. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>~~

#### **3B7A Saint Brandon DXpedition -update**

In about a month we will be joining Saint Brandon. After a year of intense working, we are quite satisfied and impatient to finally make our plans concrete.

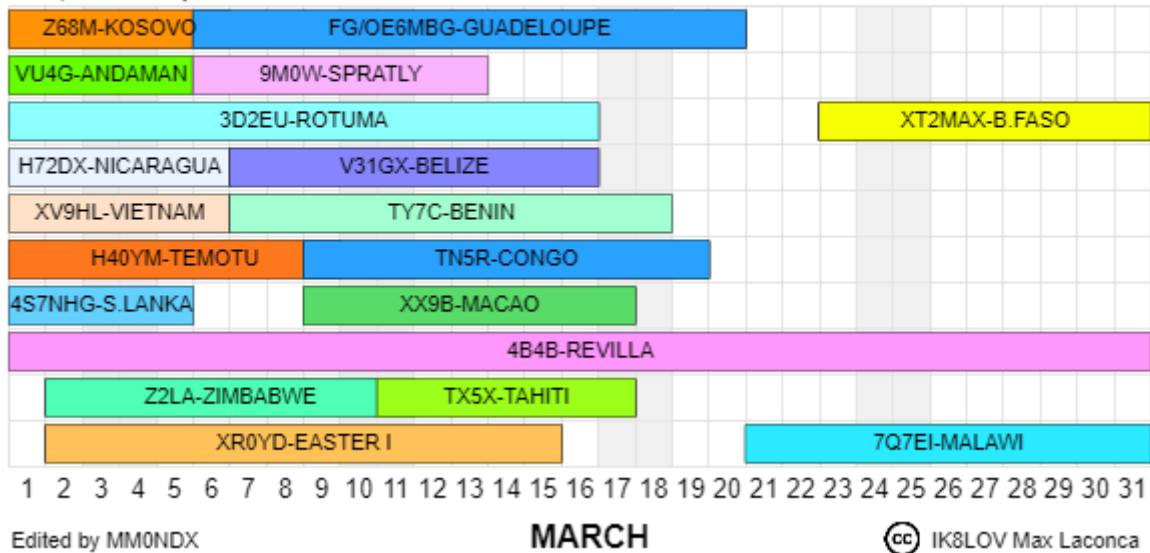
700Kg of equipment is actually on the way to Mauritius. It will then be loaded on the boat with generators before sailing to Saint Brandon with two 3B7A team members on April 3rd.

The rest of the team will use a second boat (on the 5th) as scheduled. This new option allows us to remove some constraint with the weight of our equipment and improve security by adding some redundancy with transportation. This, has of course, cost a bit but it seems very important to us.

# DXCC Timeline

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Last update: February 28, 2018



## DXCC

### This week on HF

#### Gerhard, OE3GEA's Pacific Tour

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

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** until March 10 FO/call

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

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

#### 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 KH0, KH2 and KH6.

Until February 25

#### **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

#### **3C0, ANNOBON**

#### **3C, EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

YL2GM and team (YL1ZF, YL2KL) are operating as 3C0W from Annobon and as 3C3W from Bioko Island (AF-010) until March 27. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW,

SSB and RTTY. Logsearch on Club Log. QSL via YL2GN direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log. [http://www.lral.lv/3c0w\\_3c3w/qs1.html](http://www.lral.lv/3c0w_3c3w/qs1.html)

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

**3D2, ROTUMA** A team of 4 operators with Heye DJ9RR, Erno DK2AMM, Hans DL6JGN and Ronald PA3EWP is active as 3D2EU until March 16. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via DK2AMM direct or bureau, LoTW or Club Log OQRS. . <http://www.rotuma2018.de/>

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

**4S, SRI LANKA** Ivan LZ1PJ and Nikolay LZ1NK are active as 4S7IGG and 4S7NKG from Weligama until March 5. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

**5H, TANZANIA** John, KB7LBY is QRV as 5H2LBY until March 2. Operation during his spare time on 40 and 20 meter QRP. QSL via LoTW. Primarily, he will be ascending Mt Kilimanjaro and hopes to have limited operating periods during the climb.

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

**9M0, SPRATLY ISLAND** DXpedition in memory of K3LP.

Originally announced for December 2017, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands has been postponed to March 6 – March 13 due 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/>

**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/>

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Egill, TF3EO is operating as D44KF from Praia until March 3. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8 and CW. QSL via G3SWH.

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

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Mike, OE6MBG will be operating as FG/call between March 6 and March 20. Operation in 'holiday-style' with focus on 10 meter openings as well on 40 and 30. QSL via home call and LoTW.

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

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Arnaud, JG1XMV is QRV as FK/call until March 3. He is 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** Look for F5OZF, F5RXL, F6EXV and FM5WD as TO972A until March 2. QRV on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F5RXL, bureau or direct.

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

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

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

**JW, SVALBARD** Erik, LA2US is once again operating as JW2US until somewhere in May. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**JW, SVALBARD** Morten, LA4SJA is operating as JW4SJA from Bear Island. Activity on HF until June. QSL via home call.

**OD, LEBANON** Once again, Adrian EA1CYK is operating as OD5/call until May. Operation during his spare time but mainly during the weekends. QSL via EA7LS.

**P4, ARUBA** Look for K9NW, K9PG, W6LD and WE9V as P40L until March 9. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included. QSL via WA3FRP.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Ben, DL1RNT will be active as PJ2/call between March 6 and March 15. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**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.

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

**SU, EGYPT** After more than five years in Jordan and about three years of activity as JY9FC which resulted with more than 90k QSO, Jovica, E78A new work assignment is in Cairo, Egypt. Until end of 2018, Jovica will be active as SU9JT with 100W and wire antennas. QSL via E73Y, bureau or direct, Club Log OQRS.

**TI, COSTA RICA** Four operators are participating in a Buddipole DXpedition to Costa Rica. Operations are planned until March 6. Paul TI7/W6PNG, Harold TI7/WJ1B, Chris TI7/W6HFP and Matt TI7/KØBBC will also participate in the ARRL DX Phone contest. QSL via Home calls.

**TY, BENIN** Radio Club de Provins 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/>

**V2, ANTIGUA** Once again, Bud AA3B is active as V26K until March 5. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW, OQRS Club Log or via home call, direct or bureau.

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

**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.

**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, MONTSERRAT** Charlie, K1XX will be active as VP2MMF during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 3-4). Operation before and after the contest. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** John, G4IRN is active as VU4G until March 5. Operation from 40 to 17 meter using mainly CW. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or home call.

**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>

**XV, VIETNAM** HL1AHS and HL1HUA are QRV as XV9HL from Ho Chi Minh until March 6. Operation using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via HL1AHS.

**XV, VIETNAM** Wolfgang, DL5MAE is QRV as 3W2MAE from Phan Thiet. Activity until March 6. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**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.

**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.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Jim WB2REM and Mark WY1G are active as H72DX until March 6. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via WY1G direct, Club Log OQRS.

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

**Z2, ZIMBABWE** A Norwegian team with Rune LA7THA, Arne LA7WCA and Thor LA9VPA plans a DXpedition as Z2LA from March 2 until March 11. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via M00XO OQRS, logsearch on Club Log.

**Z6, KOSOVO** Mome, Z32ZM is active as Z68M from Pristina. Activity until March 6. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Dan, N6MJ will again be active from Grand Cayman as ZF2MJ during the ARRL SSB DX Contest (Mar 3-4). Also QRV before/after contest. QSL via N6MJ.

**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.

## Coming up soon

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

**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/>

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

## **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.

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

## **OCEANIA**

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

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

Chung, VA7YM is QRV until March 17. QSL via EA5GL.

Schedule:

– 2/27 Move to Lata, Temotu Province

Operate as H40YM

– 3/13 Move to Honiara from Lata

Operate as H44YM until 3/16 night

– 3/17 Depart from Honiara, Solomon Islands

## **Coming up soon**

### **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.

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### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-091 Quadra Isl VE7ACN/7 March 13-19** <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.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-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.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

**OC-128 Palawan Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will spend his holidays on Palawan from March 13 until March 18 as DU1/call. Operation on 17 and 20 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via home call. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **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/>

**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/>

**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.

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

**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** Once again, CY9C will be active with WA4DAN, N0TG, K4ZLE, AA4NC, N8AA, VA3QR, WW2DX, W2RE, N2IEN and N5TG. QRV between August 1 and August 9. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY, EME, SAT and maybe FT8. QSL via WA4DAN, LoTW, bureau and Club Log. <http://cy9c.com/index.html>

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Harald, DF2WO will again be operating in 'holiday-style' as D44TWO during May. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO.

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

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

**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.gslnet.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.

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

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

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

**KH1, BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS** The Dateline DX association (most recently K4M team) is announcing a DXpedition to Baker with Don N1DG, Tom N4XP, Kevin K6TD and others. Plans are to be active as KH1/KH7Z during June 2018 for about 10 days from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. This will be the first DXpedition to this Most Wanted DXCC Entity since and the FWS ruling that allowed this trip prevents another DXpedition for ten years. The team will contribute 50% of the expected budget of USD 400,000. QSL via OQRS Club Log is preferred, direct goes to K4TSJ and LoTW. <http://www.baker2018.net/index.html>

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** Uli, DL2AH will be active from Ofu Island (OC-077) as WH8/call. Operation from October 2 until October 29 in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

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

**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.

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

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be operating as T88UW from April 13 until April 19. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log.

**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/>

**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.

**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/>

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

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

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

## **Announced IOTA**

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

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **EUROPE**

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

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

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

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-066 Inhaca Isl** May 5 – May 9 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af066>

**AF-088 Mozambique Isl** April 29 – May 3

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af088>

Vasily, R7AL, Vasily RA1ZZ, Al RZ3K and Vlad RK8A will be operating as C96RCC and C98RCC between April 29 and May 9. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via R7AL, Club Log OQRS.

<https://dpxpedition.wixsite.com/mozambique>

#### **ASIA**

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

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

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

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-090 Palagruza Isl** Members of the Radio Club Croatian Flora Fauna will be active as 9A90P between June 16 and June 23. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and

digital modes. QSL via 9A2MF. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

## OCEANIA

### **OC-105 Cagayan De Sulu**

### **OC-174 Tawi Tawi**

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

Dindu, DU1UD will be QRV as call/8 during the first or second quarter of 2018. OC-105 is the most wanted IOTA in the Philippines. He will also try to activate OC-174 during the same period. Length of stay depends on local conditions and safety. Operation as DX8MAP from OC-105 and as DX8TT from OC-174. QSL via M0OXO.

### **OC-140 Direction Island** June 8-12

### **OC-170 Woody Island** June 20-22

### **OC-193 Cheyne Island** June 16-19

### **OC-199 East Lewis Island** June 5-7

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

### **OC-158 Florida Isl**

### **OC-168 Mbanika Isl** H44R April 22-25

### **OC-179 Taumako Isl** H40D April 29 – May 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://vk5mav.wixsite.com/dxpedition/single-post/2018/02/23/No-more-troubles-I-hope>  
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

## SOUTH AMERICA

### **SA-029 Cedro Isl** The Cabreva 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.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA029>

**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.rsqbiota.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 is QRV as DP0GVN until mid-February 2019. Operation on HF during his spare time. QSL via DL5EBE.

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

## Special calls

### THE NEWCOMERS

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

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

**VK, AUSTRALIA** The Gold Coast ARS will be active as **VI4GAMES** between March 1 and end May. This to celebrate the XXI Commonwealth Games, held in Gold Coast City on April 4-15.

### THE REMINDERS

#### **RST special event**

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

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

**5W, SAMOA** Atsu, 5W1SA will be operating as **5W20SAMOA**, this to celebrate 20 years activity of 5W1SA, who already logged more than 100k QSO. QRV during 2018. <http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

**DL, GERMANY** Look for **DJ70WAE** (special DOK 70WAE) throughout 2018, this to mark the 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 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 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.

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

**F, FRANCE** **TM390SR** is celebrating the 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.

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

**GB2GW** March

**GB2FWW** April

**GB4GW** May

**GB4FWW** June

**GB5GW** July

**GB5FWW** August

**GB6GW** September

**GB6FWW** October

**GB8GW** November

**GBOAD** November 10-11 (Armistice Day)

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

**HA, HUNGARY** Members of the FMV ARC are operating with the special call **HA60FMV**, this to celebrate the 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 W3HMK.

**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 **I11ITR** will be active from May 25 to June 25. QSL via IZ1ETD, direct or bureau

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

**I, ITALY** Look for **I10GM** by Giovanni I0KQB, this to commemorate G. Marconi. Activity during 2018. QSL via I0KQB, direct only.

**I, ITALY** ARI Fidenza will use a number of special calls during 2018 to honour 12 of 'the most eminent scientists who have given a fundamental contribution to the theoretical, experimental and technological development of the Radio Communications technology'

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

**II4MAR** (Guglielmo Marconi) during April

**II4TES** (Nikola Tesla) during May

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

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

**II4VOL** (Alessandro Volta) during August

**II4LNZ** (Heinrich Lenz) during September

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

**II4HNR** (Joseph Henry) during November

**II4FRD** (Michael Faraday) during December

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

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

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

**JA, JAPAN 8N1TKB** is the special call to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tsukuba City. QRV until end 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** 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.

**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 **8N3H7OY** 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.

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

**LZ40MS** March

**LZ362ME** April

**LZ11110SAE** May

**LZ430PPW** June

**LZ380PM** July

**LZ1146SPS** August

**LZ920MLC** September

**LZ1545POA** October

**LZ33MM** November

**LZ532PSO** December

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

**LZ, BULGARIA** Look for **LZ140LO** to celebrate the 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** Look for **PA6ANT** by Cor PA3FOE until 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 are commemorating Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Scout Movement, with the call **PA2018BP** until March 9. QSL via PA3EFR. <http://www.pa3efr.nl/>

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

**PF2018YLS** (Ijlst) March

**PF2018SLO** (Sloten) April

**PF2018BOL** (Bolsward) May

**PF2018HIN** (Hindeloopen) June

**PF2018FRA** (Franeker) July

**PF2018HAR** (Harlingen) August

**PF2018DOK** (Dokkum) September

**PF2018WOR** (Workum) October

**PF2018STA** (Stavoren) November

All cities during December

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

<http://hamecc2018.eu/>

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

**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.