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DX NEWS

3B7A St Brandon

update April 4

After some difficulties of air transport, the whole team arrived yesterday in Mauritius. We went straight to the port where the first boat was to be loaded.

It was an opportunity to receive our boxes arrived a few weeks before us. All the material was checked again and pointed out before loading. The work was completed at night and the boat was anchored as planned around 8 pm local time.

Flo F5CWU and Pascal F5PTM are on board and should land at Saint Brandon on the 5th in the morning. The rest of the team is currently collecting the latest equipment in Mauritius and PC configuration before boarding tomorrow morning.

The team is extremely motivated and can't wait to find you on the air as early as 6 late at night.

update April 5

Flo F5CWU and Pascal F5PTM have now landed on Saint Brandon. All equipment has been unloaded and is safe on the island. The rest of the team will leave Mauritius in a few hours. Do not expect any signal from 3B7A before the 6th late in the night.

2nd Test of FT8 DXpedition Mode

The second public test of FT8 DXpedition Mode will take place on **April 7**, and all radio amateurs are invited to participate. WSJT-X Developer Joe Taylor, K1JT, advises anyone planning to take part to download the latest "release candidate" (beta) version of WSJT-X — now called version 1.9.0-rc3 — and to read the latest revision of the FT8 DXpedition Mode User Guide, dated March 28, which includes changes and updates from previous User Guide editions. <https://dx-world.net/2nd-test-of-ft8-dxpedition-mode/>

CY9, ST PAUL ISL -cancelled

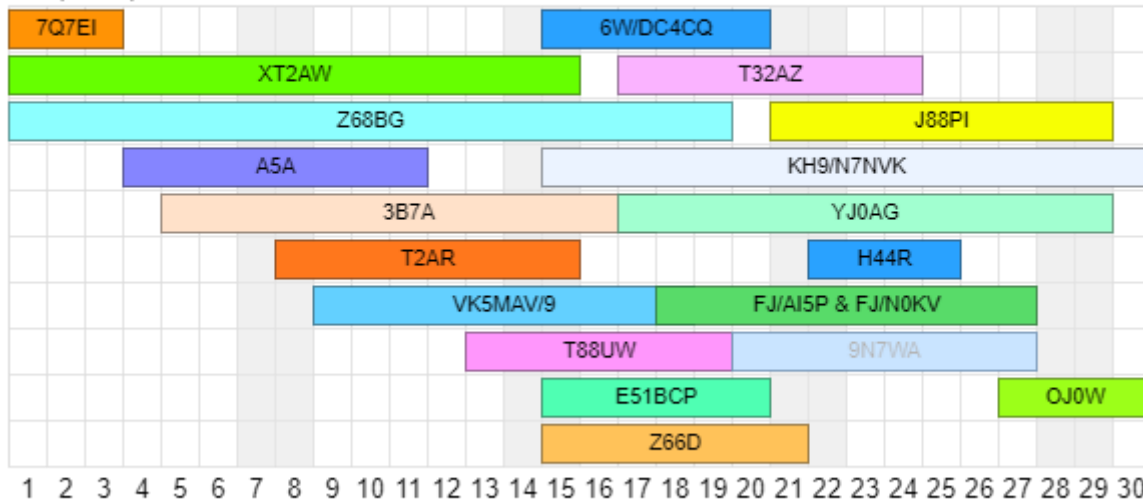
The DXpedition scheduled for August 1-9 has been cancelled. After considerable analysis and discussions as to expected band conditions, the "need-list" ranking significantly greater than 50, and in order for the team to achieve our goals for maximum Q's and ATNO(s), dx'ers would be better served if we postponed the DXpedition. We look forward to a future St. Paul dxpediton effort when conditions significantly improve.

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>

DXCC Timeline


FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: April 3, 2018



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DXCC

This week on HF

3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON Seb, F5UFX and his team from previous DXpeditions as FT4TA and FT4JA are operating as 3B7A 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, MAURITUS Mart, DL6UAA is operating as 3B8MM until April 11. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW, digital and some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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.

A5, BHUTAN A5A is once again active until April 11. Zorro, JH1AJT will travel to Bhutan with Jin, JF1IST and Champ, E21EIC. Main purpose is to meet with the foreign ministry to continue discussions on outcome and progress about the collaborative project for youth development program SEISA. Planned meetings with the official of the ministry of health, and also with sports federations. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via JH1AJT, direct, OQRS Club Log.

D4, CAPE VERDE Mike, CT1IUA is active as D4IA until April 9. Activity on HF using mostly CW. QSL via home call.

D4, CAPE VERDE David, CT1EKU is operating as D44CH until April 6. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

FG, GUADELOUPE Pascal, F6ASS is active as TO5GI until April 6. Operation on HF. QSL via F5XX.

FM, MARTINIQUE Gerard, F2VX is operating in 'holiday-style' as FM/call until April 18. QSL via home call.

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>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again QRV as call/JD1 until April 11. Operation during his spare time on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY.

JW, SVALBARD Erik, LA2US is 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.

KH9, WAKE ISL Philip, N7NVK will be on Wake Island starting April 11 Philip says: 'I will be on Wake Island (Atoll) for a rotation of 3 months on and 1 month off starting in April 2018. As of now I have not established what day or time I will be on the air (we are +12 UTC). Once I determine availability I will post it here. I will be using an Elecraft KX3 into either a G5RV or a Buddipole, power output will be QRP for now. I will be working split and please have patience with me as I have not been on the receiving side of a pile-up. I do use LoTW but can only upload when internet is available..which is limited.

OA, PERU Daniel, IK2SGL is now located in the Amazon Rainforest and is active as call/OA9. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and a homebrew mono-band for HF. Daniel moved to the Peruvian Selva (isolated rainforest) with his wife as they are international volunteers in a worldwide education program and contact & help the indigenous people of the region: the Shipibo-Conibo people. Daniel writes: "There is nothing better than to help others and use our own energies and resources to give hope to people."

The area "9" of Peru is rare. There appears to be no other OA9 stations active. Look for Daniel on 20m around 22:00utc. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

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.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Rick, AI5P will be active as PJ5/call between April 9 and April 16. QSL via home call.

T2, TUVALU Once again, Tony 3D2AG will be operating from Funafuti as T2AR between April 8 and April 15. Activity on HF and top band using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

XT, BURKINA FASO Harald, DF2WO is once again active as XT2AW until April 15. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via M0OXO.

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.

XW, LAOS Champ, E21EIC is QRV as XW1IC until April 30. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW or via home call.

XZ, MYANMAR Simon, HS0ZIB is now active as XZ2A using a temporary antenna at his current QTH. In a few weeks he will move to a better QTH in Naypyaw.

Z6, KOSOVO Gab, HB9TSW is operating 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.

Coming up soon

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.

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.

EA8, CANARY ISL Mike, DG5LAC will be active as EA8/call from Fuerteventura between April 14 and April 28. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Ken, KH6QJ will be operating as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge, Kiritimati from April 17 until April 24. QRV on 40, 20 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. 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.

V6, MICRONESIA Sho, JA7HMZ will once again be QRV as V63DX from April 18 until April 24. Activity on HF. QSL via home call, direct only.

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 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>

On the scene

3B7A team on the move



IOTA

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This week on HF

NORTH AMERICA

NA-038 Havre Aubert Isl VA7XW/VE2 until April 9 <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NA-084 Harrington Isl VE7ACN/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. <http://www.ve7acn.com>

NA-198 Bell Isl Look for VD1BOOM every Saturday and Sunday of April on 20 meter. The call refers to the mysterious explosive phenomenon known as the Bell island Boom. QSL via VO1IDX direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

OCEANIA

OC-160 Hamilton Isl Tim, NL8F will be active as VK4COF until April 13. Operation on HF using FT8 and SSB. QSL via N7RO. . <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

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-071 Ilha das Couves Look for PR2CI on April 6-8. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via PY2AE, Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

Coming up soon

ASIA

OC-128 Palawan Isl Bodo, DF8DX will be active as DU1WQY/1 between April 15 and April 18. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EUROPE

EU-064 Yeu Isl Members of Charente DX Group will be active as TM3Y from April 14 until April 20. Operators are Franck F4GBD, Eric F5LOW, Laurent F5MNM, Fabrice F5NBQ, Bertrand F6HKA and Leon ON4ZD. QRV on various HF bands. QSL via ON4ZD, OQRS Club Log. <http://www.charentedxgroupe.fr>
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

South Pacific Tour by Dave, WJ2O

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA June 8-10

5W, SAMOA June 11-13

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA June 13-17

KH1, BAKER ISLAND June 27 (for 10 days)

3D2, FIDJI July 13-17

Dates are approximate. Dave also mentions he was surprised to learn that KH8 no longer has active hams on the island and it has risen to #83 on the Club Log Most Wanted.

CT3, MADEIRA Tibor, OM3RM will be operating from Porto Moniz as CR3DX during the CQWW WPX CW contest. Before and after the contest he will sign from 80 to 10 meter as CT9ABN from May 19 until May 29. QSL via OM2VL.

JD1, OGASAWARA Harry, JG7PSJ will once again be QRV as JD1BMH from April 29 until May 4. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

<http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/>

THE REMINDERS

9N, NEPAL Sergei, R4WAA will be operating as 9N7WA from April 20 until April 27. Operation on HF using CW and digital. QSL via home call.

A5, BHUTAN Mio JR3MVF and Kay WA0WOF will be QRV as A52YL from April 29 until May 5. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via WA0WOF.

A5, BHUTAN Joe JH3AEF and Jusei JA3IVU will be QRV from the Dochula Eco Resort as A52AEF and A52IVU. Operation from April 29 until May 6 from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

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 with 4 stations. A 5th station will operate 2m EME, 60m and extra digimodes on all bands. QSL via ON1DX, Club Log OQRS. <https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com/>

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 Jim, KM7R will be operating as E51KMR from May 8 until May 11. Activity from the QTH of E51JD. QSL via home call.

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.

FJ, ST BARTHELEMEY Look for AI5P, N0KV, W0ZA and WD0E as FJ/N0KV and FJ/AI5P between April 19 and April 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with satellite operation by WD0E. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau.

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.

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 Haru, JA1XGI will be operating sometime in June or July from Honiara. Operation as H44XG on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 meter using mainly CW with some FT8. QSL via home call.

HH, HAITI A team with EA1ACP, EA1DVY, EA7FTR, EB7DX, HH2JR and HH2MK will be QRV as 4V7R from October 19 until October 29. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via EB7DX. <http://lazydxers.com/4v7r/index.html>

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.

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will again be casually operating as J88PI from Palm Island. Activity between April 21 and April 29. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

JD1, OGASAWARA Makoto, JI5RPT will once again be operating as JD1BLY from May 2 until May 4. Activity from 30 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call. <http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/>

JW, SVALBARD A team with LA7XL/JW7XK, LA9DL/JW9DL and LA6VM/JW6VM will be operating from October 10 until October 15. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL for all calls via LA7XK, LoTW.

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.

OJO, MARKET REEF Pasi, OH3WS will be QRV as OJ0W between April 27 and May 4. Operation during his spare time using mostly CW. QSL via home call.

OJO, 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.

PJ2, CURACAO Mason, KM4SII will be operating DURING July 19-24. He is part of a 3 youth operator team: Youth DX Adventure and will operate as PJ2/call. Activity on all bands and all modes with a focus on digi on AS/VK and ZL. QSL via LoTW.

PJ6, SABA Rick, AI5P will be active as PJ6/call from April 28 until May 5. QSL via home call.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from November 17 until December 8. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

S9, SAO TOME David, EB7DX will be operating in 'holiday-style' between June 1 and June 9 as S9ZZ. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mostly SSB, RTTY, FT8 and some CW. QSL via home call.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI Following their DXpedition in 2016, the Rebel DX Group will be active again as T31T from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043).

<http://www.rebeldxgroup.com/> Their journey will start around May 10 from Samoa. Plans are to have three stations for CW and SSB, plus two stations operating FT8 around the clock. There is still room for five operators. Contact dom@rebeldxgroup.com for information.

T32, EAST 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.

V3, BELIZE Jose, EC5AC will be active from Maya Hill as V31FT. Activity between October 29 and November 8 with a focus on FT8. QSL via home call.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING VK9CH November 6 10

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL VK9XQ November 3-6, November 10-17

Michael, DF8AN will be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using mainly CW, RTTY and other digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL Look an Australian team with Chris VK3QB, Brenton VK3YB and Luke VK3HJ as VK9LI. Operation is planned between May 11 and May 18. Activity from 160 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://www.facebook.com/VK9LI-Lord-Howe-Island-188704095218234/>

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 Art WA7NB and Gary K2UU will be active as VP2EAB and VP2EGW from November 18 until November 26. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL David, N9DK will be QRV as VP2V/call from July 7 until July 14. Activity from 80 to 2 meter using all modes. QSL via home call.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Look for VE3IKV and VE3MMQ as VQ5Z from July 1 until July 7. Activity on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via VE3IKV direct.

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/>

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 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.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Pete, K8PGJ will once again be QRV from Grand Cayman as ZF2PG between January 12 and January 20, 2019. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

Announced IOTA

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THE NEWCOMERS

EUROPE

EU-137 Ven Isl Lars, SM6CUK will be operating in 'holiday-style' as SA6G/7 from June 5 until June 12. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using mostly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, logs will be uploaded on Club Log and LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-077 Ilha de Santana Look for PU4ALZ, PY2VTC and PY2ZA as PS1S during the IOTA contest. QRV from July 26 until July 30. QSL via bureau. <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://d Expedition.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-200 Naka Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as call/5 during April 22-23. Activity from 40 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <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>

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.html>

EU-094 Les Glenan Look for a Belgian team with ON8AZ, ON4KZ, ON5HC and ON7PQ as TM8U. Activity between May 6 and May 12 on all bands and all modes. QSL via ON8AZ. <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>

OCEANIA

OC-022 Bali Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be operating as YB9/call from May 18 until May 22. QRV on HF using SSB. QSL via home call. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

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://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"

Antarctic base stations

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

9A, CROATIA 9A22RBM is the special call by the Radio Club Libertas 9A4J. QRV until April 15, this to commemorate Ronald H. Brown, the US Secretary of Commerce who was killed, along with 34 others in a plane crash in 1996. QSL via 9A4J or 9A5AX.

G, ENGLAND Celebrating the centenary of the Royal Air Force, **GB100RAF** will be in use from various regions in England. QRV until end March 2019. QSL via G8FC, direct. <http://www.rafars.org/raf100>

UA, RUSSIA Look for **R108M** (via RK3LC), **R12APR** (via R3LO), **UE12APR** (via R3LO) and **UE57G** (via R3LD) until April 15. This to commemorate the 57th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into outer space. Online logs and information on <http://gagarin.qa>

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).

4K, AZERBAIJAN Look for **4K100W** by Vlad 4K9W until end 2018. This to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via DL6KVA.

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 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.

F, FRANCE **TM93WARD** is the special call to celebrate the 93rd World Amateur Radio Day. QRV from April 14 until April 22. QSL via bureau.

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.

G, ENGLAND The Radio Amateur Old Timer's Association is celebrating its 60th anniversary as GB60OT. Operation until April 27. QSL via bureau or via G3KPU direct. <http://www.raota.org/>

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:

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.

GI, NORTHERN IRELAND Look for **GB106TBC** to commemorate the sinking of the Titanic. QRV until April 29. QSL via MI0MOD, direct only.

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/>

HB9, SWITZERLAND Members of the Tera Radio Club will operate as **HB9GOLD** to mark a restored gold mine in Sessa. Operation during April. An award will be available. QSL via HB9OCR, direct or bureau, LoTW.

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 W3HNV.

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

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

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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'

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 80th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club. Operation until end 2018. QSL via ISOAFM, direct or LoTW.

JA, JAPAN 8J20GAKI celebrates the 100th anniversary of Ogaki City until February 28, 2019. QSL will be sent automatically via bureau, direct goes to JJ2ONH.

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 8J4B is celebrating the construction of the Seto Ohashi Bridge 30 years ago. Operation until November 30. QSL via bureau.

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.

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.

LU, ARGENTINA L50A is the special call to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO). Operation until end May on various bands and modes, FT8 included. QSL via bureau or direct. <http://lu4aa.org/L50A.htm/>

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

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

OE, AUSTRIA Austrian amateurs may use the prefix **OE100** until November 13. This to mark the 100th anniversary of the Austrian Republic.

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>

ON, BELGIUM The Belgian IARU society UBA celebrates its 70th birthday. To celebrate the event, 59 special event stations will be active during the month of May 2018.

These callsigns will be: **OT70ACC, OT70ALT, OT70ARA, OT70AST, OT70ATH, OT70ATO, OT70BDX, OT70BFA, OT70BSE, OT70BTS, OT70BXE, OT70CRD, OT70CLR, OT70CPN, OT70DIG, OT70DST, OT70EKO, OT70ERA, OT70GBN, OT70GDV, OT70GNT, OT70GTM, OT70HCC, OT70HRT, OT70KTK, OT70LGE, OT70LIR, OT70LLV, OT70LUS, OT70LVN, OT70MCL, OT70MLB, OT70NBT,**

OT70NLB, OT70NNV, OT70NOL, OT70ODE, OT70ONZ, OT70ORA, OT70OSA, OT70OSB, OT70OST, OT70PHI, OT70RAM, OT70RAT, OT70RCA, OT70RSX, OT70SNW, OT70THN, OT70TLS, OT70TRA, OT70TWS, OT70UBA, OT70WLD, OT70WRA, OT70WRC, OT70WTO, OT70YLC and OT70ZTM. The suffix of these callsigns represent the local UBA club divisions, i.e. OT70BXE stands for Brussels East. QSL will be available via OQRS on Clublog. A commemorative award is available in three classes.

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

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

VE, CANADA Look for **VD105A** until April 25 to mark the first flight of CF-105A 60 years ago. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via VO1NAR, Club Log.

VK, AUSTRALIA The Gold Coast ARS is active as **VI4GAMES** until end May. This to celebrate the XXI Commonwealth Games, held in Gold Coast City on April 4-15.

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.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZM50GW** is commemorating the loss of the ferry TEV Wahine as ZM50GW. Operation during April. QSL will be sent automatically via bureau, logs on Club Log.