



## **DX bulletin 264**

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## **DX news**

### **Ducie Island VP6D -update**

The VP6D – Ducie Island 2018 project is on schedule. The equipment is now at Tauranga, New Zealand, stored in the Braveheart's warehouse.

A real challenge for DX-pedition teams on uninhabited islands is knowing where in the world they're being heard. The usual pilot reports tell us what happened, not what's happening, propagation predictions tell us what might happen.

We understand that propagation may produce only short openings from Ducie Island to many locations around the world. For example, it's not unusual for an EU opening to occur but EU callers are covered up by callers from other geographies. Until propagation changes for the better the EU stations can't get through.

<https://dx-world.net/vp6d-ducie-island-2018/>

<https://www.vp6d.com/>

### **Proposed additions to the IOTA list, by Roger G3KMA**

IOTA Programme Structure A.4.2 in the 2018 Directory provides for a review of the list of valid island groups to take place every five years. The last such occasion took place in June 2014 with the announcement made at the 50th anniversary celebration of IOTA's launch the following month.

It resulted in 11 new groups being added. This time IOTA Management has decided to bring forward the review to give a chance for any new groups announced to be activated in 2019, the target year. The review process is scheduled to start with an announcement of some additions at this year's RSGB Convention and may possibly finish with a top-up at next year's Friedrichshafen Ham Radio event.

Any new groups will be very few in number, probably between 5 and 10. It should be noted that only proposals that meet the programme criteria at Sections B and C of the IOTA Programme Structure chapter (2018 Directory) will be considered and, as guidance, it is unlikely that any additions will be made to the Europe list because it is already generously covered. Proposals for consideration should be sent to Roger, G3KMA by 1 October with a short justification (one paragraph please) in terms of the programme criteria.

## **DXCC**

### **This week on HF**

**3B8, MAURITIUS** Hans, PA3HGT is once again operating as 3B8/call until September 24. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 40, 20 and 10 meter using mostly SSB with some CW and digital. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Gordon, K7TRB is active as 4W6VA from Dili, East Timor until mid-September. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**A3, TONGA** Look for DL7JLL as A35JLL until September 19 from several islands in the Tongatapu Group. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**A5, BHUTAN** Zorro, JH1AJT is with Champ E21EIC active until September 14. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. Main purpose to meet with the foreign ministry to continue discussions on the outcome and progress about the collaborative project for youth development program SEISA works for BOC. Meet the official of the ministry of health. Meet sports federations. And we will have meetings with BOC national Olympic committee. QSL via JH1AJT, direct or via Club Log OQRS.

**EX, KYRGYZSTAN** The SP9KAT DXteam is operating as EX0PL until September 10. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via SP9KAT, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log. <http://ex.3sun.pl/>

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Laci, HA0NAR is operating as FG/HG0R until September 7. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log.

**FY, FRENCH GUIANA** Manfred, DL5FAB is operating as FY/call until September 18 during the launch campaign of the MetOp-C satellite. Activity on HF using CW and FT8. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

**HK, COLOMBIA** Lothar, DK8LRF is once again active as HK3JCL until March 2019 from Finca Ligia. Operation mostly in his evenings on 20 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Bill, K9HZ is once again operating as J68HZ until September 17. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, RTTY and SSB. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as WH0RU between September 12 and September 18. QRV in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**OH0, ALAND ISL** Ray DL1ZBO, Volkmar DL2VU and Peter DL5FF are QRV as OH0JWL until September 7. This includes an entry in the Russian Radio RTTY WW Contest. QSL via DL5FF.

**SV5, DODECANESE** Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating as SV5/call from Amooipi, Karpathos Island. Activity from September 8 until September 20 from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**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.

**TF, ICELAND** Richard, VE2DX is operating as TF/call until September 15. Operation on HF. QSL via VE2STN, direct or bureau.

**TK, CORSICA** Frans, DJ0TP is once again active as TK/call until September 10. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**V6, ANTIGUA** Bud, AA3B will be operating as V26B between September 8 and September 17. Activity on HF using CW.

## Coming up soon

**3DA0, KINGDOM of Eswatini (SWAZILAND)** Pista HA5AO will arrive eSwatini (Swaziland) on 14 September, late afternoon. He plans to operate during his free time between 16 – 28 September from the Mountain Inn Resort at Mbabane. He received the 3DA0AO license and a LotW certificate. Pista will operate 80–10 meters using a Hustler 6 BTV vertical antenna with 17 and 12 meter add-on elements, CW, RTTY and FT8. He is bringing an Elecraft K3 with the KPA 500 amplifier. Logsearch will be available on HA5AO.com. His plans include testing a new feature of the PDXG QSL Management Platform, the uploading of QSOs in real time. While in-country he will travel to rural areas visiting villages, schools and orphanages to deliver school supplies to orphaned children. He is interested in making a long term donation agreement to pay school fees for several orphaned children. Pista is paying all expenses from personal funds. However he would appreciate donations through his website. Any donations received will be used only for humanitarian purposes.

**7Q, MALAWI** Alex, IW5ELA will be QRV as 7Q7ELA from September 17 until September 26. Operation on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call. Activity from these locations:

September 17-20 Game Haven Lodge, September 20-23 Mvuu Camp and September 23-26 Makokola Retreat.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Christian, OE3DEC will be active as 8Q7EC between September 14 and September 23. QSL via home call.

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Tina DL5YL and Fred DL5YM will be active as HB0/calls from September 20 until October 6. QRV on HF using CW with some SSB and RTTY during the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau.

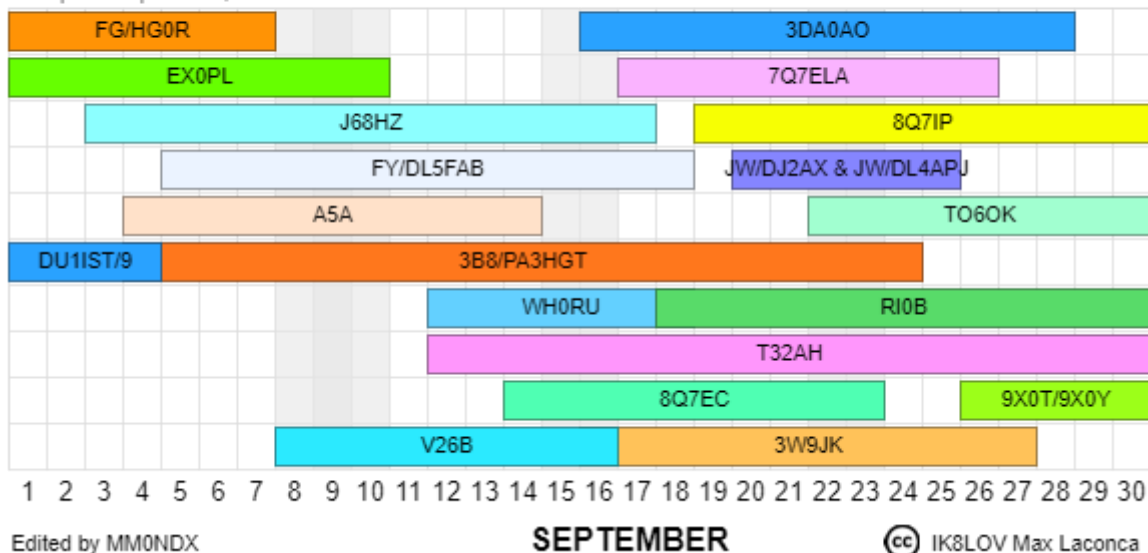
**FH, MAYOTTE** The Czech DX Team will be operating between September 20 and October 6. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi with a focus on the low bands. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

**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.

## DXCC Timeline

**DX**WORLD.net  
FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: September 3, 2018



## IOTA

### This week on HF

#### ASIA

**Artic Legends 2018 IOTA DXpedition**

**AS-005 Sibiryakova Isl**

**AS-054 Firnley Isl** September 10-11

**AS-068 Skott-Gansena Isl**

**AS-087 Arkticheskogo Institita Isl**

**AS-104 Nansena Isl**

**AS-121 Tyrtova Isl**

Look for RI0B from these islands in September. Team members are Igor UA9KDF, Victor RW0BG, Andy UA0BA, Andy UA9LDD and Mike UA1QV. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. <http://legendsarctic.com/novosti>

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

## EUROPE

**EU-016 Kolocep Isl** DUBY, 9A6DR is once again active as call/P until October 20. Operation during his spare time on 40, 20, 10 and 6 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

**EU-052 Paxoi Isl**

**EU-052 Vido Isl**

**EU-052 Corfu**

Oliver, DK7TX will be QRV as SV8/call between September 9 and September 15 from these islands. QSL via home call. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

## Corsica IOTA Tour

Laurent, F8BBL is operating from Corsica until September 15 as TK19IOTA. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**EU-014 Corsica**

**EU-100 Iles Cerbicales**

**EU-104 Sanguinaires Isl**

**EU-164 Lavezzi Archipelago**

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## Irish Islands IOTA Tour 2018

Beginning June 1st 2018, the EIDX Group started to activate ALL Irish IOTA Groups. Using the 'Echo Juliet' prefix, EJ0DXG will be QRV from IOTA EU-006, EU-007 and EU-121 this summer.

The groups will be QRV on HF and 6m bands using CW, SSB and Digital modes.

Follow their Facebook [page](#) for information/dates for all other activations.

Supported by [dxwanted.net](http://dxwanted.net) a beautiful plaque will be available for whoever works them on 4 different IOTA Groups. So, as a 'Bonus' or 'Joker' station, EI0DXG will also be QRV from Mainland Ireland (EU-115) throughout and until September 30th 2018.

EU-006.....September 13/14/15/16...

QSL via M00XO.

## NORTH AMERICA

**NA-047 Baffin Isl** Mike, VE2XB is operating as VY0BRR until end 2018. Operation during his spare time, mostly on 40 meter. QSL via home call. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

## OCEANIA

**OC-049 Tongatapu** September 14-19

**OC-169 Ha'pai group** until September 14

Hardy, DL7JLLL is operating as A35JLL while island hopping in Tonga. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter running with 5-10 watts or with 50 watts when there is sufficient energy. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

## Coming up soon

### EUROPE

**EU-171 Vendsyssel** Maarten PD2R/OV2T, Jan PA7JWC/5Q7DX, Wino PA0ABM and Sven PA1SVM will be QRV between September 14 and September 21. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL 5Q7DX via PA7JWC, bureau or LoTW; OV2T via PA0ABM or LoTW, logsearch for both calls on Club Log. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

## ASIA

**AS-073 Redang Isl** Members of the Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be QRV as 9M4IOTA between September 15-17. QSL via 9M4IOTA. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

**AS-162 Cham Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will be active as 3W9JK/P between September 15 and September 22. Activity from 20 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau and Club Log OQRS. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Announced DX

### THE NEWCOMERS

#### **5W, SAMOA**

#### **KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA**

Hiro JF1OCQ and Mark JJ1TBB will be operating as 5W7X and 5W0TB from October 27 until November 6. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. A side trip to American Samoa is planned as W1VX/KH8 and KH8C. QSL for all calls via JF1OCQ, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY** Stu, K4MIL will once again be QRV as KG4SS from September 25 until October 9. Operation on HF with an entry in the CQWW DX RTTY contest. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

**T8, PALAU** Hiro JA6KYU and Kouko JQ6FQI will be operating as T88HS and T88WM from October 4 until October 9. Operation from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via homecalls.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Steve, AA7V will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call between September 26 and October 1. Activity on HF using CW and FT8. An entry in the CQ WW RTTY Contest is included. QSL via LoTW and home call.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** Steve, G4EDG will be active as ZD9CW from September 20 until October 22. Operation from 40 to 15 meter using mainly CW and RTTY with some SSB. QSL via LZ1JZ.

### THE REMINDERS

#### **5W, SAMOA**

#### **YJ, VANUATU**

Stan LZ1GC will be operating from September 28 until October 14 as 5W0GC. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on low bands. After this, Stan and Lubo OM5ZW will be QRV as YJ0GC between October 15 and November 4. Activity nonstop from 160 to 10 meter with focus on low bands.

**3W, VIETNAM** Jacek, SP5APW will be active as 3W9JK from Hoi An between September 22 and September 27. Activity from 20 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau and Club Log OQRS.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Gabor, HA3JB will be operating as 8Q7IP from Hulhumale Island between September 19 and September 30. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call.

**9X, RWANDA** The Italian DXpedition Team is planning to be active from Rwanda between September 26 and October 10 as 9X0T. For FT8 DXpedition mode the call 9X0Y will be used. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB with 3 stations. RTTY will be used only on 20 meter. QSL via I2YSB. Real-time logsearch and OQRS see <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

**C2, NAURU** Lance, W7GJ will go on a 6 meter DXpedition as C21GJ between September 28 and October 14. He will arrive on 28 September in the evening; plans are to be QRV by moonrise on 30 September, to tear down around 11 or 12 October and depart for home on the 14th. This will be a 6m EME DXpedition: "I urge you to gain experience with JT65A", he says, "and especially review the QSO procedure that I use most effectively on

these DXpeditions". When "not aimed up at the moon", he adds, "I very well may be on CW or SSB, or FT8 mode. For FT8, I will be using 50.313 MHz". QSL direct only to home call. <http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/>

**CY9, SABLE ISL** THE CY0 DXpedition team with 7 operators will be active somewhere in 2019. It is rare on CW and a big effort will be made for this. More to follow.

**E5, SOUTH COOK ISL** Hans-Martin, DK2HM will be operating from Rarotonga as E51HMK during March 2019. Full info to follow later...

**E6, NIUE** The Quake DXpeditioners are pleased to announce their next trip to Niue between October 6 and October 16. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and maybe FT8. QSL via ZL3PAH, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

**E6, NIUE** Alex, 5B4ALX will be operating as E6ET between March 19 and April 2, 2019. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <http://www.5b4alx.cloud/e6et-niue-2019/>

**EA9, CEUTA AND MELILLA** Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as EA9/W1XGI from October 16 until October 22. Operation on HF using CW and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via JA1XGI.

**EL, LIBERIA** Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG plans to be active again as EL2EL during early November. Operation on various bands using SSB and FT8. More to follow.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Look for FG/SM7RYR between October 27 and November 11. Operation in 'holiday-style' from Deshaies. QRV on 20 meter using CW only. QSL via LoTW.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Hideto, JF2QNM will be operating as TO1J between October 24 and October 30. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Outside the contest the focus will be on WARC bands, CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be QRV as FO/KE1B between April 21 and May 3, 2019. Activity on 20 meter using FT8. QSL via KE1B, LoTW.

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Nobby, G0VJG informs DX-World that he has plans to be active from Wallis Island early next year. Flights are already booked and callsign requested. In addition, he hopes side-trips to Futuna and Fiji will also be possible. Focus on Europe, SSB & FT8. Full info to follow in the coming months.

**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>

**J8, ST VINCENT & GRENADINES** A team with VE7NY, N7QT, KO8SCA, K7AR, VE7CT and VE7XF will be QRV as J8NY between November 21 and November 28. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via VE7NY. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included.

**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.

**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.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Ed, N2HX will be active again as PJ7PL from October 20 until November 4. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Before and after the contest using RTTY, SSB and maybe FT8. 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.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from October 4 until October 10. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. LoTW and Club Log.

**TT, CHAD** Ken, LA7GIA will be active as TT8KO from October 9 until October 21. Ken says: Chad is ranked pretty high up worldwide on lower bands, even higher for NA west coast. It's been a few years since the last single-op activation, and some more years since a group activated this entity. A couple of single op operations are not valid for DXCC.

The QTH will be a hotel in N'Djamena. There are unfortunately not many suitable and quiet locations (noise wise).

But the plan is to have the beam and dipoles high up about 25-30 meter. There are space for low band verticals and receiving antennas. I also plan to avoid the static season.

QTH: N'Djamena

I will use the following equipment.

1 x Radio Elecraft K3 (upgraded)

1 x Radio KX3 as backup

1 kW amplifier

My favourite 2 el Mosley beam: 20-17-15-12-10m up abt 25 meter

80m antenna, toploaded vertical – SPIDERBEAM POLE

Various backup TX antennas for different bands.

Various RX antennas: K9AY, BOG and beverage, some homebrew and some sponsored by Remoteqth.com

TBD – still planning

40/30m dipole or possible 2 el wire beam? up 25-30 meter.

160m antenna, toploaded vertical. Abt 28-30m vertical section.

backup, backup, backup ..

Modes: CW (+ maybe SSB). No digi mode planned.

QRX until next month for more info.

**V4, ST KITTS** Gary, G0FWX will be active as V47FWX between November 7 and November 14. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via M0URX.

**V4, ST KITTS** Clive, GM3POI will be operating as V4/call between October 23 and October 30. Operation during the CQ WW SSB contest as V47X. QSL via M0URX.

**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.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISL** Joe N7BF, Everett W6ABM, Russell N7QR and Pete ZL2HM will be operating as VK9BF, VK9EV, VK9QR and VK9PM. Activity from October 10 until October 19. QSL via homecalls.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISL** Takao JO7GVC and Hirokazu JK7LXU will be operating as VK9/calls from October 9 until October 14. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW, PSK and FT8.

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL** A team with A65DC, A65DR and VE7HDW will be QRV as VK9XT from September 29 until October 6. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via N4GNR, direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

<http://vk9xt.gsodirector.com/>

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL** The UK's 6-Gs DXpedition Team will be operating as VK9XG from Christmas between October 16 and October 30. Operation from 160 to 10 meter with 4 stations using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via G3TXF, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

<http://www.6gs.org.uk/christmas-island-2018/>

**VP2E, ANGUILLA** Art WA7NB and John N2LK will be active as VP2EAB and VP2EJS from November 18 until November 26. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

**VP2E, ANGUILLA** Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be operating in 'holiday-style' as VP2EAQ and VP2EAR from November 19 until November 28. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls, LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, WJ2O will be operating as VP2V/call between November 21 and November 27. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Outside the contest is the focus on WARC bands. QSL via N2ZN.

**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/>

**VP9, BERMUDA** Dave K4AJA, Rick W4GE, James N4SF and Steve AA4V will be active as VP9/K4AJA from Bermuda during the CQWW SSB Contest. Before and after the contest (October 22-31) they will operate as VP9/homecalls. QSL via homecalls.

**XT, BURKINA FASO** A Slovenian Team with S54W, S57L, S58Y, S59ZZ and S50A will be operating as XT2SZZ from Bobo Dioulasso between October 22 and October 30. QSL via S59ZZ.

**XV, VIETNAM** Mats, SM6LRR/RM2D will be active from Phan Tiet as XV2D between November 19 and December 1. Operation in 'holiday-style' with efforts for CQWW CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

**XX, MACAO** A large 15-man team will be operating as XX9D between February 11-26, 2019. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DL4SVA, OQRS Club Log, LoTW. <http://xx9d.mydx.de/>

**YJ, VANUATU** Daniel, VK4AFU will once again be operating as YJ0AFU from Port Vila from December 25 until January 1, 2019. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital.

**Z2, ZIMBABWE** A team from 20 operators with Antonio IZ8CCW as leader and Gabriele I2VGW as co-leader will be active as Z23MD from October 26 until November 6. Focus will be on the low bands, WARC bands and digital modes. They will be active with 5 stations nonstop. <http://www.mdxc.org/z23md/>

**ZA, ALBANIA** An Austrian team will be QRV from Lake Shkodra Camping Resort as ZA5V during October 1 and October 7. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB, EME and digital. Callsign is pending.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Frank, K3TRM will be QRV as ZF2RM, dates not known yet. He specifically mentions Cayman Brac, therefore his call may change to ZF9/ZF2RM when operating from there.

**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.

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** Shige JH1GNU, Kaz JH1HRJ and Tack JE1SCJ will be operating as ZL7X between October 16 and October 22. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. Focus on low bands CW and all bands FT8. QSL via JA0VSH, direct or bureau, LoTW.

## **Announced IOTA**

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-078 Carabane Isl** Alfredo, IK7JWX and team are planning a humanitarian DXpedition for 10 days in November 2018. Callsign is pending. More to follow. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

#### **ASIA**

**AS-032 Tanega Isl** Kenji, JA4XGS will be active as call/6 on October 13-15. Operation on 40, 20 and 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>

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-052 Meganisi Isl** A team with Armando IK8BPY, Sergio IK8TNG and Stefano IZ8CKY will be operating as SV8/call from October 7 until October 13. It has been 10 years since the last activation. Operation on HF with a focus on 40 and 20. <https://meganisidx2018.wordpress.com/>  
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>



**EU-112 Shiant Isles** Col will be active as MS0INT from EU's 5<sup>th</sup> most wanted IOTA, dates to be confirmed...more to follow...<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-013 Big Corn Isl** Members of the Russian Robinson Club Yuri RM0F, Sergey R4WAA, Sergey RZ3FW, Yuri N3QQ and Elena RC5A will be active as YN4RRC, H7/RM0F, H7/R4WAA and H7/RC5A from November 26 until December 6. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** W1UE, K1XM and KQ1F will be operating as HQ9X during the CQWW DX contest (November 24-25). Before and after they will sign as HR9/calls. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

**NA-122 Beata Isl** A large team will be operating as HI1LT between January 20 and January 28, 2019. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via W2CCW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**T7, SAN MARINO** The Amateur Radio Association of the Republic of San Marino is happy to announce a special activity from the Three Towers of San Marino, a group of towers located on the three peaks of Monte Titano in the capital, they are depicted on both the national flag and coat of arms.

This activation that will be held under the patronage of the Ministry of Territory and Environment and the Ministry of Tourism and Sport, will take place in conjunction with a civil protection exercise on September 15th and 16th for 24 hours.

The Three Towers Award is issued in two categories. The Three Towers Award (Standard) is issued to an amateur radio station submitting proof of contact with all the 3 towers on at least 2 bands. The Three Towers Award Honor Roll is issued to an amateur radio station submitting proof of contact with all the three towers on three bands.

The stations will be active only 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters. Three stations will be activated by the member and supporter of ARRSM from:

1. **Guaita – First Tower T71A**

The Guaita is the oldest of the three towers, and the most famous. It was constructed in the 11th century and served briefly as a prison. It was rebuilt numerous times and reached its current form in the 15th century during the war fought between San Marino and the House of Malatesta.

2. **Cesta – Second Tower T71B**

The Cesta is located on the highest of Monte Titano's summits. A museum to honor Saint Marinus, created in 1956, is located in this tower and showcases over 1,550 weapons dating from the Medieval Era to the modern day. It was constructed in the 13th century on the remains of an older Roman fort.

3. **Montale – Third Tower T71C**

The Montale is located on the smallest of Monte Titano's summits. Unlike the other towers, this one is not open to the public. It was constructed in the 14th century. It is thought to have been constructed to give protection against the increasing power of the Malatesta family in that region. It was also used as a prison, and accordingly, the only entrance to the tower is a door about seven metres from ground level, which was common for prison architecture of the time.

The special QSL card will could be requested via T70A via direct or via BUREAU.  
The request of the award must be sent only direct to ARRSM (T70A) with a fee of 10€/15\$ to cover the expenses (the award will be printed on vellum paper).

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Operating from the top of San Marino, inside a UNESCO World Heritage Site with these 3 rarely used callsigns is absolutely uncommon for the amateur radio activity in the Republic of San Marino. It's an unique opportunity and we will do our best to offer the a QSO with all the three stations to as many radio amateurs possible.

## **THE REMINDERS**

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

**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>

**CE, CHILE XR208A, XR208B, XR208C and XR208D** are the special call for the Discolo DX Group to celebrate the 208<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Government Junta. Established on September 18 1810, it proclaimed Chile an autonomous republic within the Spanish monarchy, and as the earliest step in the Chilean struggle for independence. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital during September. All QSO will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

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

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

**DL, GERMANY DA200FWR** (special DOK FWR200) draws attention to the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen, a German pioneer of forms of cooperative economy in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. His ideas and works were recognised by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2016. Operation until end 2018. 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** Special call **DM900ZWI** celebrates the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of Zwickau. QRV during 2018. QSL via DM5JBN.

**E7, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA** The Zajednica Radioamatera Herceg Bosne Association celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **E725ZRHB** until end 2018. An award is available. QSL via E73Y. <http://www.zrhb.org/>

**EA, SPAIN** Look for **EG5VCE** until September 17, this to mark the 'Vuelta of Spain'. QSL via LoTW

**EA, SPAIN** The 'Universitat Autònoma Barcelona' is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **EH3UAB** until end 2018. Operation on HF using all modes. QSL via EB3GCP, direct or bureau.

**EI, IRELAND** The EIDX Group will hold their second "DX Feile" (DX Festival) on September 14-15 at the Aran Islands Hotel on Inis Mor (EU-006). Complete information can be found at <https://www.dxfeile.ie/> Look for **EJ0DXG** on September 13-16 and during the event. QSL via M00XO OQRS.

**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** Philippe, F5PTA is active as **TM70ONU** from Lyon (France) until 27 December. The special call is in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December 1948). QSL via eQSL only.

**F, FRANCE** Special call **TM40CDXC** will be operating from September 8 until September 22 for the 40<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Clipperton DX Club, held at Troyes on September 21-23. All QSO will be confirmed automatically via bureau.

**F, FRANCE** Franck F4DTO and Patrick F4GFE are commemorating Napoleon's Battle of the Pyramids as **TM220BP** until December 15. For more information and days of activity see qrz.com. QSL via F4GFE, direct or bureau.

**F, FRANCE** **TM62GG** is the call to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War I. Operation from Meurchin, Pas-de-Calais. Operation between October 12 and December 2. QSL via F4AHN, direct or bureau.

**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>

**G, ENGLAND** **GB250CC** is a special call for the Pontefract and District Amateur Radio Society to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Captain James Cook's first scientific voyage of discovery to the Pacific Ocean (1768-1771). The first activity will take place until end September, to mark the sailing of Cook's ship, the "Endeavour", from Plymouth (25 August 1768). Other activities will follow to coincide with key moments in the voyage. QSL via LoTW, bureau or direct to G0BPK.

**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:

**GB6GW** September

**GB6FWW** October

**GB8GW** November

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

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

**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.

**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, ARI Vigevano is active as **IB2RT** until October 20. QSL via I2MYF.

**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'

**II4LNZ** (Heinrich Lenz) during September

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

**II4HNR** (Joseph Henry) during November

**II4FRD** (Michael Faraday) during December

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

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

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

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

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

**JA, JAPAN 8J1KZ** is celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kanazawa Ward on the air. Activity until end February 2019. QSL via bureau.

**JA, JAPAN 8J4B** is celebrating the construction of the Seto Ohashi Bridge 30 years ago. Operation until November 30. 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:

**LZ920MLC** September

**LZ1545POA** October

**LZ33MM** November

**LZ532PSO** December

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

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

**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>

**OK, CZECH REPUBLIC**

**OM, SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

The special event station **OL100CSR** and **OM100CSR** are celebrating the founding of Czechoslovakia 100 years ago. QRV until October 31. An award is available as well. QSL for OL100CSR via OK1MP (d), bureau, Club Log OQRS. OM100CSR via OM2FY (d/B), Club Log OQRS.

**OM, SLOVAK REP OM80PAR** is the special call to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city Partizanske. Operated by members of the Radioklub KAPA until end 2018. QSL via OM3PA.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** Members of the radio club Horec will be operating as **OM75TESLA** to commemorate Nikola Tesla's death 75 years ago until end 2018. QSL via OM3KHT, direct or bureau.

**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

**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/>

**PY, BRAZIL ZY4ULD** is the special call to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Uberlandia City until September 10. Operation on HF using SSB and digital modes. QSL via PY4RR, direct or bureau.

**S5, SLOVENIA S590RTVS** is operating until end 2018 to celebrate 90 years of radio and 60 years of television shows broadcasting by Radiotelevizija Slovenija, the country's national public broadcasting company. All QSO will be confirmed automatically, LoTW.

**SP, POLAND** The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poland's independence is celebrated with the following call signs until November 11: **SN100L**, **SN100JH**, **SN100S**, **SN100RD**, **SN100RB**, **SN100JP**, **SN100IP**, **SN100PW**, **SN100PS** and **SN100ID**.

[https://pzk.org.pl/print.php?type=N&item\\_id=4248](https://pzk.org.pl/print.php?type=N&item_id=4248)

**SP, POLAND** Another activity to celebrate 100 years of Poland's independence is **SP100PAZ**, active until the end of the year. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

**SP, POLAND** The town Wolcieszow (WW Loc. JO70xw, SPPA D-ZT, PGA ZT01) was founded 750 years ago. This is celebrated with the call **SO750W** until the end of the year. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

**VK, AUSTRALIA** September 22, 2018 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first wireless transmission between Australia and the United Kingdom. Messages were transmitted from the Marconi station at Waunfawr (Wales) and were received by Ernest Fisk at Wahroonga (Sydney). As part of the Centenary celebrations, the Wireless Institute of Australia will hold an on-air event during September. State and Territory special call signs **VI#MARCONI** will be active on a roster basis. In addition, the Hornsby and Districts Amateur Radio Club will be active as **VK100MARCONI**. Complete information can be found on <http://www.wia.org.au/newsevents/marconi100/about/>

**W, USA** Organized by the Citrus Belt ARC, the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Route 66 On The Air special event celebrates the historic US Highway 66. Twenty-one amateur radio stations **using 1x1 call signs (from W6A through W6U)** will operate from cities along the "Mother Road" between September 8-16. <http://w6jbt.org/>

**YB, INDONESIA** **YB46SEA** is the special call during the 46<sup>th</sup> SEANET Convention held in Yogyakarta. Operation from October 18 until October 21. More on <https://seanet2018.orari.or.id/>

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