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DX news

3Y0I Bouvet Island –update

First of all – Happy New Year 2019 to all DXers! We rush to share a portion of fresh news from Cape Town.

The Seasons holidays season is over in South Africa, and that gives us hope things start to accelerate in terms of our ship preparations. We now can unveil the name of the vessel taking us to Bouvet Island. Meet “Atlantic Tuna”:

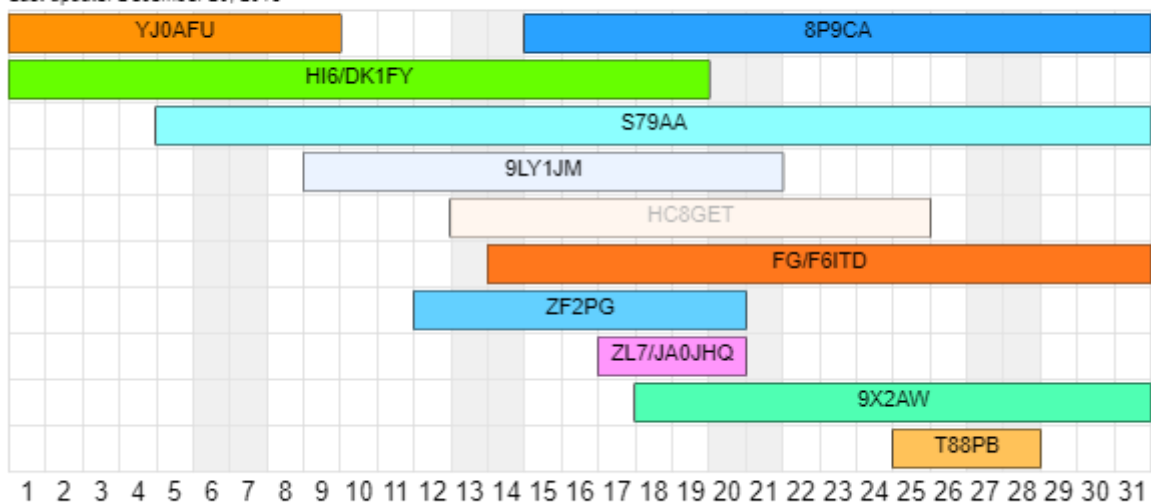
There still are some technical obstacles keeping the “Atlantic Tuna” in the shipyard.

Extensive South-African bureaucracy doesn't help at all. We're aware we start to face a situation the most suitable and safe weather permitting season to reach Bouvet Island is about to slip away. Nevertheless, we're in South Africa since the last days of October, trying so hard, sacrificing our family time, jobs, money and other resources to make it all happen for you, DXers. <https://bouvetoya.org/meet-the-atlantic-tuna/>

DXCC Timeline

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This week on HF

9L, SIERRA LEONE The F6KOP team will be active as 9LY1JM from Banana Island (AF-037) between January 9 and January 21. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes with 4 stations. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via F5GSJ direct or bureau. <https://9l2019dx.wordpress.com/>

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA Rich, PA0RRS is once again QRV from Penang Island until February 15. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via home call, bureau preferred.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is once again active as C5YK until March 9. Activity from 60 to 10 meter using mostly digital mode. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

CE9, ANTARCTICA Currently active from Vostok Station as RI1ANC during his spare time, Alexei RD1AV operates as RI1ANV until mid-February. (RI1ANC license expires on 24th). QRV on HF bands. QSL via RN1ON.

CE9, ANTARCTICA Felix, DL5XL is active again as DP1POL from the German research station "Neumayer III", Antarctica (AN-016) until February. In his spare time he operates mainly CW and digital modes. QSL via DL1ZBO, direct or bureau, LoTW.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISL Milan, OK1DWC is operating as E51DWC from Rarotonga, length of stay is not known yet but in 2016-17 he stayed over for about 5 months. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Phil, F6OBD is operating as FK/call until February 10. Operation on HF, digital. QSL via home call.

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

HS, THAILAND Erich, HB9FIH is once again operating as HS0ZLS until January 10 from mainland and Koh Samui AS-101. QSL via home call, LoTW.

J6, ST LUCIA Gary, K9AW is now active as J68GD until February 2. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via K9AW, LoTW. Logs uploaded to Club Log.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is back at the weather station until around February 15. Activity during his spare time on HF using SSB with some RTTY. QSL direct via JA8CJY, bureau via home call.

PJ2, CURACAO Anders, SM4KYN is operating as PJ2/call until January 14. QSL for PJ2T via W3HNC, the regular call via home call, direct only.

S7, SEYCHELLES Mike, OE6MBG will be operating as S79AA from January 5 until February 2, 2019. Active first 2 weeks from Baie Lazare and last 2 weeks from Anse Boleau. Activity on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter and maybe 6 meter using CW and SSB.

TR, GABON Roland, F8EN is once again active as TR8CR from Libreville until mid-March. Activity from 40 to 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via F6AJA.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISL Norbert is active as VK0AI until March 2019. Operation mostly using FT8.

XV, VIETNAM Neven, LZ1COM is operating from Hoi An as 3W9ND until January 5. Operation on 20 meter. QSL via home call.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Diya, YI1DZ is once again operating as Z81D from Juba. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital. Operation until June. QSL via OM3JW, OQRS.

Coming up soon

3Y, BOUVET ISL An experienced team with Dom 3Z9DX, Stanislaw SP8S, Branko YU4DX, Tack JE1CKA, Mieczyslaw SP3CMX, Marcin SP5ES, Jose CT1IDV and Tedy (logistics) will be operating from Bouvet during the southern hemisphere's summer, to be announced later. The cruise to Bouvet from South Africa will take 12 days, the intention is to stay 2 weeks on the island. More details soon. <https://bouvetoya.org/>

8P, BARBADOS Willy, KB8YRX will be operating from Rockley as 8P9CA from January 15 until February 4. Activity on HF. QSL via home call.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Gerhard, OE3GEA will be active as HC8GET between January 13 and January 25. Activity from 30 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

T2, TUVALU Next T2AR mini-DXpedition is planned for January 2019. Focus will be on low bands (including 160m), with QRO. QSL via 3D2AG (PayPal). Only paper logs used, no systematic LoTW. Digimode QSOs will be uploaded to QRZ.com after the expedition. QSL via 3D2AG.

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

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be operating as ZL7/call on January 17-20. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call.

IOTA

This week on HF

AFRICA

AF-090 Sainte Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once operating as 5R8IC until February. Operation on HF using mostly CW. QSL via home call.

ASIA

AS-032 Tanega Isl JI3DST/6, JS6RRR/6 and JL3YWN/6 are active until January 7. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-092 North Padre Isl Rich, WA5LFD is QRV until February 14. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call or LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-129 Visayan Isl Bill, G0CXF is operating as DU7/call for a stay of 6 months on the Camotes Islands. Operation on 80, 40, 20 and 6 meter using SSB and PSK with a focus on Europe, USA, Australia and Canada.

Coming up soon

ASIA

AS-153 Ganga Sagar Mela Members of the West Bengal Radio Club will be active as AU2HAM between January 10 and January 17, 2019. QRV on HF. QSL via VU2NRO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5V, TOGO The EIDX group will after 9N7EI and 7Q7EI be operating as 5V7EI between March 14 and March 26. Plans are to operate with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via M0OXO OQRS. <https://5v7ei.com/>

JD1, OGASAWARA Nobuaki, JA0JHQ will once again be QRV as JD1BOW from February 15 and February 18. Operation mainly during the ARRL CW contest. QSL via home call.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA Palle OZ1RH and Joe OZ0J will be operating as KH8/calls between April 15 and April 22. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log OQRS. <http://kh8.oz0j.dk/>

P4, ARUBA Look for P4/DL4MM between January 22 and January 30 at the P40L contest station. Operation with a focus on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry as P40AA is included during the CQ 160 CW contest. QSL via DL4MM, direct or bureau, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE WW4LL and NN9DD will be active as PJ4/calls on all bands using SSB, FT8 and RTTY between February 4 and February 10. An entry in the CQWW WPX RTTY contest as PJ4Z. QSL via K4BAI but LoTW is preferred for all calls.

PJ5, SINT EUSTATIUS Dave, W9DR will be active as PJ5/call from June 25 until July 2. Activity on 6 meter only using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL Look for ZL7C (ZL2AYL and ZL2BGL) from Chatham primarily during the CQ WPX SSB contest (March 30-31). Outside the contest (March 28 – April 2) they will be QRV from 80 to 15 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via ZL4HU.

THE REMINDERS

3D2, FIJI Nobby, G0VJG will be active between May 3-5 and again between May 20-22. Focus on Europe, SSB and FT8.

5X, UGANDA The Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Uganda during September/October 2019. Look for them as 5X0T using CW, SSB and RTTY and as 5X0X using FT8. More to follow.

6W, SENEGAL Willy, ON4AVT will once again be active as 6W/call from Mbour. Activity between February 20 and March 30 on 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

7P, LESOTHO Rune, LA7THA and team will be operating the first part of March. Approx 10 days of operation with the focus on the low bands. More to follow.

9U, BURUNDI Shabu, M0KRI will be active as 9U4RI between February 15 and February 25. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

9X, RWANDA Harald, DF2WO will once again be operating as 9X2AW from January 18 until February 14. Operation using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY with a focus on 160, 80 and 60 meter. QSL via M0OXO OQRS and LoTW.

A3, TONGA Grant VK5GR with Andrew VK5AKH and Oly VK5XDX will be active as A35AG. An entry in the CQWW RTTY and OCDX SSB contest is included. The team is keen for a 4 square on 40/30, beams on 20/10 and verticals for 160/60 meter. Planned dates are September 24 – October 7, 2019.

C6, BAHAMAS Dom, M1KTA will again be active as C6AKT from Eleuthera Island from March 8 until March 16. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

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 14-22. Operation on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

E6, NIUE Alex, 5B4ALX will be operating as E6ET between March 19 and April 2. 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/>

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Pierre, F6ITD will be active from La Desirade between January 14 and March 15. QRV as FG/call using SSB and digital, active as TO7D during contests. QSL via home call.

FM, MARTINIQUE Tom, K8BKM will be operating as TO8T from February 12 until February 19, 2019. An entry in the ARRL International CW contest is included. QSL via home call.

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

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between September 24 and October 8. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Nobby, G0VJG informs DX-World that he has plans to be active from Wallis Island early 2019. 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.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Team HD8M with Jim WB2REM, Bill W2WCM and David HC5DX will once again be QRV between February 27 and March 6. QSL via WB2REM, direct, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <http://www.hd8m.com/>

J2, DJIBOUTI A DXpedition will take place in the early part of 2019. More to follow.

J8, ST VINCENT Tom, KC0W will be operating as J8CW. Dates not yet known but it will be a dedicated CW operation. More to follow soon.

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will once again be operating during his spare time as J88PI. QRV between May 7 and May 14 from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

PJ5, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will be QRV as PJ5/call from March 14 until March 30. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and digital. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 2 until March 30. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI From February 16 until March 5 a group of 6 operators will be active from Kanton Island as T31EU. The license is confirmed by CCK and they have permission from the Phoenix Island Protected Area (PIPA). Operators: DL2AWG Guenter, DL6JGN Hans, DJ9RR Heye, DM2AUJ Wolf, DK5WL Joe and PA3EWP Ronald. Operating from 10-160m in the main modes CW, SSB, RTTY and some FT8. QSL via DL2AWG. Before and after the DXpedition we will be active from Tarawa T30, (holiday style).

TI, COSTA RICA Mike W1USN and Bob AA1M will be active from Atenas as TI5/calls from February 2 until February 13. Activity using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via LoTW and homecalls, bureau or direct.

TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition Team is going to Chad between February 22 and March 7. TT8RR for CW, SSB and RTTY, TT8XX for FT8. More to follow.

V8, BRUNEI A large team with 9M6KOM, JT1CO, K1LZ, KK6ZM, KO9SCA, LZ1NK, PY5EG, RN5M, S55M and VK3FY will be active as V84SSA from Istana Pantai. Operation between February 7 and February 18. Special focus on the low bands.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL A large team of 14 operators such as K0IR, EY8MM, N2TU, W0GJ will be operating in October 2019. Operation on all bands using all modes. More to follow. <https://pitcairndx.com/>

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX will be active as XT2MAX from April 17 until April 25. Operation in 'holiday-style' on all bands using all modes. QSL via LoTW.

XV, VIETNAM Look for SP2FUD and SP2GCJ as XV9FUD and XV9ZT between February 5 and February 18. Operation on HF. More to follow soon.

XX, MACAO A 15-man team will once again be active as XX9D between February 11 and February 26. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes with 5

stations. Log search on Club Log, OQRS, LoTW or via DL4SVA bureau or direct.
<https://xx9d.mydx.de/>

YS, EL SALVADOR Tom, KC0W will be active as YS2/call from February 16 until February 22. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using CW only with empathies for Asia and Europe. QSL via home call.

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.

ZK3, TOKELAU An international team led by YT1AD and Alex UT5UY is planning a DXpedition to Tokelau as ZK3X, it has a high rating on low bands and EME. Plans are to be on air from October 1 until October 15. Activity on all bands, all modes and EME. More to follow. <https://tokelau2019.com/>

Announced IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

AFRICA

AF-053 Moucha

AF-059 Sept Frere

Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG will after their EL2EL/4 be QRV as J20DX as another IOTA/DXCC project. Plans are still in progress but keep an eye on their website for latest updates. Dates are approx. April 14-20. <https://j20dx.com/>

ASIA

AS-063 Popigay-Ary Isl

AS-152 Bol'shoy Begichev

Eugene UA6EX, Leonid UA7A and Vasily R7AA will be active as R63RRC and RQ73QQ during mid-July. Water trips to and from the islands are about 800 km distance. The team seeks one more operator (who will pay for their plane tickets and some of the other costs). Contact the team at: r7aa@mail.ru. The project is quite expensive due to flights in Upper North.

R63RRC, Popigay-Ary island, IOTA: AS-063, RRA: NEW ONE, WWloc: OQ32AW, RDA: KK-65, Krasnoyarsk region (R0B).

RQ73QQ, Bol'shoy Begichev island, IOTA: AS-152, RRA: RR-08-04, WWloc: OQ64AM, RDA: YA-10, Republic of Sakha (R0Q).

NORTH AMERICA

NA-180 South Water Caye Art NN7A will once again be active as V31JZ/P from January 31 until February 6. Operation mostly using CW from 80 to 10 meter including the WARC bands. Online log on Club Log.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-023 Itaparica Isl A team with PY6TV, PY6ZK, PY6DQ and PP2OK will be active as ZY6C on January 18-20. Operation on HF. QSL via PY6TV.

SA-071 Moela Isl Look for ZY2FM between February 14 and February 17. Operation on HF using CW and SSB.

THE REMINDERS

EUROPE

EU-192 Kataja Isl A team of 6 Swedish operators will be operating as 8S2K from this new IOTA. QRV in late May or first week of June. Transport to Kataja Island and lodging is confirmed with locals. There will be 4 stations active for 5 days, running full legal power and verticals. Sweden has today maximum 200 watts legal power, BUT permission for 1 KW is requested and will be used if permitted.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-122 Beata Isl A large team will be operating as HI1LT between January 20 and January 28. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via W2CCW.

NA-249 Culebra Isl A team will be operating as KP3RE on February 22-24. Culebra is part of the Puerto Rico Coastal Island group. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

NA-250 Yakutat County Group, Coastal Groups (new) Mike K9AJ and Bruce KD6WW are making plans to be active from this new IOTA reference approx May 10-13. More to follow.

OCEANIA

OC-022 Bali Emmanuel, F5LIT will once again be active as YB9/call from January 27 until February 6. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

OC-025 Manus Isl

OC-153 Daru Isl

Derek G3KHZ, Hans SM6CVX and Eddy K5WQG will be operating from these 2 islands. Manus Isl from around 1200Z January 31 until February 5. QSL via SM6CVX.

Daru Isl from around 1200Z February 6 until February 11. QSL via G3KHZ.

Operation from 40 to 15 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

QSL direct or OQRS.

Special calls

THE REMINDERS

4X, ISRAEL Several operators from the Holy Land DX Group will be active as **4X0M** from the UNESCO World Heritage site of Masada starting around 07.30 UTC on January 4 until around 06.00 UTC on January 6. They will operate CW and SSB with 2 stations from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via IK2DUW.

5W, SAMOA Atsu, 5W1SA will be operating as **5W20SAMOA**, this to celebrate 20 years activity of 5W1SA, who already logged more than 100k QSO. QRV during 2018.

DL, GERMANY Special stations **DF13DEJU, DF13BLN, DF13BUD, DF13MUC, DF13PAR** and **DF13STO** are QRV from January 1 until end June 2019. This to mark the 100th anniversary of the maiden flight of the Junkers F 13, the mother of all commercial aircrafts.

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>

HP, PANAMA Victor, HP1AVS and others will be active as **H31A** from January 1 until August 15, 2019. This to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the founding of Panama La Vieja. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via HP1AS or LoTW.

I, ITALY IIOFF commemorates the scientist Frederico Faggin, who developed Intel's first CPU in 1971. QRV until January 31.

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

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