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DX news

Ducie Island VP6D –update

VP6D QSL card designs were completed, proofs were submitted and approved for printing. Gennady UX5UO printed the cards during the week of Jan 7th, they will be shipped to Tim MOURX in the UK during the week of Jan 14th. A separate /MM card was also designed. Tim has already prepared the mailing labels, the envelopes are waiting to receive your cards. All confirmation requests received up to the mailing date will be included in the mailing. Confirmation requests after the first mailing will be processed on a regular basis. We expect to place the cards in the mail system by early February. The cards will be mailed from the United Kingdom, so please allow for mail system delays before asking for the status of your card(s). Buro cards will be mailed to the world buros quarterly, expect 6 – 12 months, or more, to receive buro cards.

If you already requested confirmation via OQRS or by direct mail, our system will not allow duplicate requests. For example requesting a buro card more than once, or requesting a buro card if a card was sent via Direct Mail.

Pitcairn Island DXpedition 2019 -update

Dates have been established by the Pitcairn team:

Aug.1, 2019 — Our sea container, with all our equipment, must be landed in New Zealand, cleared by customs, and ready to transport to the Braveheart for loading of the container contents. The Braveheart will sail within a few days.

Oct. 7, 2019 — The Braveheart will arrive in Moorea after completing the charter prior to ours. After provisioning and refuelling, the Braveheart will sail to Mangareva, arriving there on Oct. 13.

Oct. 15, 2019 — Our team will fly from Tahiti to Mangareva, board the Braveheart and sail for Pitcairn that evening.

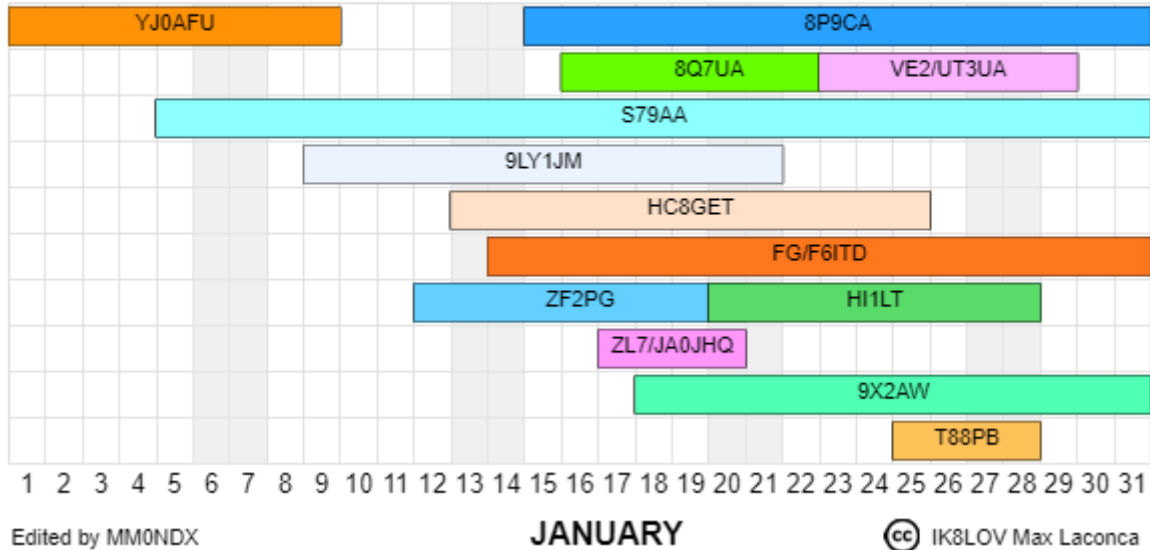
Oct. 17, 2019 — We will be at Pitcairn Island at dawn and begin offloading our equipment as soon as possible. The Braveheart will depart that evening.

Oct. 18, 2019: We will get stations on the air as soon as possible. We have 14 days at the island. <https://pitcairndx.com/>

DXCC Timeline

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: January 14, 2019



DXCC

This week on HF

8P, BARBADOS Willy, KB8YRX is operating from Rockley as 8P9CA until February 4. Activity on mainly on 20 meter using FT8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Andy, UT4UEP is operating as 8Q7UA from Ukulhas Island until January 23. Activity on HF. QSL via home call.

9G, GHANA Ruettger, DL8MEZ is operating as 9G5RV until January 26. He is on a training mission for medical personnel. Operation during his spare time on 14332 and 14313 kHz.

9L, SIERRA LEONE The F6KOP is active as 9LY1JM from Banana Island (AF-037) until 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.

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.

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.

C6, BAHAMAS Heli, DD0VR will be operating as C6A/call between 80 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. Activity from January 21 until February 2. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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.

EA8, CANARY ISL Erich, HB9FIH is QRV from El Hierro until end March as EA8/call. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

FG, GUADELOUPE Herve, F5HRY will once again be operating as FG/call from January 18. Operation on HF using CW only, SSB on request.

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

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

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Gerhard, OE3GEA is active as HC8GET until January 25. Activity from 30 to 10 meter. 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.

HP, PANAMA Naoki JN1RVS, Jay HP3AK, Robby HP3SS and David HP3/WA6YJW are QRV as H33J until January 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital with a focus on the low bands and FT8. QSL via JA1HGY, Club Log OQRS, 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.

P4, ARUBA Look for Mat, 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 Norbert DJ7JC, Heye DJ9RR and Emil DL8JJ will be operating as PJ4P from January 22 until January 30. An entry in the CQWW 160 CW contest is included. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via DJ5BWD.

S7, SEYCHELLES Mike, OE6MBG is operating as S79AA 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.

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.

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.

V4, ST KITTS Bernie, W3UR is active as V47UR until January 20. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

VE, CANADA Sergey UT3UA and Yuri VE3DZ/VE2IM will be active for approximately one week (January 22-29, 2019) from Zone 2 focusing exclusively on 160 m operation targeting JAs, Far East, Asia and Oceania using VE2/UT3UA and VE2IM call signs respectfully. Participation in the CQ 160 Meter CW Contest as VE2IM. Transmitting antennas: Inv. L and Inv.Vee. Receiving antennas: 2x250 m Beverages (NE and NW) and possibly 1 or 2 BOGs with KD9SV switch and pre-amp. A pair of K3's and Legal output power.

VE, CANADA Chris VO2AC, Frank VO1HP and Dave VE9CB will be active in the CQ160 CW contest from the Point Amour Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in Atlantic Canada, on the south coast of the very rare Labrador (LB) multiplier. Point Amour is located in the south east part of CQ Zone 2, and has a salt water path from NE clockwise through SW.

The team will be putting in a serious multi-op high power effort. Expect some pre-contest activity as VO2AC and VO2AAA on 160m as they get their wire vertical array and Beverages working. If time permits they may also be active before the contest on 80m, 60m, 40m, AO-85, AO-91, and AO-92 from grid GO11. <https://www.qrz.com/db/vo2ac>
VK0, MACQUARIE ISL Norbert is active as VK0AI until March 2019. Operation mostly using FT8.

XZ, MYANMAR Akio, JE2QIZ has been living in Naypyitaw, Myanmar for the past 2 years. Today, he finally received his license as **XZ2B**. Note that the XZ2B license is only valid for 150 days (end June) and a maximum of 25w is allowed. Furthermore, this particular license is valid for use between 20-300Mhz. Akio hopes to be active when time permit using a fishing rod type antenna from a hotel, and is currently seeking a QSL manager (which DX-World will soon help him secure.)

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.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Pete, K8PGJ IS Once again QRV from Grand Cayman as ZF2PG until January 20. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

ZL7, CHATHAM Nobu, JA0JHQ is active again as ZL7/JA0JHQ from the Chatham Islands (OC-038). QRV until January 20 with a focus on 160 meter (CW) and 6 meter (FT8), but during daylight hours also from 40 to 10 meter (CW, FT8). Before and after he maybe signs ZL/JA0JHQ from Auckland / New Zealand. QSL via homecall, LoTW.

Coming up soon

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active as T88PB on January 25-28. Operation from Koror OC-009. Focus on 160 meter CW with an entry in the CQ WW 160 meter contest. QSL via home call direct or LoTW (preferred).

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-153 Ganga Sagar Mela Members of the West Bengal Radio Club are active as AU2HAM until January 17, 2019. QRV on HF. QSL via VU2NRO.

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.

NA-122 Beata Isl Tino HI3CC and 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.

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.

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.

Coming up soon

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.

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.

OC-133 Labuan Isl Saty, JE1JKL will be QRV as 9M6NA between January 24-28. Main activity on 160 meter with an entry in the CQ WW CW 160 contest. QSL via LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

On the scene

SIERA LEONE 9LY1JM the shack



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

6Y, JAMAICA Neil, G0RNU will be operating as 6Y/call from the QTH of 6Y5NZ between February 12 and February 26. He plans to be active most days, times depend on propagation and other activities. QRV on all bands. QSL via home call.

XV, VIETNAM Andy, DL3YM will be QRV as XV9YM from Ho Chi Minh between February 16 and March 18. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

XV, VIETNAM Look for XV9D between November 16 and December 1 with a focus on the 5 lowest bands. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via EA5GL.

XV, VIETNAM Jean-Pierre, F6CTF will be operating as 3W9JF between February 19 and April 6. From Phu Quoc Island AS-128 (Febr 19 – March 6) and from Hoi An (March 16 – April 6). Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct.

THE REMINDERS

3D2, FIJI Nobby, G0VJG will be active as 3D2AS between May 3-5 and again between May 20-22. Focus on Europe, SSB and FT8. QSL via M0OXO OQRS. This activity is before and after the Wallis & Futuna DXpedition.

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/>

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/>

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.

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.

C5, THE GAMBIA C5DX is the call granted at the Sandringham School ARC. Operation between February 9-16. I will operate CW and four licenced students from Sandringham School Amateur Radio Club (M0SCY) who are also on the trip will operate SSB - Jessica (M6LPJ), Polly (M6POG), Morgan (M6MXD) and Stan (M6SQO). It will be their first DXpedition and they will be learning how to operate from a semi-rare country so please bear this in mind and be patient with them as they learn the craft of DX operating. QSL via LoTW or via G4DJX.

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.

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ Members of the Russian Robinson Club Vasily R7AL, Vasily RA1ZZ, Vlad RK8A, Aleksei RL5F, Leo RW9JZ and Marco CE1TBN will be operating as XR0ZRC between March 11 and March 27. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via R7AL, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/xr0zrc>

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 Look for Philippe F1DUZ as FG4KH between February 18 and March 11. Operation on HF.

FG, GUADELOUPE Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV will be QRV as FG/calls between February 22 and March 10. Operation on HF with an entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest as TO3Z.

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.

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/>

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.

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.

VS, 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/>

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.

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THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

AS-043 Hachijo-jima Kenji, JA4GXS will be operating as call/1 during May 11-13. Activity on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

OCEANIA

OC-138 Horn Isl Taka, JA8COE will be QRV as VK4/call during March 14-17. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

THE REMINDERS

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).

EUROPE

EU-112 Shiant Isles Team MS0INT is planning a 3-day activity from Europe's 5th most wanted IOTA. Activity mid-June or end August 2019. More to follow.

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-249 Culebra Isl A team will be operating as KP3RE on February 22-24. Culebra is part of the Puerto Rico Coastal Island group. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. 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.

SOUTH AMERICA

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

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

DL, GERMANY AMSAT's 50th anniversary will be celebrated with the special event **DL50AMSAT**. The station will be active via satellites only. A first airing of the call is scheduled for January 18-20, the "satellite Weekend", organised by the German group "Hamspirit". QSL via eQSL. <https://amsat-dl.org/>

OH, FINLAND The Finnish section of the International Police Association celebrates its 60th anniversary with the call **OG60IPA** throughout 2019. QSL via OH4MDY.

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI17AC** operates in the context of the 17th Asian Nations Cup (Football) until February 3. QSL via M0OXO.

THE REMINDERS

DL, GERMANY **DM19LGS** marks the 8th State Horticultural Show in Frankenberg/Saxony during 2019 on HF and 2m/70cm with the special DOK 19LGS. QSL via bureau or via DG0ERS direct.

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DQ600UNI** celebrates the 600th anniversary of Rostock University during 2019; special DOK 600UNI from January to July and September until December; during August the station's special DOK will be HSR19 (Hanse-Sail 2019). QSL via bureau and DL5KVV (d).

DL, GERMANY **DM775FLD** celebrates the founding of the town Friedland 775 years ago during 2019. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY DL19RIC operates in the context of the Rotary International Convention 2019 in Hamburg. QRV until June 5. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

DL, GERMANY The special event calls **DM70GER** and **DL70BRD** celebrate Germany's Septuagennial Jubilee throughout the year. An award will be available as well. QSL for DM70GER via M0SDV direct or Club Log OQRS, DL70BRD via DK1YH direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS.

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

F, FRANCE Special call **TM5CQ** will be used in several contests between January 26 and June 16 in memory of Rafik Dandji, F5CQ (SK April 2018). Activity on HF during the CW (26-27 January) and SSB (23-24 February) legs of the "Coupe du REF" (the French HF Championship), as well as during the CQ WPX RTTY (9-10 February), the ARRL DX CW (16-17 February) and the CQ WPX SSB (30-31 March) contests. QSL via F4FRG.

F, FRANCE TM16AAW is the special call to celebrate the 16th Antarctic Activity Week. Operation by Francois F8DVD between February 10 and February 24. The new reference for WAP is 300. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <http://www.waponline.it/> <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM16AAW>

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

HP, PANAMA Victor, HP1AVS and others are active as **H31A** until August 15. 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 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special call signs throughout 2019 to honour twelve "Italian pioneers in radio engineering":

II4CAL (Temistocle Calzecchi-Onesti) in January

II4RGH (Augusto Righi) in February

II4MRC (Guglielmo Marconi) in March

II4SLR (Luigi Solari) in April

II4TSB (Alessandro Tosi & Ettore Bellini) in May

II4ART (Alessandro Artom) in June

II4MJR (Quirino Majorana) in July

II4BRD (Cesare Bardeloni) in August

II4GRM (Gruppo Radiotecnico Milanese) in September

II4MNU (Ernesto Montu') in October

II4VAL (Giancarlo Vallauri) in November

II4TIB (Ugo Tiberio) in December.

See <http://www.arifidenza.it/> for complete information on the award. QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct.

I, ITALY The ARI Fidenza Club (IQ4FE) plans to honour Italian radio pioneers during 2019. In January, **II4CAL** points to Temistocle Calzecchi-Onesti. QSL via IQ4FE.

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

I, ITALY II0FF commemorates the scientist Frederico Faggin, who developed Intel's first CPU in 1971. QRV until January 31.

JA, JAPAN 8N8SSF operates around the 70th Sapporo Snow Festival (AS-078) until February 11 on HF. QSL via bureau.

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.

LZ, BULGARIA Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special call signs throughout 2019 to honour as many different Orthodox saints:

LZ1354PM (January), **LZ391MW** (February), **LZ818PT** (March), **LZ117ML** (April),

LZ497OM (May), **LZ815NI** (June), **LZ1809PNS** (July), **LZ304AE** (August), **LZ304EW**

(September), **LZ311HI** (October), **LZ365BM** (November) and **LZ4408SPA** (December).

QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2019" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com/>

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Theo, PA1TK is operating as **PF6HPP** until March 10 in memory of his friend Laurent Griffart, F6HPP (SK November 2018). Main activity is expected during the Coup du REF CW (26-27 January) and SSB (23-24 February). QSL via PA1TK, direct or bureau.

SM, SWEDEN Celebrating its 50th anniversary, Sweden's National Society for the Active Visually Impaired (SK5CG) will be active as **SF50CG** throughout 2019. QSL via SM0BYD.

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