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DX news

J2 Djibouti IOTA DXpedition –update

AF-053 Moucha

AF-059 Sept Frere

Plans to activate AF-059 have taken a major twist. Our guide in Djibouti recently passed an urgent message insisting that it was now not safe for Europeans to visit the Khor Angar region. This is in light of two tragic boat sinking incidents which led to the deaths of over 50 migrants.

Since activating AF-059 is our primary aim of the expedition – Khor Angar is the departure point for Kaḍḍa Dâbali Island – we will now take stock of the situation and decide best way forward. QRX for further update.

T31EU Kanton Island –update

Last week there was an operator change for our DXpedition to T31EU. Unfortunately, Wolfgang DM2AUJ had to cancel his trip to Kanton due medical reasons. We have found another operator who will joins us, it is Norbert DF6FK. Norbert is an SSB and Digi operator and has been regularly active from the Pacific in recent years. There is also an updated frequency plan on our website. Some frequencies have been adjusted to avoid overlap with XX9D DXpedition. Furthermore, everything is still going according to plan.

P29VCX and P29NI OC-025 and OC-153 -cancelled

“DUE TO SECURITY ISSUES WE ARE QRT FROM OC-025 & OC-153 IS CANCELLED. MORE INFO LATER. 73 G3KHZ & SM6CVX”.

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This week on HF

3D2, FIJI Jim, WB2TJO is once again active as 3D2JS until March 10.

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.

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 is once again operating as 9X2AW 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 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.

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 Roman, UT7UA is currently en-route to the Antarctic Vernadsky Research Base located on Galindez Island (Biscoe Islands AN-006) and is expected to soon be active from there as EM1UA and/or EM1U. QRV on HF bands. License good until February 1, 2020. QSL via UT7UA.

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.

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 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.

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.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Armin, DK9PY will be operating as FY/call from February 8 until February 17. Operation on HF with an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. 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.

J3, GRENADA Peter, G4HSO is operating as J3/call. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call bureau or via EA5GL direct, Club Log and LoTW.

J7, DOMINICA Gerard OE3GEA is operating from Calibishie as J79GEA until February 15. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

J7, DOMINICA David KK4WW and Gaynell KK4WWW will be QRV from Wotten Waven as J79WW, J79WW and J79USA. Activity between February 12 and February 19 mostly on 20 meter. QSL via N4USA.

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.

JW, SVALBARD Jon, LA1QH will be operating from Spitsbergen as JW1QH during February 8-11. Operation in 'holiday-style' mainly on 80 and 20 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

OA, PERU Look for Martin as OA4/PA3GFE until February 14. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and digital. QSL via PA3GFE direct and bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

OX, GREENLAND Nils, SM3UQK will be QRV from Ilulissat as OX/SE3A between February 9 and February 21. Operation on 20 and 40 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.qrz.com/db/OX/SE3A>

PJ4, BONAIRE Fred WW4LL and Michael NN9DD are active as PJ4/calls on all bands using SSB, FT8 and RTTY until February 10. QSL via K4BAI but LoTW is preferred for all calls.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Fred, N6YEU will be operating as PJ5/call during February 11-19. Operation from 40 to 15 meter using CW and SSB. An entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest is included.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as PJ7/call between February 10 and February 15. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA PU0FDN, PY7RP and PY2ZEA will be operating as PY0F/calls from February 13 until February 18. An entry in the ARRL DX Contest CW is included as PY0F. Focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS or direct via PY7RP.

T2, TUVALU Next T2AR mini-DXpedition is planned for mid-February 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. T2AT will be a dedicated station for FT8!

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

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.

V3, BELIZE Francesco, IK0FUX is QRV from the Maya Hill Lodge as V31UX until February 8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V8, BRUNEI A large team with 9M6KOM, JT1CO, K1LZ, KK6ZM, KO9SCA, LZ1NK, PY5EG, RN5M, S55M and VK3FY is active as V84SSA from Istana Pantai. Operation until February 18. Special focus on the low bands. QSL via LZ1JZ, OQRS direct or bureau, LoTW. www.v84saa.com

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

VP2M, MONTSERRAT George, K5KG is active as VP2MKG during February. Operation on HF using CW and SSB, an entry is included in the ARRL DX CW contest (Febr 16-17) as VP2MSS. George will be active with Charles K1XX as VP2MKG during the CQWW 160 meter contest. QSL via K5KG direct and LoTW.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Mario, I2HBW is operating as VP5VMA from Providenciales during February. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

XV, VIETNAM Look for Bogdan SP2FUD and Zen SP2GCJ as XV9FUD and XV9ZT until 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/>

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.

YS, EL SALVADOR Will, AA4NC will be QRV as YS1/call from February 13 until February 20. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital. 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

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.

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.

D4, CAPE VERDE Philip, HB9HFD will be QRV from San Pedro as D44TAQ from February 17-22. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using digi. QSL via LoTW.

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 Armin, DK9PY will be QRV as FM/call from February 17 until March 5. Operation on most bands using only CW. 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.

PJ6, SABA Look for PJ6A during the ARRL CW Contest (February 16-17). Team is K5AC, NM1Y, K4UEE and WC4X, they will sign with their own PJ6/calls before the contest.

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).

V3, BELIZE During the ARRL DX CW Contest look for WC0W, K5PI, W5MJ, NM0C, WW0G, AD0KH and WC0T as V3T. QRV outside contest with callsigns V31AT, V31IT, V31TP. QSL V3T via WC0W.

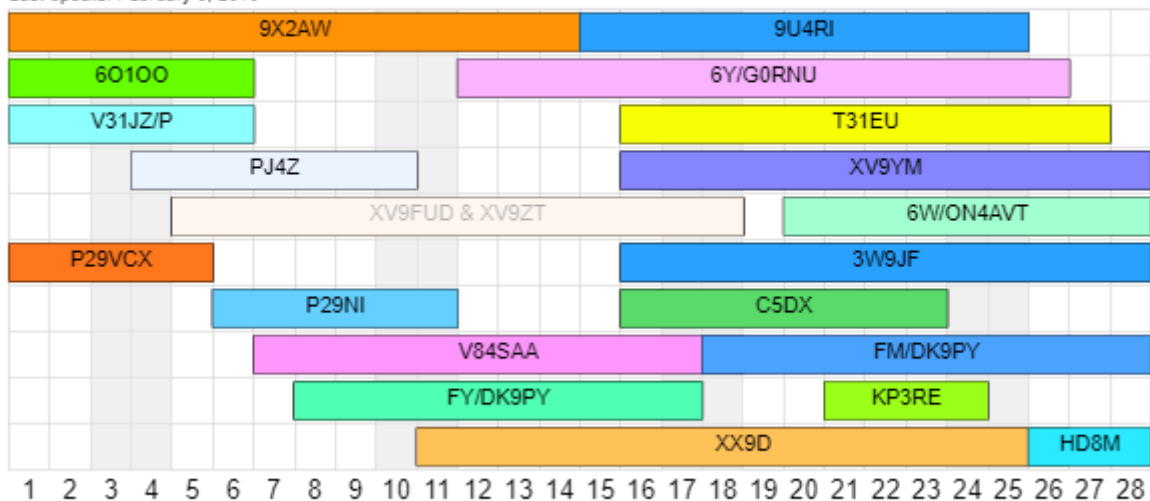
XV, VIETNAM Andy, DL3YM will be QRV as XV9YM from Ho Chi Minh between February 16 and March 18. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

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.

DXCC Timeline

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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FEBRUARY

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IOTA

This week on HF

NORTH AMERICA

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Once again, look for VY0ERC until March 29. Operation on 40 and 20 meter with possible 80 meter using CW, SSB and digital. Operation during spare time when time and weather permits. Satellite operation from ER60, EQ79 and close grids is also planned.

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-042 Luzon Isl Christian, F4EBK is operating as DU3/call until end March. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via F4EBK, direct.

OC-128 Palawan Isl Bodo, DF8DX is QRV as DU1WQY/1 until February 14. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

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

SOUTH AMERICA

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

On the scene

The shack from VK0AI on Macquarie Island



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3A, MONACO Philippe, EA4NF will be active as 3A/call from February 15 until February 18. Activity on 20 meter and satellites using SSB and FM. QSL via LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Thomas, F4HPX will be active as FM/call begin April. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Karel, OK2ZI will be operating from Tahiti as FO/call between March 6 and March 12. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

KH2, GUAM JR7OMD and JO1RUR will be QRV as AH2R during the ARRL DX Contest (Febr 16-17). QSL via LoTW.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISL Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Patrick VK2PN and David VK3BDX will be active from April 1 until 14. Focus on low bands, CW and FT8. Also HF activity on SSB. Plans include SOTA activation of Mt Bates and Jacky Jacky. Callsign TBA shortly, along with Club Log, Facebook and QSL details.

THE REMINDERS

3B8, MAURITIUS Olof, G0CKV and others will be operating as 3B8MU during the CQWW CW Contest (Nov 23-24). Operation before and after the contest mostly on the low bands between November 18 and November 29. QSL via M0OXO.

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.

3D2, ROTUMA The next 3D2AG/P Rotuma DXpedition will likely take place around March / April 2019. Focus will be on the low bands, with QRO when required.

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.

6Y, JAMAICA Kan, JJ2RCJ will be operating as 6Y3Y from St Elizabeth between June 26 and June 28. Focus from 80 to 10 meter FT8 and special focus on JA, Asia.

7P, LESOTHO Rune, LA7THA and team will be operating from March 8 until March 16. A DXpedition with the focus on the low bands. The team has 8 operators running 2/3 stations on all bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

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.

A5, BHUTAN A5A will be active again between February 27 and March 9. Zorro, JH1AJT (A5A) will travel to Bhutan with Franz DJ9ZB (A52ZB) and Champ, E21EIC (A52IC).

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 Doug, W6HB will once again be operating as E51DLD from April 21 until April 28. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using the shacks of E51AND and E51JD. QSL via home call.

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/>

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Arnaud, JG1XMV will once again be active as FK/call from February 23 until March 10. Activity from Grand Terre Isl, Lifou, Mare and 2 others (OC-032 and OC-033). QRV on 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct or LoTW.

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.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Hartwig, DL7BC will once again be QRV as FY/DL7BC/P between March 21 and April 2. Operation in 'holiday-style' with an entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31).

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/>

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.

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/>

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.

TK, CORSICA Marc, ON7SS will be operating as TK/OO9O between May 11 and May 17. QSL via Club Log OQRS or home call, bureau or direct.

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

V3, BELIZE Scott, KK7JS will be QRV as V31CQ from Maya Hill Lodge between February 26 and March 5. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Victor, WB0TEV will once again be active as V31VP from February 26 until March 5. Activity during the ARRL SSB International DX Contest, outside the contest he will be on HF using CW, SSB and digital.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Adrian, AA5UK will be operating from Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands as VP5/AA5UK from February 28 until March 8. Activity from 40 to 10 meter with focus on FT8, RTTY and SSB. He will also operate on the linear and FM satellites from grid FL31UU14. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest is TBD, perhaps P/T as this is a holiday style trip. QSL via AA5UK direct, LoTW, Club Log.

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 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.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Kan, JJ2RCJ will be QRV as ZF2CJ from Grand Cayman on June 23-25. Operation from the ZF1A shack between 80 and 10 meter using FT8. QSL via JJ2RCJ, LoTW and OQRS.

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.

Announced IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

EUROPE

EU-192 Inakari Isl Martti-OH2BH, Nigel-G3TXF, Niko-OH2GEK and Gerben-PG5M will be travelling by snow mobiles several kilometers out over the frozen seas of the Bothnian Bay to set up camp on Inakari Island, the Finnish part where they will use an abandoned fisherman's refuge. As Inakari Island is part of the Bothnian Bay National Park the party need to obey several related restrictions, but they have been successful in dealing with them all. <https://julkaisut.metsa.fi/assets/pdf/lp/Esitteet/peramerieng.pdf>

From 7-11 February, we will be running two stations simultaneously across 80-40-30-20-17-15 meters, operating CW and SSB. Call sign is OH10X and QSL via PG5M and using Club Log. Log search is available on Club Log. We will provide daily posts on <http://dx.to/> to keep you updated on progress and on the conditions on the island.

OCEANIA

OC-183 Favorite Isl

OC-211 Houtman Abrolhos

Andy VK6MAV and Vlad ER100 will be active from both islands between April 15 and April 25. Plans are still ongoing. More on <http://vk5mav.wixsite.com/dxpedition/next-expedition>

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-053 Moucha

AF-059 Sept Frere

Col MM0NDX, Jonathan MM0OKG and Christian EA3NT will 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 15-21. <https://j20dx.com/>

AF-118 Los Farallones Isl 5C9A: Last year plans to activate Los Farallones Island, AF-118NEW were announced. A few weeks later it transpired that Navy and Government permission had not been given therefore that particular expedition was postponed. This year a new expedition to AF-118 has been announced with planning behind the scenes ongoing. A team is assembled with CN8QY as leader. Planned dates of activity are July 25-30, 2019. Updates to follow on DX-World..

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.

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. <https://d Expedition.wixsite.com/r63rrc/en>

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).

AS-157 Phu Quy Isl Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as XV9JK between March 10 and March 16. Operation on 17 and 20 meter using SSB only. In case of bad prop, he will be on 40 and 30 meter using FT8. It might be possible he will sign as XV9JK/P on March 6-8 from the mainland.

AS-204 Paramushir Isl RI0FP, more to follow...

EUROPE

EU-099 Minkies Isl Look for ON5HC, ON7PQ, ON4KZ, ON5DZ and ON8AZ as MJ/OQ7A/P between May 25 and June 1. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. <http://www.eu099.be/>

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.

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.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

HS, THAILAND Look for **HS55RAST** until March 31. This to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand. QSL via HS5NMF.

PY, BRAZIL Special call **ZW85LABRE** is active until March 31 to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emissao (LABRE). Brazil's IARU member society was founded on 2 February 1934.

SV, GREECE Special event station **SX73SC** will be active on February 8-10 for the 73th anniversary of the Hellenic Army's Signal Corps. Look for activity on all bands SSB, CW and RTTY. The operation will take place from the Science Center & Technology Museum in Thessaloniki. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

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 German award hunters group DIG celebrates its 50th anniversary as **DR50DIG** (DIG #6477, DOK DIG). QRV until end 2019. QSL via bureau or direct via DH1PAL.

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DQ600UNI** celebrates the 600th anniversary of Rostock University during 2019; special DOK 600UNI until 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.

EI, IRELAND Go Green For St Patricks Day. Stations from across the world will once again be on air to turn the bands green as part of the St Patrick Award. This fun 48hr annual award will follow the celebrations across the world, from the 16th March, 12:00 UTC until the 18th March, 12:00 UTC. This year we have incorporated, as requested, a new award covering any other modes requiring software or a computer, as well as radio. To find out more or to register as a station go to <https://stpatrickaward.webs.com/> and help us go green for St Patricks Day.

F, FRANCE Special call **TM5CQ** is used in several contests until June 16 in memory of Rafik Dandji, F5CQ (SK April 2018). Activity on HF during CQWW 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>

HB, SWITZERLAND During 2019 are the Swiss Amateur Stations allowed to use the prefix **HB90** instead of HB9 and **HB30** instead of HB3. This to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Union Schweizerischer Kurzwellen Amateure.

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 The ARI section Fidenza (IQ4FE) commemorates Augusto Righi as one of Italy's pioneers in the history of radio with the call **II4RGH** during February. QSL via IQ4FE.

I, ITALY ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns throughout 2019 to honour twelve "Italian pioneers in radio engineering":

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/>

JA, JAPAN The special calls **8J0M**, **8J2M** and **8J9M** are marking the 30th General Assembly of the Japan Medical Congress in Chubu. QRV from February until end April on HF. QSL via bureau or JP7FSO direct.

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 callsigns throughout 2019 to honour as many different Orthodox saints:

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/>

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

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 SSB (23-24 February). QSL via PA1TK, direct or bureau.

SM, SWEDEN Members of the SE3X radio club are active as **SE19SKI** around the Alpine World Ski Championships until February 17.

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.

VE, CANADA Look for **VD1NUQK** to commemorate the USS Truxton and USS Pollux naval disaster 77 years ago. Operators Jaxson VO1JQB, Aaron VO1FOX and Mike VO1AX are QRV until February 26. QSL via qrz.com information.

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