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DX news

E51DOM/MM Voyage to Bouvet –update March 14

Info below (initially published on November 24, 2018) has in essence not changed. Just a reminder to look for **E51DOM/MM** once the team get underway. Vessel finder [here](#).

Dedicated DX-World 3Y0I updates will occur **here**.

A short but essential update this time. An important decision to our DXpedition plans has been taken today, which will reflect in extending the initial 3Y0I plans. We decided to take more provisions than initially planned. So did we regarding the fuel.

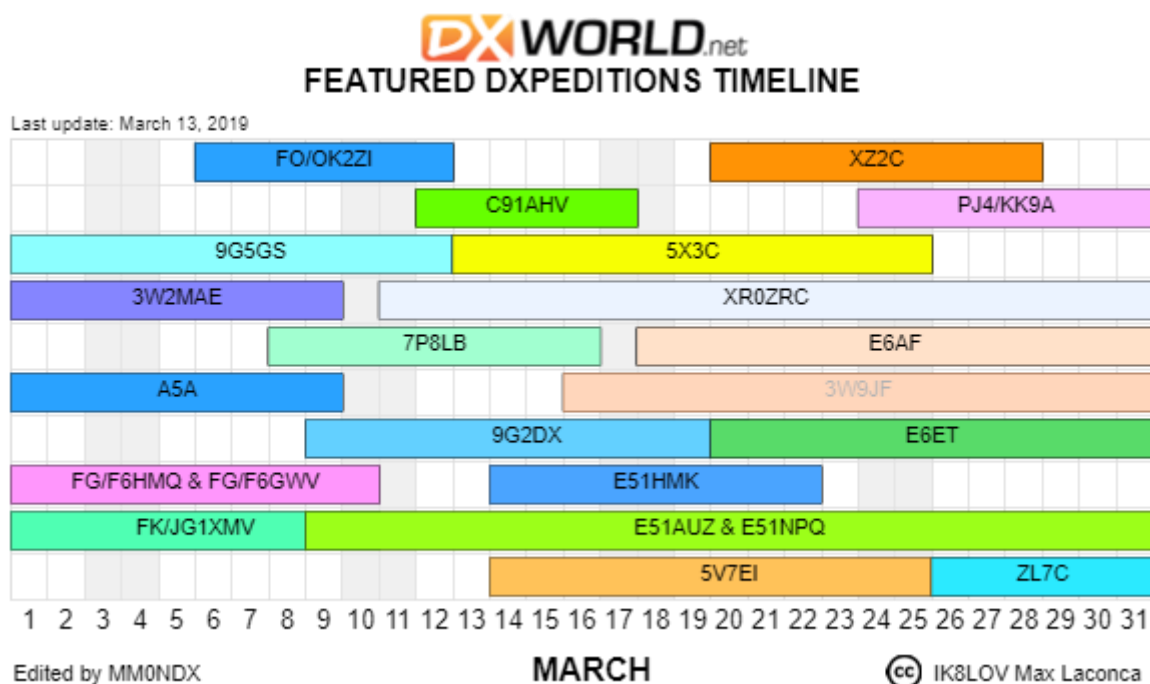
More than 90,000 diesel liters has been fueled up (approx. 1 liter = U\$1 = \$90.000 we paid from our private money). That's all because if weather permits, **we plan to stay up to 3-4 weeks at the island itself** (excluding sailing and landing time), giving much more chances for ATNOs all over the world. We are loading every list gear to the vessel. We have already installed and launched our maritime station from Cape Town's shipyard. We'll be signing as **E51DOM/mm** on way to and from the island on HF bands. As these preparations are bringing to a close, we will announce our departure and estimated on-air dates very soon.



7P8LB Lesotho -update March 13

Another challenging night with thunderstorms etc. I start to understand why 7P8 is high up on the most wanted on TB. Yesterday late evening we installed a 130meter long VLB and it seems to outperform the two VE3DO phased loops. The loops are not optimized in terms of spacing (85m), but that is what I have available. Since we are restricted on space the VLB (Very low BEV) is not more than 130 meters. However, it seems to have a better SN ratio vs. the loops. Was running FT8 on 160 for some time but suddenly high SWR on the antenna. The team are happy and do whatever they can to produce QSO's. Today I will do a new attempt to repair the 160m vertical antenna. The weather forecast for the next few days seems better and I hope this is my last repair. PS noise level on 160 on the vertical is S9+20 and on 80 meter it is S7-9. On the RX antennas the noise is still resting at S 5-7 however that is still better than S9+ 20. Thunderstorm this morning was just amazing, everything was shaking. 73 and all the best from 7P8LB team.

DXCC Timeline



DXCC

This week on HF

3B8, MAURITIUS Nigel, G3TXF is active as 3B8XF until March 24. He will participate in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest and in the Russian DX Contest (16-17 March). Outside the contests he operates on HF using CW and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

5R, MAURITANIA Johannes, PA5X is now operating until July as 5T5PA from Nouadhibou. QSL via LoTW, Club Log and QRZ.com. More to follow.

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 Dxpediton Team is active from Uganda until March 25. They will use two callsigns: **5X3C** for CW, SSB, RTTY and **5X3E** for FT8 from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via I2YSB direct or OQRS. <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

60, SOMALIA Ali, EP3CQ is once again active as 60100 until March 24. Most QRV using FT8 on 20 meter during his spare time. QSL direct, see QRZ.com.

6W, SENEGAL Jacques, F6HMJ will be QRV as 6W7/call between March 19 and April 28. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB.

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

https://www.on4avt.be/trip_to_senegal.htm

6W, SENEGAL Elvira, IV3FSG will once again be active as 6W/call between March 16 and April 16. QSL via IK3GES, logsearch on Club Log.

7P, LESOTHO Rune, LA7THA and team are operating until March 16. 7P8LB will 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. <http://www.la9vpa.com/7p8lb/index.html>

8P, BARBADOS Richard, G3RWL is once again QRV as 8P6DR until April 17. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call, direct or bureau.

9G, GHANA A team is operating as 9G2DX until March 20. Operators are 4Z1SH, 4Z1ZV, 4Z4DX, 4X5ZS and 9G5AF. QSL via LoTW.

A3, TONGA Masa, JA0RQV is operating as A35JP until March 27. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via JA0RQV.

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

C9, MOZAMBIQUE Pedro, CT7AHV is operating as C91AHV until March 17. QRV on 40, 20 and 15 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ Members of the Russian Robinson Club Vasily R7AL, Vasily RA1ZZ, Vlad RK8A, Aleksei RL5F, Leo RW9JZ and Marco CE1TBN are operating as XR0ZRC until April 3. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via R7AL, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://dexpedition.wixsite.com/xr0zrc>

CT3, MADEIRA Rosel DL3KWR and Hardy DL3KWF are operating as CT9/calls until April 3. Operation on HF including 60 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via homecalls, LoTW.

<http://www.dl3kwr.de/>

E5, SOUTH COOK ISL

E5, NORTH COOK ISL

Rainer DL1AUZ and Dagmar DM7PQ are active from the Cook Islands as E51AUZ and E51NPQ during March and April 2019.

- Rarotonga (2nd to 11th April, OC-013)
- Aitutaki (27th to 31st March, OC-083)
- Manihiki (until 25th March, OC-014) – North Cooks

QVR in 'holiday-style'. QSL via homecalls.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISL Hans-Martin, DK2HM will be operating in 'holiday-style' from Rarotonga as E51HMK during March 14-22. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

<http://southcook2019.com/>

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/>

E6, NIUE Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as E6AF starting from around March 16 for a few weeks. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using SSB and digital. Online log via Club Log, QSL via home call, preferred OQRS Club Log. <http://www.e6.dxpeditons.org/>

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.

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).

GJ, JERSEY Kazu, JK3GAD is operating as MJ0CFW until March 17. An entry in the Russian DX Contest is included as MJ5Z. QSL via M0CFW, direct or bureau, LoTW.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/F2JD from Copan, Honduras until May 15. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will be QRV as PJ2/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 John, W3FSA is operating in 'holiday-style' as PJ7/call. Operation until March 19 on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW. QSL via home call.

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

XV, VIETNAM Andy, DL3YM is QRV as XV9YM from Ho Chi Minh until March 18. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

XV, VIETNAM Jean-Pierre, F6CTF is operating as 3W9JF until April 6. Operation on HF. QSL via EA5GL, direct.

XZ, MYANMAR Yuki, JH1NBN will once again be QRV as XZ2C between March 20 and March 28. QSL via home call.

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.

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

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will be active as P44W between March 25 and April 1 and again from May 22 until May 27. Main operation during contests but outside that, he will focus on 160, 80, 30, 17 and 12 meter. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM.

PJ4, BONAIRE John, KK9A will be QRV as PJ4/call from March 24 until March 31. Operation on HF with an entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as PJ4R. QSL via WD9DZV.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Look for VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K from March 27 until April 1. They will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as VP5P (QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via N2OO). Outside the contest focus on 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K via N2OO.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS will once again be active as YC0CA from March 26 until April 2. 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.

On the scene

Picture below of Mika **R2AUR/MM** on board **Vasily Golovnin** currently in the middle of a "nightmare storm" in Antarctic. He is 7 miles from destination but is currently going nowhere due to low visibility.



XR0ZRC Juan Fernandez Isl -the shack



5V7EI Togo, the team on the move



IOTA

This week on HF

ASIA

AS-157 Phu Quy Isl Jacek, SP5APW is QRV as XV9JK until 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.

EUROPE

EU-038 Ameland Marcel, PD5MVH will be active as call/P between March 16 and March 30. An entry in the UKEICC Contest is included as PD38EU. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

EU-048 Ile de Groix Christian, F5OHH will be QRV as call/P between March 16 and March 23. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. <https://headlight44.fr/>

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-150 Little Diomedes Isl Cezar, VE3LYC will be active as call/KL7 between March 18 and March 26. This IOTA sits at 11.5% most wanted. <https://ve3lyc-kl7-na150.weebly.com/>

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-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.

OC-129 Panay Isl Press, DU6/N6SS is operating until April 17. Main operation on 160, 80 and 40 meter using CW, FT8 and SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

OC-138 Thursday 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.

Coming up soon

NORTH AMERICA

Canadian Island group tour:

Mike, VE7ACN will be on tour

NA-014 White Head Isl VE7ACN/VE9 April 5-11

NA-081 Bell Isl VE7ACN/VE1 March 22-28

NA-127 Long Isl VA7XW/VE1 March 22- April 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

E5, NORTH COOK Stan, LZ1GC and Mitko, LZ3NY will be active from Manihiki Atoll, North Cooks as E51GC during October 10-28. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LZ1GC, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

T30, WEST KIRIBATI Stan, LZ1GC and Mitko, LZ3NY will be active from Tarawa, W. Kiribati as T30GC between October 30 to November 15. QRV on 160-10m, CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL via LZ1GC, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Ken, KH6QJ will once again be active as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge between April 16 and April 23. Operation on 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING Keith GM4YXI and Chris GM3WOJ will once again be active as VK9CZ between November 12 and November 29. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and some FT8.

Z6, KOSOVO A joint Turkish-Kosovan activity consisting YOTA (Youth on the Air) operators Z63CAB, Z63DBB, Z63DBM, TA7AOF and TA7AZC. Activity during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31, 2019). QSL via Z62FB.

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 Heli, DD0VR will be operating as 3D2VR during September 2-9 and again from September 23-27. Operation from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via home call.

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.

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.

8Q, MALDIVES Darek, SP3DX will be operating as 8Q7DM from Lankanfinolhu Island between April 1 and April 7. Operation on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

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 22 – October 7, 2019. <http://vk5gr-iota.net/?p=1288>

C5, THE GAMBIA Look for C5DL (DK1BT, DL6SAK, DH7KU, DL7DF, DL7UFR and SP3CYY) between April 1 and April 14. Activity with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL7DF. <http://www.dl7df.com/c5/>

CY9, SABLE ISL THE CY0 DXpedition team with 7 operators will be active from August 1 until August 11. It is rare on CW and a big effort will be made for this. <http://cy9c.com/index.html>

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.

FH, MAYOTTE

FR, REUNION

Willi, DJ7RJ will once again be active as FH and FR/call during October 2019. Focus on top band from Mayotte. QSL via home call.

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 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.

FR, REUNION A team of seven Croatian operators (9A2AA, 9A2NA, 9A3CJW, 9A3EME, 9A3MR, 9A7Y and 9A8RA) will be active as TO19A from Reunion Island (AF-016) from April 27 to May 8. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 with a focus on the low bands. QSL via 9A2AA, logsearch on Club Log.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Nobby, G0VJG informs DX-World that he has plans to be active from Wallis Island as FW/call between May 6 and May 20. In addition, he hopes side-trips to Futuna and Fiji will also be possible. Focus on Europe, SSB & FT8. Before (3-5 May) and after (20-22 May) the FW operation he will be QRV as 3D2AS from Fiji. QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS.

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.

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.

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.

VP2E, ANGUILLA Chris PA2CHR and Jos PA3FYC will be QRV as VP2EMB in April. This will be primarily an EME DXpedition. More to follow.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL A large team of 14 operators such as K0IR, EY8MM, N2TU, W0GJ will be operating as VP6R 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 Jun, JL8AQH will be operating as XV9XX from Hue between April 27 and May 4. Operation on 40, 30; 20 and 17 meter using CW. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

YJ, VANUATU Geoff, ZL3GA will be operating from the Malowia Guest House between July 21 and August 2. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau.

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/>

Announced IOTA

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. <https://5c9a.com/>

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://dexpedition.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-204 Paramushir Isl RI0FP, more to follow...

EUROPE

EU-064 Noirmoutier Isl Look for TM4IPA (International Police Association) by ON6OM, ON6ZV and ON7EG between June 22 and June 29. Operation along the propagation using SSB and digital modes. <https://www.qsl.net/o/on6om/EU-064/>

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-077 Anticosti Isl Mike, VE7ACN will be QRV as VE7ACN/VE2 from August 21 until August 31. QSL via home call.

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-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 to be active for 4 days from each island. QSL via RN3RQ, Club Log OQRS. More on <http://vk5mav.wixsite.com/dxpedition/next-expedition>

OC-207 Cagayan Isl Ed 4F1OZ and Gil 4F2KWT will be active as DX1CC on April 12-15. Operation on 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via EA5GL.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

EA, SPAIN EE100V is celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Valencia Club until end March. QSL via EA5YJ, direct or LoTW.

EA, SPAIN EH3DWN marks the World Down Syndrome Day (March 21) on the air between March 17-21. An award will be available as well. QSL via LoTW <http://eh3dwn.mikedeltavictor.com/>

GI, NORTHERN IRELAND GB1SPD, GB2SPD and GB5SPD are three special calls that will celebrate St Patrick's Day from Northern Ireland. The St Patrick's Day on the air event will run from 12 UTC on March 16 until 12 UTC on March 18. <https://stpatrickaward.webs.com/>

I, ITALY IIOAGV honours the Italian engineer Andrea Giuseppe Viterbo. Operation until April 30. QSL via I0KQB.

VU, INDIA AU60BARC is the special call by the Bangalore ARC, India's oldest club. This to celebrate its 60th anniversary. QRV until May 13. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

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 Special station **DR19RGD** (DOK 19RG) is operating until July 31, this to mark the 19th Ruhr Games in Duisburg. QSL via bureau.

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 legs of the "Coupe du REF" (the French HF Championship), as well as during the CQ WPX SSB (30-31 March) contests. QSL via F4FRG.

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.

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

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

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 until end April on HF. QSL via bureau or JP7FSO direct.

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

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 Look for **PA2019BP** until March 15 on all bands and all modes.

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.

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.

TA, TURKEY GITRAD Giresun Telsiz Radyo Amatorleri ve Doga Sporlari Dernegi is celebrating its 10th anniversary with the special call **TC10GITRAD**. It will be on the air until 31 December 2019, The log will be uploaded to eqsl and LoTW regularly. For any miscopied callsign, please send an e-mail to TA7AZC (grz.com recorded). No cards are required at this end and if you need a hardcopy qsl card please send it direct to TA7AZC (SASE+3GS)

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