



## **DX bulletin 293**

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## **DX news**

### **3Y0I Bouvet Island aborted!!!**

On March 26, 2019, the vessel had been approaching a cyclonal storm wandering nearby Bouvet Island. The captain analyzed the latest weather reports indicating a chance to break through the storm – it hadn't been that strong at that time. Unfortunately, the storm developed and intensified in a matter of an hour. Around 5-6 o'clock GMT, just 70 nautical miles off Bouvet island, the ship has been hit by a series of 11+ meters (36+ ft) tall waves + wind exceeding 83 knots/h (approx. 160 km/h). The fierce oceanic forces swept past the upper deck, taking one of the radars, including VSAT, VHF and HF marine antennas, off the mast and throwing them all overboard. The hit was so hard the vessel tilted as much as 45°. <https://bouvetoya.org/3yoi-postponed/>

### **J20DX Djibouti -update**

Since early February we have been waiting patiently for final approval / permission from both the Djibouti military commander-in-chief and government commissioner to stay overnight Kadda Dabali island. Today we can report that permission has been granted. We are extremely lucky and grateful to all authorities enabling us to stay up to 72 hours in the AF-059 group.

Although not an ideal island in terms of some paths being blocked, we do not yet know if it's possible to stay on another island (instead of Kadda Dabali) and will only find out once we meet our boatman. <https://j20dx.com/news/>

### **K7Y, Khantaak Isl NA-250 new -update**

Plans for the previously announced IOTA DXpedition to NA-250 (new) by Bruce/KD6WW & Mike/K9AJ are coming together.

We have purchased our air tickets & are scheduled to arrive in Yakutat around noon on Thursday, May 9. We have an outfitter & a guide armed w/ a suitable gauge rifle to stay with us for the duration of our activation & watch for bears. Our activation will be from the North side of Khantaak Island. We hope to be on the island & set up by local sunset on Thursday, May 9. We will cease operations & break camp around local sunrise on Monday, May 13. <https://dx-world.net/k7y-khantaak-island-na-250new-alaska/>

### **CY9 Sable Island DXpedition -update**

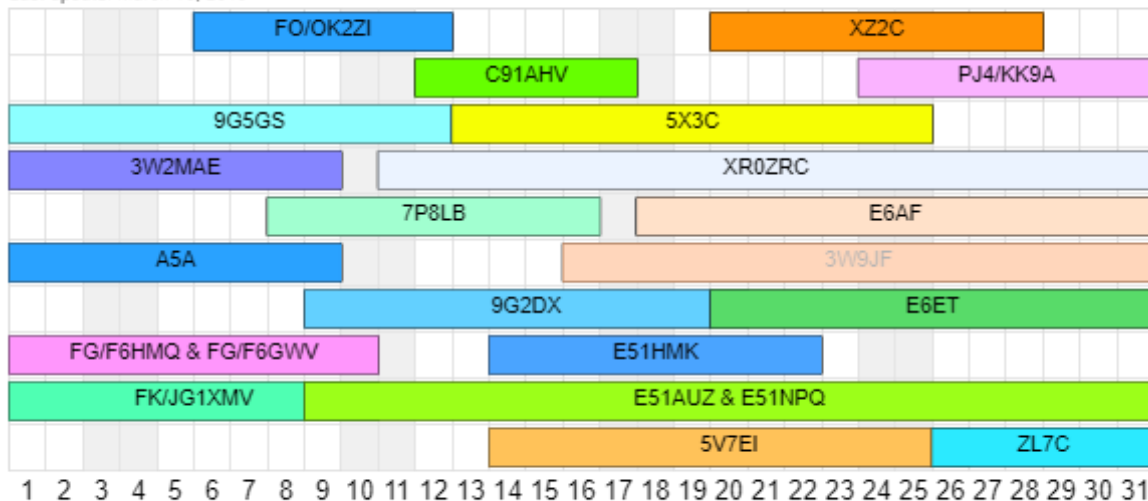
Some time ago, we had scheduled fall of 2019 for Sable. Due to circumstances we had to reschedule to 2020. Hopefully this will be better for propagation. The permit process took over a year of emailing, phone calls, and furnishing documents. Sable at this point is no longer easily "permitted" for Ham Radio DXpeditions, as the policies have changed with the change in administration. In fact our permit finally was graciously authorized as a "one time special use permit". We believe that it is very probable that permits in the future may be essentially "nil" for a very long time. Among other policies, visitors to the

island are not permitted overnight stays. Thankfully, we have been authorized to stay there for 7 – 8 days (\$300 per person per day). We are grateful and excited and look forward to meeting the challenge of a sizeable operation as if it were the last one for a very long time. The team for the upcoming CY9C St. Paul Island August Dxpedition will be the primary makeup of the Sable team. A "SABLE" information page will be maintained on the St. Paul website <https://cy9c.com/index.html>

## DXCC Timeline

### DX WORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: March 13, 2019



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## DXCC

### This week on HF

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

**6W, SENEGAL** Jacques, F6HMJ is QRV as 6W7/call until 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](https://www.on4avt.be/trip_to_senegal.htm)

**6W, SENEGAL** Elvira, IV3FSG is once again active as 6W/call until April 16. QSL via IK3GES, logsearch on Club Log.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Kasimir, DL2SBY is operating as 6Y5KB until April 10. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

**8P, BARBADOS** Richard, G3RWL is active as 8P6DR until April 17 from 80 to 10 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**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.

**A2, BOTSWANA** Leon, A25SL is active during his spare time on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with some FT8. QSL via N4GNR.

**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/>

**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** 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)

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

**E6, NIUE** Alex 5B4ALX and Tim NL8F are operating as E6ET until 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 is active as E6AF 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.

**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.

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

**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.

**IS0, SARDINIA** A large team of Sardinian hams will be operating as IS0SWW during the CQ WW WPX. QSL via IQ0NU, LoTW.

**J5, GUINEA-BISSAU** Livio, IZ3BUR is again operating as J52EC. Operation on HF. QSL via home call. Livio is working as missionary so operation is only during his spare time.

**P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD is active as P44W until 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.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Andy, DK5ON is QRV as PJ2/call 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.

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

**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.

**V3, BELIZE** Victor, WB0TEV will once again be QRV as V31VP from the Maya Hill Lodge between March 28 and April 2. Operation during the CQ WPX SSB contest and outside the contest on 160 and 80 meter FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS and home call, direct or bureau.

**V3, BELIZE** Rich, K8NDS is once again operating as V31RF until April 19. Activity on 40, 20 and 17 meter using SSB.

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA between April 1 and April 22. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct and 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.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS** Look for VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K until April 1. They will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as VP5P (QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via N200). Outside the contest focus on 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K via N200.

**VP9, BERMUDA** Brian KG8CO, Frank W8KA, Jim KB8TXZ, Lee N8LJ and Stan AC8W will operate as call/VP9 between March 28 and April 2. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. They will have a multi-two entry in the CQWPX SSB contest as VP9I. QSL VP9I via LoTW. Outside of contest QSL via operators' instructions for LoTW.

**XV, VIETNAM** Jean-Pierre, F6CTF is operating as 3W9JF until April 6. Operation on 80, 40, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via EA5GL, direct.

**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.

**YJ, VANUATU** Chris, VK2YUS is once again active as YC0CA until April 2. QSL via home call.

**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 (Marh 30-31, 2019). QSL via Z62FB.

**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.

**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.

## Coming up soon

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Harald, DF2WO will once again be active as XT2AW. Activity between April 10 and April 30. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital.

## IOTA

### This week on HF

#### AFRICA

**AF-019 Lampedusa Isl** Alessandro IK4ALM, Augusto IK4RQJ and Carlo IZ4WJA will be active as IG9MO between March 28 and April 2. QRV on HF using CW; SSB and digi. QSL via IK4ALM.

#### EUROPE

**EU-038 Ameland** Marcel, PD5MVH is active as call/P until March 30. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

#### 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.

#### **Canadian Island group tour:**

Mike, VE7ACN will be on tour

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

**NA-127 Long Isl** VA7XW/VE1 until April 4

Operation on all bands mainly using CW with some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log.

## **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.

## **On the scene**

### **5V7EI Togo DXpedition by the EIDX Group**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**3DA0, KINGDOM OF ESWATINI** Dates to be announced, but look for Pista HA5AO to return to eSwatini (Swaziland) during the second half of September 2019. Activity as 3DA0AO for 2 weeks from 80 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY and FT8.

**6O, SOMALIA** Ali, EP3CQ will once again be active as 6O1OO from April 15 until May 15. Operation during his spare time on 20 and 40 meter using FT8.

**7P, LESOTHO** Pista, HA5AO is returning to Lesotho as a volunteer to a local community group. Operation early October 2019 from 80 to 10 meter during his spare time. Log and OQRS on <http://ha5ao.com>

**E5, SOUTH COOK ISL** Bruce AD7MM and XYL KI7DLK will once again be QRV as E51BAS and E51MAS from Rarotonga between April 21 and April 28. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, LoTW

**J2, DJIBOUTI** Christian EA3NT will be active as J20NT on April 13-14 while waiting for the J20DX team to arrive.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** Look for Pasi, OH3WS as OJ0W from May 4 until May 1. Operation during his spare time mostly on 60 and 30 meter using CW. QSL via home call.

**V3, BELIZE** Operators of the Medical Amateur Radio Council will be operating as V31D n May 1. Operation on 20 and 17 meter between 1600-2100UTC. QSL via AA4FL.

**VK9, NORFOLK ISL** Rob, VK2FBB will once again be operating as call/VK9 from April 14 until April 27. QRV on HF.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS** Look for a DXpedition from May 21 to May 28 and will be from the QTH of VP5/K4QPL a.k.a. VP5M. Operation will be primarily during the CQ WPX CW contest using the call VP5M. Operators will be K2SX, K4BAI, K4QPL and KK4R. Outside of the contest, they will be use VP5/home call. For a QSL from my operations, please QSL to K2SX. QSLs via Bureau for DX stations but please enclose SASE if you are within the US. For QSLs from VP5M, please refer to their QRZ page for QSL info.

**Z6, KOSOVO** OZ1AA and OZ7AM will be operating as Z66Z between April 18 and April 22. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OZ1ACB, OQRS and LoTW.

## **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.

**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.

**9G, GHANA** Matt, IZ4GYS will again be QRV as 9G5GS from Sanzule starting April 13. QSL via home call.

**A3, TONGA** Helmut, DD0VR will be active from Tonga as A35JY during September 16-21. This activity is between Helmut's 3D2VR operation. QRV on HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**A3, TONGA** Grant VK5GR with Andrew VK5AKH and Oly VK5XDX will be active as A35JT. 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>



**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, 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.

**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.

**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.

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Philippe, EA4NF will be QRV as HB0/call on April 17-19. Activity on FM and SSB satellites. QSL via LoTW.

**ISO, SARDINIA** Stefan, DL3BY will be active from Bari Sardo between June 5 and June 25. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**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 from 80 to 15 meter 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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/>

**VP8, SOUTH ORKNEY** After their successful VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DXpedition, the Perseverance DX Group is pleased to announce their intention to activate South Orkney Islands, currently Club Log #16 most wanted.

Planning has begun for an expedition in February/March 2020. A team of experienced DX and Contest operators will operate from Signy Island for up to 15 days. The process of obtaining landing permission is underway. The call sign will be announced at a later date. The team will sail from Punta Arenas, Chile aboard RV Braveheart. Seven operating positions are planned for 160-10 meters, SSB/CW/Digital.

The team includes: Dave K3EL, Les W2LK, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Arliss W7XU, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Mike WA6O, Vadym UT6UD, Walt N6XG and Rob N7QT. <https://sorkney.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 NEWCOMERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-057 Nosy Be** Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active as 5R8PX from August 3 until August 17. Operation on HF using SSB and digital. QSL via IK2DUW.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-038 Iles de la Madeleine** Jim WA4YIZ, Becky KA2BEC, Richard VE2DX and YXL will be active as VX2A11 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 22 Moon Landing. Operation from July 23 until July 30. QSL via VE2STN.

### **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](mailto:r7aa@mail.ru). The project is quite expensive due to flights in Upper North. <https://dxpedition.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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 9-13. 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**

**F, FRANCE TM50KBK** is the special call to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the radio club F6KBK. Operation between April 1 and April 15 on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F4GTB direct or bureau, LoTW.

**I, ITALY** The special call **IIOKT** commemorates the voyage of the raft Kon Tiki in 1947. QRV between April 1 and August 31. QSL via IOKQB.

**LY, LITHUANIA LY800SMG** celebrates the first datable reference to the region Samogitia from 800 years ago. QRV between March 29 and May 27. QSL via LY2NZ.

### **THE REMINDERS**

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

**DL, GERMANY** The German award hunters group DIG celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> 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 600<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the maiden flight of the Junkers F 13, the mother of all commercial aircrafts.

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

**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 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Union Schweizerischer Kurzwellen Amateure.

**HP, PANAMA** Victor, HP1AVS and others are active as **H31A** until August 15. This to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand. QSL via HS5NMF.

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

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 call signs 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 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the call **OG60IPA** throughout 2019. QSL via OH4MDY.

**PY, BRAZIL** Look for ZV1FF, operated by PY1AX and PS8RV until April 4. Operation from many sites at the National Park of Tijuca, also from the Christ Redeemer (part of the seven World Wonders). Activity from 160 to 10 meter with 3 stations. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**PY, BRAZIL** Special call **ZW85LABRE** is active until March 31 to celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 call sign, please send an e-mail to TA7AZC ([grz.com](mailto: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)

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