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## DX news

### Solar cycle 25 to be below average (prediction)

Scientists charged with predicting the Sun's activity for the next 11-year solar cycle say that it's likely to be weak, much like the current one. The current solar cycle, Cycle 24, is declining and predicted to reach solar minimum – the period when the Sun is least active – late in 2019 or 2020.

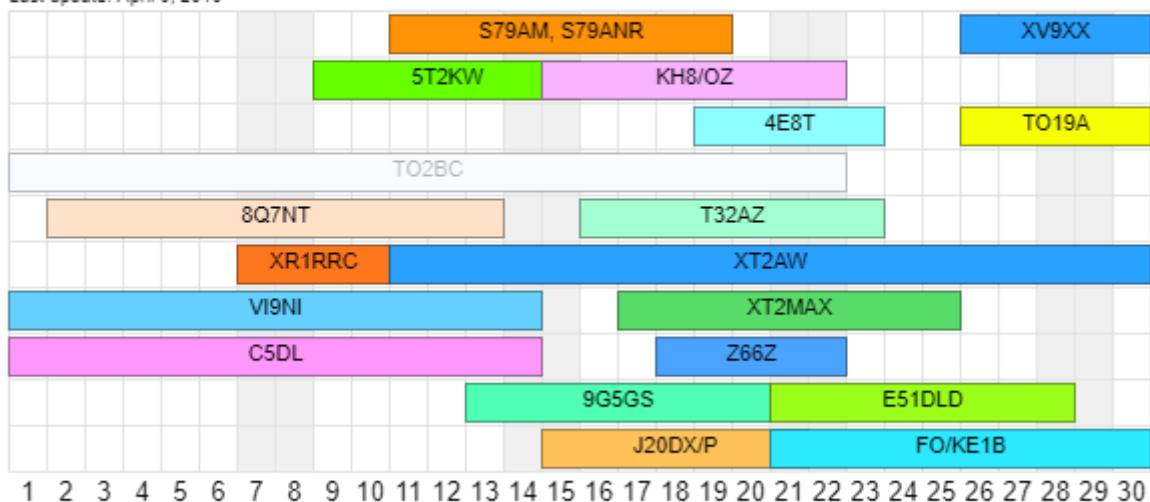
Solar Cycle 25 Prediction Panel experts said Solar Cycle 25 may have a slow start, but is anticipated to peak with solar maximum occurring between 2023 and 2026, and a sunspot range of 95 to 130. This is well below the average number of sunspots, which typically ranges from 140 to 220 sunspots per solar cycle. The panel has high confidence that the coming cycle should break the trend of weakening solar activity seen over the past four cycles.

<https://www.weather.gov/news/190504-sun-activity-in-solar-cycle>

## DXCC Timeline

### DX WORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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# **DXCC**

## **This week on HF**

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

**5T, MAURITANIA** Evert, PA2KW is active as 5T2KW from Nouadhibou until April 15. Operation on HF mostly on CW with some SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**5X, UGANDA** Anders, SM0PHL is once again operating as 5X7W from Kampala during his spare time. Operation on 20 meter using CW, FT8 and JT65 QRP. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

**6O, SOMALIA** Ali, EP3CQ will once again be active as 6O100 from April 15 until May 15. Operation during his spare time on 20 and 40 meter using FT8.

**6W, SENEGAL** Jacques, F6HMJ is QRV as 6W7/call until April 28. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB.

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

**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** Ben, DL1RNT is once again operating as 8Q7NT in 'holiday-style' from Embudu, South Male Atoll. Activity until April 13 from 40 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via homecall.

**9G, GHANA** Matt, IZ4GYS will again be QRV as 9G5GS from Sanzule starting April 13. Operation during his spare time from 160 to 20 meter using mainly FT8. QSL via home call, logsearch on Club Log.

**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 N4GMR.

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

**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/>

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Thomas, F4HPX is 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.

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

**J2, DJIBOUTI** Chris, EA3NT will be active as J20NT from mainland Djibouti on 13-14 April, while waiting for the rest of the J20DX team to arrive. In order to avoid clashing with the KH8 expedition FT8 frequencies, he will operate Fox & Hound mode on 3577, 7061, 10141, 14085, 18104 and 21090 kHz (usual frequencies for 12, 10 and 6m). J20DX is expected to be operational from Kadda Dabali Island (AF-059) by 16 April for up to three days. After that they will be active as J20DX/p from Moucha Island (AF-053 ) for about 24 hours. The team will have a SPOT Trace tracker which will be activated once they get underway - see <https://j20dx.com/> for the link.

**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.

**J7, DOMINICA** Laurent, FM5BH will be QRV as J79BH from Calibishie between April 13-16. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW. QSL via FM5BH, LoTW.

**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/>

**OH0, ALAND ISL** Mart, DL6UAA is active as OH0UA until April 19. QRV on HF using CW and digi. QSL via DL6UAA and LoTW.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** Pasi, OH3WS will be active as OJ0W on April 13-14. Operation during his spare time from 60 to 10 meter using CW with some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Leonid RA0AM and Evgenyi RA0ANR are active as S79AM and S79ANR until April 19. They plan to visit several islands all part of the AF-024 group. QRV 20-10 meter using CW, SSB and digi in 'holiday-style'. QSL via homecalls.

**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.

**T8, PALAU** Shunji JA7JEJ and Ichy JH7IPR are operating as T88IN and T88UW until April 16. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. Club Log and LoTW.

**TF, ICELAND** Xavier, EB3GCP will be operating as TF/call from April 14 until April 22. Operation mainly using FT8 during his local evenings. QSL via home call.

**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 is again active as V47JA until 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 are active as VI9NI 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.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISL** Rob, VK2FBB will once again be operating as call/VK9 from April 14 until April 27. QRV mainly on 40 meter around 7 UTC on a daily basis. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

**VP2E, ANGUILLA** Chris PA2CHR and Jos PA3FYC will be QRV as VP2EMB in April. This will be primarily an EME DXpedition on 144, 432 and 1296 Mhz with some HF activity. QSL via PA3FYC.

**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.

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Harald, DF2WO is once again active as XT2AW. Activity until April 26. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via M0OXO OQRS and LoTW.

**XZ, MYANMAR** Akio, JE2QIZ has been living in Naypyitaw, Myanmar for the past 2 years. 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.

**Z6, KOSOVO** Thomas OZ1AA and Alex 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.

**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

**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.

**OH0, ALAND ISL** Anne OH2YL and Marko OH2LGW will be operating as OG0YL and OH0/OH2LGW during April 19-23. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via homecalls.

# IOTA

## This week on HF

### 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 April 16-20. <https://j20dx.com/>

### EUROPE

**EU-048 Belle Ile en Mer** Jerry, F4HJO will be QRV as call/P between April 13 and April 21. Activity from 80 to 15 meter using SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call.

### OCEANIA

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

**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-183 Favorite Isl**

#### **OC-211 Houtman Abrolhos**

Andy VK5MAV and Vlad ER1OO 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/dxpediton/next-expedition>

## Coming up soon

### OCEANIA

**OC-174 Tawi Tawi Isl** Dindo DU1UD and Chris VK3FY will be operating as 4E8T between April 19 and April 23. Operation from 40 to 15 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

### EUROPE

**EU-011 Isles of Scilly** A team with G4EDG, G4ELZ and G4GSA will be QRV as GB5SM between April 20 and April 27. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital. Possible satellite also. QSL via LZ1JZ, log upload to LoTW and Club Log.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announced DX

#### THE NEWCOMERS

**5W, SAMOA** The Uruguay DX Group with Gus CX2AM, Bert CX3AN and Rainer CX8FB will be operating from Upolu (OC-097) between June 1 and June 10. Call to be announced. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL to be announced.

**9U, BURUNDI** Francesco, IV3TMM will be active as 9U3TMM between August 31 and September 17 from Bujumbura. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 60 to 6 meter using FT8, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** Members of the CAN-AM DXpedition Group will be operating from the island of Hiva Oa in the Marquesas Islands for 10-12 days between November 6-19. The Marquesas Islands rank #60 on Club Log DXCC "most wanted" list.

Operations will include all available bands 160m-10m and CW, SSB and FT8. Operators are: F6BCW, K4UEE, K5PI, W5MJ, W5SJ, W5RF, VA7DX and VE7KW. This includes operators from TX5T last year. QSLs will be available via Direct and LoTW. More to follow.

**GJ, JERSEY** MJ0ILB (OK1BIL), MJ0IKL (OK1DOL), MJ/OK1FIK, MJ/OK1FWM, MJ/OK1NP and MJ/OK3RM will be active from July 19 until July 28. Activity on HF and 6 and 2 meter using CW, SSB and digi. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as MJ0ICD. QSL via OK1DOL, direct or bureau.

## **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.

**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.

**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** 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>

**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** 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

**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.

**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.

**GD, ISLE OF MAN** Hiro JF1OSL, Toru JH0CJH and Shin JR1NHD will be QRV as MD0HWX, MD0ITP and MD0IUX from April 27 until May 1. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital. See QRZ.com.

**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.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH between April 28 and May 5. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

<http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmf/>

**OJO, 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.

**P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD will be active as P44W from May 22 until May 27. Focus on 160, 80, 30, 17 and 12 meter. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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/>

**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**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-204 Paramushir Isl** Vasily R7AL and Vlad RK8A will be operating as R26RRC between May 2 and May 10. More to follow.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-122 Rathlin Isl** John, G3WGV will be QRV s MN5A during the IOTA Contest (July 27-28). Operation in mixed mode. QSL via LoTW.

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-133 Labuan Isl** Saty, JE1JKL will be operating as 9M6NA from May 23 until May 28. Operation on HF and 6 meter with an entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **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.

**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-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.

**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 will be active as K7Y from Khantaak Island, in the Yakutat County Group of Alaska on 10-13 May. Plans are "to be on the island & set up by local sunset on Thursday, May 9 (early morning hours on 10 May UTC), and to "cease operations & break camp around local sunrise on Monday, May 13" (around 12-13 UTC). They will operate mainly CW on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter, with some SSB and possibly some FT8 as well. If conditions allow, they will have two stations QRV during most of their operation. Bruce, N9BX will be their pilot station. They will not be able to upload their logs to Club Log during the operation, as there is no Internet access from the island. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via K9AJ (direct or bureau).



## **OCEANIA**

**VANUATU IOTA DXpedition** Sergei RZ3FW and Sergei R4WAA will be active from Vanuatu as **YJ0RRC** during November 2019.

**OC-035 Efate Isl** November 14-20 YJ0FWA

**OC-104 Gaua Isl** November 4-11 YJ0RRC

**OC-111 Tongoa Isl** November 8-13 YJ0RRC

YJ0RRC from 40 to 18 meter using CW, SSB and digi with 2 stations.

YJ0FWA will also be on 160 and 80 meter.

Full planning: <https://r4waa9.wixsite.com/yj0rrc>

## **WWFF INFO**

**GJ, JERSEY** The weekend of May 11-12, YNOMY DX Group (PD7YY, PG8M, PH0NO) will be active from a number of WWFF nature reserves in GJ. We will be active with multiple stations on all bands from 80m and up (incl. 6m and 2m if there are propagations). For chasers there will be several expedition awards available - info on:

<http://www.ynomy.nl/2019/03/wwff-expedition-to-gj.html>

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**4X, ISRAEL** Look for **4Z64EURO**, **4X64S**, **4X64O**, **4X64N** and **4X64G** between April 18 and May 18. This to mark the 64<sup>th</sup> Eurovision Song Contest that this year will take place in Tel Aviv, Israel. QSL via LoTW, awards will be available for download at <https://www.iarc.org/livelog/> (see 4Z64EURO on qrz.com for the rules).

**G, ENGLAND** The RSGB National Radio Centre is active as **GB2DAY** until April 14. This is to celebrate a new exhibition at Bletchley Park entitled "D-Day: Interception, Intelligence, Invasion" which explores Bletchley Park's top secret impact on the planning and implementation of D-Day 75 years ago. <https://bletchleypark.org.uk/>

**G, ENGLAND GB0GKA** (operated by Tony, G3ZRJ) and **GB0GKB** (operated by Larry, G4HLN) will be representing Portishead Radio during this year's Maritime Radio Day. The event will run from 12 UTC on 14 April until 22 UTC on 15 April. Portishead Radio (callsign GKA), the world's largest and busiest radiotelephony station, provided worldwide maritime communications and long-range aeronautical communications from 1928 until 2000. The Maritime Radio Day is being held annually to remember the nearly 100 years of wireless service for seafarers (see <http://www.trafficlist.net/mrd/> for more information). (tnx 425dx)

**OZ, DENMARK** Special calls **5POWARD** and **5POWHD** will be active on April 18 to celebrate the 94<sup>th</sup> World Amateur Radio Day. An award will be available for working 5POWARD/xx and 5POWHD/xx stations with different suffix extensions. More on <https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward> QSLs via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** VERON Amersfoort (PI4AMF) will be active as **PA52KDA** until April 30 for King's Day 2019. Celebrated on 27 April, the date marks the birth of King Willem-Alexander. The special callsign's prefix represents the king's age, and the suffix stands for KoningsDag Amersfoort. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, and will be uploaded to LotW, Club Log. Direct cards should be sent to PA0RSM. (tnx 425dx)

### **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** Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society, Spanish hams are allowed to use special prefixes during April: EA stations can sign **AM + call area + 70 + suffix** (e.g. EA4ZZZ can use AM470ZZZ), EB stations can sign **AN + call area + 70 + suffix** (e.g. EB4ZZZ can use AN470ZZZ), EC stations can sign **AO + call area + 70 + suffix** (e.g. EC4ZZZ can use AO470ZZZ). <https://70aniversario.ure.es/>

**F, FRANCE** **TM94WARD** is the special call to mark the foundation of the International Amateur Radio Union. QRV from April 13 until April 21 for World Amateur Radio Day 2019. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

**F, FRANCE** **TM50KBK** is the special call to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the radio club F6KBK. Operation until April 15 on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F4GTB direct or bureau, 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). QSL via F4FRG.

**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.

**I, ITALY** The special call **I10KT** commemorates the voyage of the raft Kon Tiki in 1947. QRV until August 31. QSL via I0KQB.

**I, ITALY** **I10AGV** honours the Italian engineer Andrea Giuseppe Viterbo. Operation until April 30. QSL via I0KQB.

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

**I14SLR** (Luigi Solari) in April

**I14TSB** (Alessandro Tosi & Ettore Bellini) in May

**I14ART** (Alessandro Artom) in June

**I14MJR** (Quirino Majorana) in July

**I14BRD** (Cesare Bardeloni) in August

**I14GRM** (Gruppo Radiotecnico Milanese) in September

**I14MNU** (Ernesto Montu') in October

**I14VAL** (Giancarlo Vallauri) in November

**I14TIB** (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.

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

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

**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.

**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 callsign, please send an e-mail to TA7AZC ([qrz.com](mailto:qrz.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)

**VE, CANADA** The Yukon Canam Contest Club, VY1AAA, of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada has secured Canadian special prefixes **CZ**, **CJ**, **CY** and **CK** for use by all Canadian licensees until May 28. VE becomes CK, VA becomes CJ, VY becomes CZ, and VO becomes CY. The special prefixes are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Official Languages Act of Canada – Celebrating Canada's Official Languages. The club has secured the special call **CZ1Z** for the period between WPX SSB and WPX CW. QSL for CZ1Z will be via LoTW only for this event.

**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.