



## **DX bulletin 305**

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## **DX NEWS**

### **A feeling about FT8 by Col MMONDX**

Actually, I hated FT8 without ever trying it. Sounds crazy I know, but in my head I had already decided this mode was like having a QSO via Skype, or similar.

I saw friends using it and poured scorn over their use of this easy click-mouse mode which seemed to be making a mockery of those DXers who had worked years to gain various difficult DXCC awards etc. Friends tried to convince me to use FT8 – but I was adamant: no way was I using this “mode”.

Last week I was in Svalbard (QRV as JW/OJ0Y) and propagation was often quite “patchy”. For some periods the bands appeared dead and it also appeared I was wasting my time CQing in SSB (I do not run CW). I saw my buddy JW/EA3NT making lots of QSOs on the “hated” mode knowing full well the band was dead from where I was sitting with my SSB-tinted glasses on. Full story on <https://dx-world.net/my-journey-to-ft8/>

## **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.

**6O, SOMALIA** Ali, EP3CQ is once again active as 6O100 until end July. Focus on 6 meter FT8. QSL direct via home call.

**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** Matteo, 9G5GS is again active from Sanzule, Ellembelle District, Ghana until July 2. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using mostly FT8 Fox/Hound and SSB. LoTW now available, also QSL Direct via home call IZ4YGS.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV are active as FG/calls until June 25. QSL via homecalls.

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Mome, Z32ZM will be active as HB0/call on June 23-26. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**HR, HONDURAS** John, AD8J will be QRV in ‘holiday-style’ as HR9/call between June 22 until July 6. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

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

**JW, SVALBARD** Erling, LB2PG is QRV as JW/call until November. Activity from 80 to 20 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**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.

**T2, TUVALU** The next T2AR mini-DXpedition is expected to be on air from June 25 until July 4. QRV from 160 to 10 meter including 60m on CW, SSB, FT8, RTTY. This operation will be in collaboration with John KK7L, who will activate the T2R Club call from June 27 to July 6. QSL to respective calls.

**T8, PALAU** Nobuaki, JA0JHQ is once again active as T88PB from Koror until June 23. QSL via home call.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Haru, JA1XGI is active as V6K from Kosrae Island until June 24. QSL via home call. <http://v6k.client.jp/>

**V6, MICRONESIA** Shu, JA1FMN is active in 'holiday-style' as V63PSK from Weno Island. Activity until June 22, from 80 to 6 meter using FT8, FT4 and JT65. QSL via home call, direct, LoTW and Club Log.

**XW, LAOS** Bruce, 3W3B will once again be active as XW4XR between June 26 and July 7. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or via E21EIC.

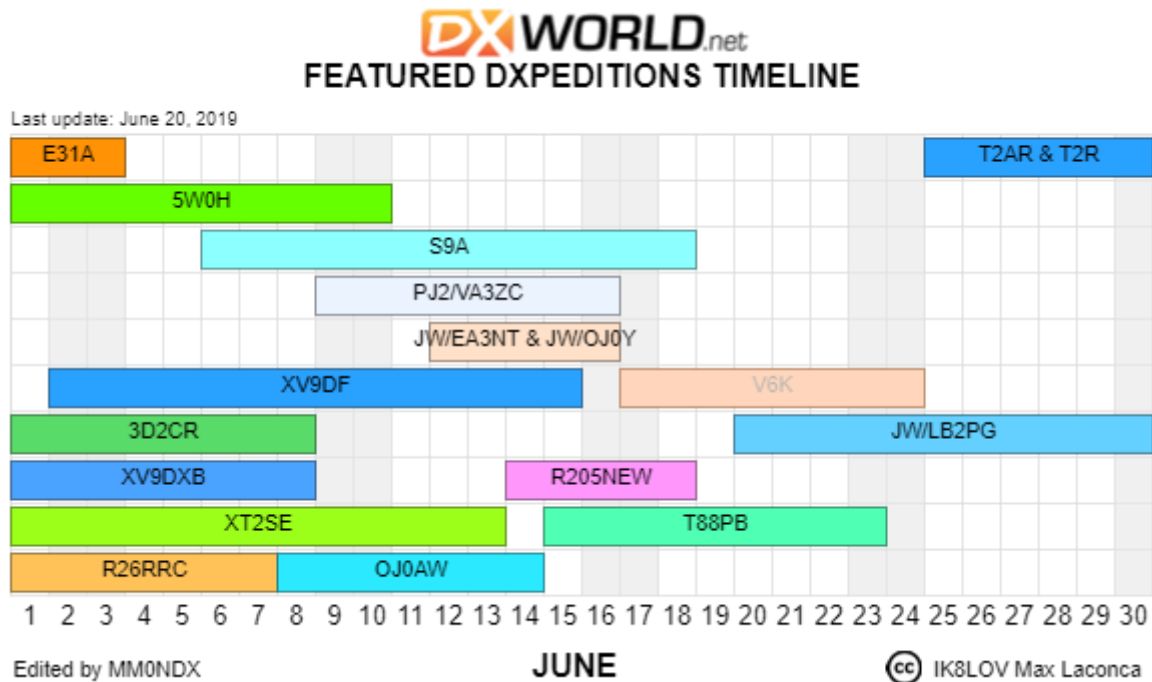
**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Kan, JJ2RCJ will be QRV as ZF2CJ from Grand Cayman on June 23-25. Operation from the ZF1A shack between 80 and 10 meter using FT8. QSL via JJ2RCJ, LoTW and OQRS.

## Coming up soon

**3A, MONACO** Mome, Z32ZM will be active as 3A/call on June 27-29. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**JW, SVALBARD** Peter, LA7QIA will once again be active as JW7QIA from June 29 until July 6. Activity on 6 meter. All QSO will be uploaded to LoTW.

## DXCC Timeline



# **IOTA**

## **This week on HF**

### **EUROPE**

**EU-017 Vulcano Isl** Giuseppe, IW1EGO will be active as ID9/call from June 20 until June 30. QSL via home call.

**EU-036 Hitra Isl** Jacques, CT2IXX is active as LA/call/P until July 12. Activity during his spare time using SSB only. QSL via home call.

**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/>

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-018 Nuuk Isl** Bo, OZ1DJJ is once again active as OX3LX until June 21. Operation during his spare time. QSL via OZ0J.

## **Coming up soon**

### **ASIA**

**AS-117 Tsuno Isl** JA4GXS/4 from June 29 07UTC until June 30 22UTC  
Kenji, JA4GXS will be active from these IOTA's on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

### **EUROPE**

**EU-192 Kataja Isl** For three days at the beginning of July, operators SM3DMP, SM3RAB and SM3WMU will activate one of the latest additions to the IOTA program. EU-192 is an island shared by Sweden and Finland. The island has been activated twice by two separate expeditions from the Finnish side of the border. Both activations were performed during the winter under Arctic conditions, both weather-wise and radio-wise. A great number of EU-stations were worked but not many contacts were made with NA, SA, AS and OC. The team, operating as SF2CW, will try to make up for that during this summer time expedition. <https://www.qrz.com/db/SF2CW>

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-144 Santa Rosa Isl** Oleh, KD7WPJ will be active from the rare grid CM93 on 6 meter. QRV on June 28-30 on the standard IOTA frequencies.

## **On the scene**

### **The S9A team from Sao Tome and Principe**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9G, GHANA** A large team with S50A, S50R, S51DS, S51TC, S51ZJ, S54W and S57UN will be operating as 9G5W from Kokrobite between November 16 and November 17. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest is included. QSL via S54W, LoTW, Club Log.

<https://ghana.si/>

**E4, PALESTINE** Janusz, SP9FIH will once again be QRV as E44WE starting on July 6. Plans are to operate SSB, FT8 and/or RTTY on 80, 30, 20 and 6 meter. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** Look for OJ00 (DS4EOI, JE6HIB, JH4RHF and W5XU) from August 17 until August 24. An entry in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend is included. QSL via OE1ZKC.

**Z6, KOSOVO** Mome, Z32ZM will be active as Z68MA during July. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/z32zm>

#### **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.

**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.

**5W, SAMOA** Heli DD0VR and Sabine DE3BWR will be QRV as 5W0VR between September 9 and September 16. Operation on HF. QSL via DD0VR.

**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.

**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>

**8Q, MALDIVES** Gil, IZ2DLV will be operating from Nika Island as 8Q7GB between August 6 and August 18. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 15 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Sugi, JI3KDH will be operating as 8Q7SU from North Male Atoll between July 31 and August 7. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via LoTW.

**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.

**9X, RWANDA** Harald, DF2WO will once again be QRV as 9X2AW from Kigali. Activity from November 4 until November 16.

**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, ST PAUL ISL** THE CY0 DXpedition team with 7 operators will be active from July 31 until August 7 as CY9C. It is rare on CW and a big effort will be made for this, furthermore all bands will be activated using all modes. QSL via WA4DAN direct, LoTW and Club Log. <http://cy9c.com/index.html>

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Harald, DF2WO will once again be operating as D44TWO from Praia Baixa. QRV in 'holiday-style' from September 29 until October 13. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M00XO.

**D6, COMOROS** The International MDXC team will be active as D68CCC from October 20 until November 1. A large team with Antonio, IZ8CCW as team leader will be on air with 5 stations using all modes. More to follow.

**EL, LIBERIA** During September/October the Italian DXpedition team will be active as A82C (CW and SSB) and as A82Z for digital modes. The team will be active with 11 operators and 5 stations using CW, SSB and digi. Real-Time logging.

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

**FH, MAYOTTE** Willi, DJ7RJ will once again be active as FH/call starting mid-October. Focus on 160 meter. 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/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.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Oliver, W6NV will be operating as FO/call from Tahiti between July 19-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter with vertical antennas. QSL via home call, 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.

**FS, SAINT MARTIN** Look for FS/K9NU, FS/W9ILY, FS/N9AOL, John FS/K9EL and Marco FS4WBS in December. Primary focus will be on the low bands using CW and FT8. QSL for all calls via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS, LoTW. FS4WBS goes to IZ1MHY. <http://k9el.com/SaintMartin2019/SXM2019.htm#Operating>

**GD, ISLE OF MAN** Members of the NBDX Team will be operating as MD/OP2D between September 21 and September 27. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0URX OQRS. <http://users.telenet.be/on4ann/MD/>

**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.

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** Bernhard, DL2GAC will once again be operating as H44MS from Malatai Isl between July 5 and September 25. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB only. QSL via home call.

**HC, ECUADOR** Joe, IZ1HGP will be operating as HC2/call from August 1 until September 1. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via LoTW.

**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.

**JW, SVALBARD** Freddy, ON6FDP will be QRV from JW/ON7SA during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28). QSL via home call.

**OH0, ALAND ISL** Bert DK3BK, Uwe DO5JD and Cornelia DK3CKM will be operating as OH0UDG from August 3 until August 17. Activity from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO.

**PYOT, TRINIDADE & MARTIM VAZ** ZZ0T will be the next DXpedition in 2019. Full details soon.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Lance, W7GJ will be active as S79GJ from September 18 until October 5 on a 6 meter EME DXpedition. This is the first time that this will be activated on 6m EME. For all details see: <http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gi/Seychelles%202019.html>

**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.

**T33, BANABA ISL** T33T by the Rebel DX Group, after their Conway Reed DXpedition they will be QRV from Banaba within the next month or so.

**T8, PALAU** Look for T88FM (JM1LIG), T88RR (JA6UBY) and T88MK (JO3LVG) between September 12 and September 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

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

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be operating as V47JA from his vacation home in Calypso Bay between July 20 and August 11. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

**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. QSL via LoTW and Club Log OQRS. <http://www.vk9cz2019.com>

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISL** Jacek SP5EAQ (SSB), Mek SP7VC (digital) and Marcin SP5ES (CW) will be active from Norfolk: SP5EAQ October 18 – November 4, SP7VC October 18-October 28, SP5ES October 28 - November 4. QSL via SP7VC, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**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 as VP8/VP8DXU, 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/>

**VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISL** Shabu, M0KRI and others will be operating as VU7RI from October 19 until November 3. Operation from 80 to 6 meter with a focus on the higher bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M0KRI, LoTW and Club Log.

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Harald, DF2WO will once again be QRV as XT2AW from December 2 until December 20. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi.

**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.

**YJ, VANUATU** Oleh, KD7WPJ will be operating from Efate Island as YJ0BCP from October 3 until October 10. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call for CW and SSB. FT8 via LoTW.

**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.

**Z2, ZIMBABWE** The Z2LA and 7P8LB team are planning a next trip early March 2020. Look for the team as 9J2LA. They will focus on CW and FT8 for the low bands and CW, SSB and FT8 for the higher bands. QSL via M0OXO. Website to follow.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as ZD7W during the CQWW CW contest (November 23-24). QSL via LoTW.

**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 ZK3A, 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. The team will also help ten (10) young locals in becoming Radio Amateurs and has arranged for a call sign (**ZK3RT**) to be granted to the Tokelau Club Station which will have equipment donated by our team. It has been decided amongst the ops there will be two operating camps and with concentration on the low bands. There will be an advanced installation crew that will be sent prior to the main body of operators arriving. Dusko ZL3WW, Adrian KO8SCA, and Rob NQ7T have volunteered to become the advanced installation crew. <https://tokelau2019.com/>

## **Announced IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-054 Mafia Isl** Elena RC5A and Yuri RM0F will be active as 5H3CA and 5H3RRC between September 29 and October 5. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via RC5A.

#### **ASIA**

**AS-040 Goto Isl** Yasu, JA6WJL will be active on July 26-29. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. An entry in the IOTA Contest is included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-033 Texel Isl** Jan, PA2JJB will be active as PA6TXL from July 18 until August 10, included is an entry in the IOTA Contest. QSL via home call.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

### **NA IOTA trip by Mike VE7ACN**

**NA-068 Miscou Isl** VE7ACN/VE9 August 11-18

**NA-077 Anticosti Isl** VE7ACN/VE2 August 21-31

**NA-125 Ile Grande Basque** August 3-9

**NA-176 Ile Quarry** VA7XW/VE2 July 25-August 1

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.ve7acn.com/>

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-133 Labuan Isl** Saty, JE1JKL will once again be active as 9M6NA from July 11 until July 16. An entry in the IARU HF Championship is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on 6 meter FT8. QSL via LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

## **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-066 Popov Isl** Vladimir, UA0LCZ will once again be QRV as R66IOTA from July 23 until July 30. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

### **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).

<https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/r63rrc/en>

## **EUROPE**

**EU-068 Sein Isl** Members of the F6KOP Radio Club will participate in the IOTA Contest as TM5S. QSL via F5MFV, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**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-119 Morzhovets Isl** RI1ON during July. QSL via RN1ON. More to follow.

**EU-122 Rathlin Isl** John, G3WVG will be QRV s MN5A during the IOTA Contest (July 27-28). Operation in mixed mode. QSL via LoTW.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-004 Endicott Isl** Rick, K6VVA will be operating as call/KL7 from July 15-18.

Activity on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW with some SSB.

<http://www.k6vva.com/iota/na-004/>



**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-112 Bald Head Isl** Brian, K4BRI will be active as call/P on July 30-31. This is a portable operation with activity mainly on 20 meter using CW and SSB but can depend on propagation. QSL via home call.

**NA-210 Sledge Isl** Members of the Russian Robinson Club will be active as KL7RRC/P from August 25 until September 3. Operation is planned from 40 to 6 meter with 3 stations using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO, Club Log.

**NA-211 Tillamook Rock** Permission has been obtained for a DXpedition around November-December. A team with Mike AD5A, Rob N7QT, Alexej NW7M and Yuri N3QQ will be operating from the Rock. There is a fundraiser on Facebook to help cover the transportation costs. More to follow.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/444710879405793/2710859262274736/>

## **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>

**OC-142 Heron Isl** Steve, VK2IAY/4 will be operating between December 2 and December 9. Operation mainly on 20 meter using SSB. QSL via G0UIH.

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-100 Pajaros Rocks** A team led by IT9YRE is working on a new plan to activate SA-100 as 3G1DX around October 18-19-20...Efforts are made for 2 stations mainly CW and SSB. More to follow.

## **WWFF INFO**

**F, FRANCE** FFF-0056, Reserve naturelle Marais d'Yves: Franck/F4DTO and Patrick/F4GFE will be celebrating their 10th anniversary of operating from the Reserve naturelle Marais d'Yves (FFF-0056) with the call TM17FFF. Planned dates are: July 5; August 19, 26, 30; September 13, 23; October 11, 14. QSL via bureau or via F4GFE (d/B). (tnx DXNL)

## **Lightships and Lighthouses**

**F, FRANCE** Berck-sur-Mer LH FR-0014 A team will be active as TM0BSM between August 15 and August 18 during the International Lightship and Lighthouse weekend. QSL via DL0AD, bureau or direct.

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza is commemorating Alessandro Artom as one of Italy's pioneers in the history of radio. Look for **II4ART** during June. QSL via IQ4FE.

## Special calls

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**CE, CHILE** The Grupo YL Zona norte will be QRV as **CB1SOL** and as **CB2SOL** between July 1 and July 7. This to mark the solar eclipse that will occur on July 2. Operations on all bands. QSL for both calls via CA2MEM.

**EA, SPAIN** The Asociacion de Radioaficionados de Padron (ASORAPA) will be QRV as **AO50MOON** during July. This to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first manned Moon landing. QSL via EA1RCI direct or bureau. TNX 425DX

**EA, SPAIN** URE San Fernando EA7URF will participate in the official celebrations for the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the Earth, started in 1519 under the lead of Ferdinand Magellan and completed in 1522 by Juan Sebastian Elcano. Ten special event stations will be active over the next three years, each of them representing a milestone of the voyage. The first one will be **AM500SEV**, which will be active on 10-18 August to memorialize the departure of the expedition from Sevilla (10 August 1519). QSL via EA7URF (bureau or direct), LoTW. TNX 425DX

**I, ITALY** Special event station **IB3ALP** will be active on June 14-16 for the Italian Army's Alpine troops reunion that will take place at Tolmezzo (Udine). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via bureau. TNX 425DX

**LZ, BULGARIA** Look for **LZ19CY**, operated by the Plovdiv ARC (LZ1KSP) between June 20 and June 30 to commemorate Angel Gugov, LZ1CY, who passed away on June 27, 2018.

### **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** 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.

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club of Bad Doberan celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **DM460DA** until end October. Founding fathers in 1959 were Heinz Dittman, DM3XA and Horst Koschay, DM4DA. QSL via DL9GFB, direct or bureau.

**EA, SPAIN** Look for **EG3PTP**, **EG3PTA**, **EG3PTT**, **EG3PTU** and **EG3PTM** until June 23, this to mark 'La Patum', the traditional festival celebrated in Berga. This has been inscribed on the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. QSL via EA3RCI.

**EI, IRELAND** The Galway Radio Experimenters Club is active as **EI100ABC** for the Alcock & Brown Centenary Festival to be held in Clifden, Co. Galway until June 16. The festival celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first non-stop transatlantic flight made in

June 1919 by British aviators John Alcock and Arthur Brown from St. John's, Newfoundland to Clifden, Ireland. QSL via EI2II.

**EW, BELARUS EU19RO** and other special calls are representing the sports (**EV19ARC, EV19ATH, EV19BAD, EV19BAS, EV19BOX, EV19BSO, EV19CYC, EV19FRS, EV19GYM, EV19JUD, EV19KAR, EV19ROW, EV19SAM, EV19SHO** and **EV19TEN**) and the venues (**EV0CA, EV0MA** and **EV0SD**) will be active for the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the European Games, to be held in Minsk, Belarus on June 21-30. QSL via operator's instructions. Organized by the European Olympic Committees, the European Games is a multi-sport event held every four years among athletes from all over Europe.

**F, FRANCE** Franck F4DTO and Patrick F4GFE are operating as **TM230RF** to mark the French revolution 230 years ago. Operation until June 21, between July 14-22, August 9, 12 and 23, September 6-20 and October 4, 8 and 25. An award will be available. QSL via F4DTO, direct or bureau.

**F, FRANCE** The Association Mosellane des RadioAmateurs is active as **TM57FF** between June 7 and June 22 and as **TM57FFC** from June 23 to July 9. The special call signs are for the FIFA Women's World Cup of football, whose 8<sup>th</sup> edition will be held in France. QSL via the bureau, or direct to F-11734. TNX 425DX

**F, FRANCE** The Radio Club de Granville will be QRV as **TM75GRV** from July 29 until August 3. This to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Granville. QSL via F5KAQ.

**F, FRANCE** Members of the Radio Club du Val d'Issole are operating as **TM500LDV** until July 20 to mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci. Activity on HF using CW, SSB, PSK and FT8. QSL via F4GPB.

**G, ENGLAND** The RSGB invites everyone to their Cricket World Cup Radio Marathon 2019 until July 14. 31 special event calls from Great Britain and other countries will participate on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. British special event calls will make use of the prefix **GB19** (GB19CWC, GB19OT etc).

**G, ENGLAND GB100GP** is a commemorative call sign allocated to Gilwell Park's permanent station (GB2GP) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the headquarters of the Scout Association in the UK. Next planned activations are for 12-14 and 25-28 July. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. TNX 425DX

**G, ENGLAND** Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society's London Group (GB2RN) will operate as **GB75DDAY** during June. QSL via the bureau, or direct to G0TOC. (tnx 425dx)

**HB9, 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** The Radio Amateur Society of Thailand is active as **HS10KING** on all bands and all modes until July 31. This to celebrate the coronation of King Rama X. All QSO's will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

**I, ITALY** Special call **II3GIRO** is active until end June, this to mark the Giro d'Italia 2019. QSL via IV3TMM, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**I, ITALY** The special call **II0KT** commemorates the voyage of the raft Kon Tiki in 1947. QRV until August 31. QSL via I0KQB.

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

**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/>

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

**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.

**OK, CZECH REP** Look for **OL75CLAY** until end July. This to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Operation Clay, executed during World War II in the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia by Czech paratroopers. QSL via OK2PXJ.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The first Dutch calls with a number in the suffix! Until June 29, PC2Y will be operating as **PC6A1A** and PC2L as **PC6J3E**. Operation on HF using CW and SSB.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Astronomical Union, three Dutch special event stations will be active as follows: Oudenbosch 15 June-7 July **PB100IAU** Leiden Astronomical Observatory 6-28 July **PC100IAU** Louwman Museum, The Hague. See [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) for more information and QSL routes.

**PY, BRAZIL** To celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grupo Curva do Rio de Radioamadores, **ZV15CDR** (June) and **ZZ15CDR** (July) are activated on HF. QSL via LoTW.

**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.

**SV, GREECE** Members of the Radio Amateur Union of North Aegean (SZ8LSV) are active again as **J48GEO** until June 30 to promote the UNESCO Global Geopark of Lesvos Island. They will operate SSB and digital modes on all bands. QSL via LoTW or direct to SZ8LSV. TNX 425DX.

**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](http://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)

**UR, UKRAINE** Look for **EN185UNIV** until end 2019 to celebrate the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. QSL via UT8UF.

**VE, CANADA** The Winnipeg ARC will be active as **VX4WARC** during June, this to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSL via bureau, direct and LoTW.

**VE, CANADA** Special call **XN1M** will be active between June 21 and July 21 from Newfoundland Island to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first manned mission to land on the Moon. QSL via VO1IDX and LoTW.

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