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## **Latest news**

## **VP8PJ South Orkney Islands -update**

"For all the 160m fans... Attention was given to the 160m antenna by the team yesterday. Additional radials were added and other adjustments performed."

## First log upload is OK:

"We are having spotty success getting an adequate signal from the satellite, even from the ship. We've been in contact with the service provider and we all agree that the problem is the terrain and the satellite's low angle in the sky."



## T30ET Tarawa Island -postponed until October 2020

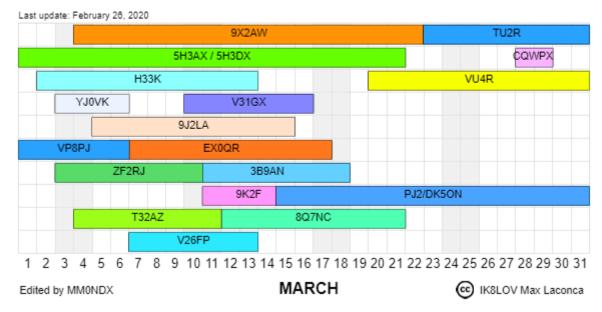
I am extremely sorry to inform you and all the donors that I have just received the following communication from the Ministry of Health of Kiribati: Mauri Alessandro; You will need to undergo the 14 days quarantine in Honiara and to obtain a medical clearance before travelling to Kiribati, Ko Rabwa.

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# **DXCC Timeline**

# FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE



# **DXCC**

# This week on HF

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is active until March 30 as 4S7KKG on HF using CW and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log, LoTW.

**5H, TANZANIA** Charles, NK8O is once again active from Zinga as 5H3DX together with Fred N8AX as 5H3AX. Operation until March 21. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW and digi. While CW will be the primary mode, they may be found from time to time on FT8 and/or JS8-call. PSK-31 operation is also on the agenda. Operations will be 'holiday style' since there will be other goals and responsibilities for the trip. QSL via NK8O.

**5Z, KENYA** Scott, WA5A is once again active from Ruaka as 5Z4/call until late March. Operation on 40, 20, 17 and 10 meter. QSL via home call.

**6W, SENEGAL** Willy, 6W7/ON4AVT is once again active from Warang until end March. Operation on 60, 40, 20 and 10 meter with a focus on FT8 and FT4. QSL via home call. **9J, ZAMBIA** Mario, IK1MYT is active from Lusaka as 9J2MYT until May. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via IZ3KVD, Club Log OQRS.

**9X, RWANDA** Harold, DF2WO will once again be operating as 9X2AW from Kigali between March 4 and March 22. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Andre, ON7YK is active from Bijilo until March as C5YK. Operation from 60 to 10 meter using FT8 with some SSB and CW. QSL via home call, LoTW. <a href="http://www.on7yk.eu/">http://www.on7yk.eu/</a>

**C6, THE BAHAMAS** Mike, DF8AN is operating as C6AAN. QRV until March. Operation on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via home call.

**CP, BOLIVIA** Rudi, DK7PE is active as CP6/call from Santa Cruz until March 6. Operation with a focus on the low bands using CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. **EA8, CANARY ISL** Erich, HB9FIH is operating as EA8/call from El Hierro until end March. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call bureau and LoTW. http://hb9fih.org/

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jean-Pierre, F6ITD is active as TO7D until mid-March as FG/call. Activity on HF using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

- **FG, GUADELOUPE** Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV are once again operating as FG/calls until March 8. Activity on HF with an entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest as TO3Z.
- **FR, REUNION ISLAND** Look for DL7DF and team as TO7DL between March 4 and March 16. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. 60 meter will also be activated.
- **FR, REUNION ISLAND** Roland, F8EN is operating as FR/call until March 19. Activity on HF using CW only. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau, logsearch on <a href="http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php">http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php</a>
- **H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS until April 20. QRV from his countryside QTH on Malaita Island. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
- **H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK will be QRV as H44NC and H44VK between March 1 and March 3. Operation on HF in 'holiday-style'. QSL via EA5GL.
- **HK, COLOMBIA** Lothar, DK8LRF is operating as HK3JCL until end April from Finca Ligia. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
- **HP, PANAMA** A team with HP1DAV, HP3AK, G4BVY, G4CLA and GD4XUM will be operating as H33K from March 2 until March 13. Activity field-day style from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT8 and SSB. An entry in the ARRL DX contest (March 7-8) is included. QSL via HP1DAV direct only, LoTW.
- HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until April 4. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau. HS, THAILAND Lory, HB9DUS is operating as HS0ZKE from Bangkok until end February. Operation on HF using FT8 and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. J6, ST LUCIA Bill K9HZ, Dan W0CN and Kyle WA4PGM are operating as J68HZ and J68CN on HF using CW and FT8. QRV until March 16. An entry in the ARRL SSB Contest is included as J68HZ. QSL for J68HZ via K9HZ direct or LoTW, J68CN via W0CN direct, LoTW.
- **J6, ST LUCIA** Steven, NY3B will be QRV as J68SS from March 4 until March 11. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.
- **JD1, OGASAWARA** Masa, JH1HHC is operating as JD1BPH from Chichijima. QRV until March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.
- **JD1, OGASAWARA** Take, JA1UII is operating as JD1BON from Chichijima. QRV until March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.
- **OA, PERU** A team from Radio Club Peruano will be active as OC1TU from the Tucume Archaeological Site on February 28-29. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via OA4O, direct or bureau, LoTW.
- **P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA** Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK will be operating as P29NC and P29VK between February 28 and March 1. Activity on HF using CW, FT8 and SSB in 'holiday-style'. QSL via EA5GL.
- **P4, ARUBA** Lee, K3DMG is operating as P4/call until end February. QRV from 160 to 121 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.
- **PJ4, BONAIRE** Look for PJ4/K5KG between March 2 and March 9 using mainly CW. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included as PJ4G. QSL for PJ4G via WA2NHA, homecall via LoTW.
- **PJ4, BONAIRE** Phil, N2HX will be QRV as PJ4/call between March 1 and March 15. An entry in the ARRL SSB DX contest is included (March 7-8). Outside the contest QRV using SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call.
- **PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Tom AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA between February 29 and March 28. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, FT8 and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or direct via home call.
- **T32, EAST KIRIBATI** Ken, KH6QJ will again be QRV as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge. Activity between March 4 and March 11 on 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.
- **TI, COSTA RICA** Mike W1USN and Robert AA1M are active as TI5/calls until March 4. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via homecalls, LoTW. They hope to run some FM satellites also.

**TN, CONGO** Konstantin, UA9FGR is active from Brazzaville as TN/call until end February. Operation from 40 to 17 meter with maybe 50Mhz also. QSL via home call. **TU, IVORY COAST** A team with Petr OK1BOA, Petr OK1FCJ and David OK6DJ are operating as TU5PCT until March 1. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OK6DJ, LoTW and OQRS. <a href="https://www.cdxp.cz/">https://www.cdxp.cz/</a>

**V3, BELIZE** Gerd DJ4KW and Gisela DK9GG are operating as V31YN and V31GW until end February. QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home calls, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON is once again active as V47JA until March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as VK9NK until April 12. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Look for K4QPL, K4BAI, N9NB and WU4V as VP5M from March 3 until March 12. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8) is included. Outside the contest activity as VP5/calls. QSL for VP5M goes to K4QPL.

VP8, SOUTH ORKNEY The Perseverance DX Group is operating from South Orkney Islands as VP8PJ, currently Club Log #16 most wanted. Activity until March 5. A team of experienced DX and Contest operators is QRV from Signy Island for up to 15 days. 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, Ken NG2H, Hans-Peter HB9BXE, Alan VK6CQ, Laci HA0NAR, Mike WA6O, Vadym UT6UD, Walt N6XG and Rob N7QT. <a href="https://sorkney.com/">https://sorkney.com/</a> Operation frequencies are:

CW 1826.5 3523 7010 10105 14023 18069 21023 24891 28023

SSB 3790 7090 - 14185 18130 21285 24955 28485

RTTY - 7045 10142 14080 18105 21080 24910 28080

FT8 1836 3567 7056 10131 14090 18095 21091 24911 28091

Special QSX instructions for Japan: 160m CW QSX down 2, 160m FT8 QSX 1908, 80m SSB QSX 3795-3805 kHz. VP8PJ will always operate FT8 Fox & Hound mode, except or 60m (5357 kHz, normal mode). Any station located in Africa or Oceania may call regardless of the region the expedition is currently calling for.

YJ, VANUATU Continuing their Pacific journey, look for Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK to be active from Vanuatu as YJONC during March 3-6. QRV on HF bands. QSL via EA5GL. YN, NICARAGUA John KB8RJ and Christina WD8KUR are active as YN5J and YN5CS from San Juan del Sur until March 18. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter. ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS Joel, NF3R will be QRV as ZF2RJ from March 3 until March 10. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8) is included. QSL via LoTW.

# Coming up soon

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND** David, F8AAN will be operating as 3B9/call or as 3B9AN between March 9 and March 18. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using CW. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**3W**, **VIETNAM** Sven, HB9DXB will once again be active as XV9DXB starting from March 10. QSL via EB7DX.

**8P, BARBADOS** Richard, G3RWL will be QRV as 8P6DR from March 8 until April 9. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW with some RTTY. QSL via home call direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Noel, F6BGC will be operating as 8Q7NC from Veligandu Island between March 12 and March 21. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF using CW, SSB and data. <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/8Q7NC">https://www.qrz.com/db/8Q7NC</a>

**9J, ZAMBIA** The Z2LA and 7P8LB team are planning a next trip from March 5 until March 15. 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. <a href="http://9j2la.com/">http://9j2la.com/</a>

**EX, KYRGYZSTAN** Yuri R2DY, Pavel R2DX and Eugeni RW3FB will be operating as EX0QR between March 6 and March 17. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via R2DX, Club Log OQRS.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** AI, F5VHJ will be QRV as TO5A during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8). QSL via LoTW, OQRS.

**GJ, JERSEY** Hans DK8RE, Wolf DL1CC and Wies SP1EG will be active as MH0ESP from March 7 until March 16. QSL via SP1EG.

**PYOF, FERNANDO DE NORONHA** Stephano will be active as PYOF during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8). QSL via PY7RP.

**V2, ANTIGUA** Flavio, IW2NEF will be operating as V26FP between March 6-13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. OSL via IK2DUW, LoTW.

**YI, IRAQ** Giorgio IU5HWS informs DX-World that he will be in Iraq for 4-5 months starting in March 2020. He's going there with the Italian Army Airborne Brigade. QRV on 40-20-10m. Giorgio will update his YI/IU5HWS page on QRZ.com with more details later.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Look for K6AM, K6JO and N6WIN as ZF1A during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8). QSL via K6AM.

# **IOTA**

# This week on HF

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Once again, Alex VE1RUS and Pierre VE3TKB are active as VY0ERC until March 28. Operation on 40 and 20 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY, 80 meter might be possible. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS and LoTW.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Look for Dennis W1UE as HR9/call until February 28. QSL via KQ1F.

**NA-069 Gasparilla Isl** Look for W1JXN/4 in 'holiday-style' until March 4. Activity on 40, 30 and 20 meter using mainly CW.

**NA-134 Aasiaat Isl** Bo, OZ1DJJ is active again during his spare time as OX3LX until mid-March He might also take a side trip to Disko Island (NA-134) for 1-2 days. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW, or via home call.

#### **OCEANIA**

OC-145 Widi Isl OC-145 Mavu Isl

A team with YB8RW, YE8XBN, YE8XW and YF8XAT is operating as 7I8X until February 29. Operation on HF. QSL via Club Log OQRS or direct via YB8RW.

# Coming up soon

#### **ASIA**

**AS-068 Rastorguyeva Isl** A team with Igor UA9KDF as team leader will be active as RI0B sometime mid-March. Dates depend on the weather.

**AS-118 Failaka Isl** The Kuwait ARS led by 9K2HQ will be operating as 9K2F between March 11 and March 15. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via 9K2RA and LoTW.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Announced DX**

## **THE NEWCOMERS**

**5X, UGANDA** Shabu, M0KRI (ex VU7RI, 9U4RI) will be QRV as 5X1RI from end-July to mid-August. More to follow.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Andy, DK5ON will once again be operating as PJ2/call between March 15 and March 31. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT4/8. An entry in the Russian DX and CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via Club Log OQRS, home call and LoTW.

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX later this year. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

**YC, VANUATU** Chris, VK2YUS will once again be QRV as YJ0CA from Efate (OC-035) from March 22 until April 1. QSL via home call.

**ZA, ALBANIA** Franz, OE6TQG will be operating as ZA/call from September 6 until September 17. Operation on all bands using all modes. QSL via home call.

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK from March 26 until April 1. An entry in the CQ WPX contest is included. QSL via home call.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Colin, G4CWH will once again be active as ZF2CA during the BERU contest (March 14-15). Outside the contest operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct.

## THE REMINDERS

**3B8, MAURITIUS** A team with G0CKV and others will be active as 3B8M during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 28-29). Activity before and after the contest on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO.

**3D2, FIJI** Will, AA4NC will be active as 3D2AA during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8). QSL via EA5GL.

**3Y, BOUVET** The Rebels will try to activate Bouvet somewhere December 2020. More to follow.

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** The Lagunaria DX Group is planning a large scale DXpedition to Timor-Leste (4W) in October / November 2020. We currently have one team member in Timor-Leste negotiating with different ministries, companies and accommodation facilities. Right now we have positive feedback from all. We even already have a confirmed reservation for two close by lodges to have enough space to host up to 10 stations. 18 operators will be ready to hand out this entity to the world. Serious participation in both CQWW contests included! <a href="http://timor-leste-dx.de/">http://timor-leste-dx.de/</a>

**7Q, MALAWI** Pista, HA5AO will be operating as 7Q7AO during the second half of September/begin October. Dates TBA. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY, FT8 and some SSB. <a href="https://www.ha5ao.com/index.php/news">https://www.ha5ao.com/index.php/news</a>

**8Q, MALDIVES** Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active as 8Q7KB between May 4 and May 12. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

**A2, BOTSWANA** David, VE7VR will be QRV as A25VR in 'holiday-style' between May 1 and May 22. Activity from 40 to 20 meter using low power. QSL via home call. **CEOY, EASTER ISLAND** Mike, VE7ACN will be operating as CE0Y/call from March 19 until March 30. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

CYO, SABLE ISL Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized from October 19 until October 28. The team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU.

http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html

**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Ismo OH2IS will be active as FJ/call between April 1-7. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

- **FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Thierry F6CUK and Gerard F6EHJ will be active as FJ/call from April 5 until May 15. Operation on all bands using CW and SSB. A trip to NA-199 is also included.
- **FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Col, MM0NDX will once again be active as FJ/call or FJ/OJ0Y or both during early May. More to follow.
- **FM, MARTINIQUE** Miguel, EA1BP will be QRV as TO7BP (CW WPX SSB contest) and as FM/call (before and after the contest) around March 28. Operation on HF. QSL for both calls via home call, bureau.
- **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** A Canadian and American group of operators will be operating as TO5T between August 10 and August 17. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via WB2REM, OQRS Club Log and LoTW. <a href="http://to5t.com/">http://to5t.com/</a>
- **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 30 and July 14. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.
- **HH, HAITI** Paul G4PVM, Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG will be active as 4V5H between May 9 and May 15. Operation from 80 to 15 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. A side trip to NA-149 is also planned. More to follow.
- **J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active as J88PI from April 6 until April 14. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. **J8, GRENADINES** Oleh, UR5BCP will be operating as J8/call from May 20 until May 27. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8. QSL via KD7WPJ.
- **JW, SVALBARD** Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS will be active as JW/calls from April 10 until April 13. QRV on HF using SSB and FT8. This operation ties with their North Pole expedition. <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/DC8TM">https://www.qrz.com/db/DC8TM</a>
- **KH4, MIDWAY ISL** Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway in October 2020 for about 2 weeks. Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.
- **KH8, SWAINS ISLAND** A large team will be operating as W8S between September 23 and October 6. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY with 4 stations from 2 different sites. <a href="https://swains2020.lldxt.eu/">https://swains2020.lldxt.eu/</a>
- **OY, FAROE ISLANDS** Torsten DL4APJ and Udo DL2AQI will be operating as OY/calls from September 15 until September 23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls, bureau and LoTW.
- P4, ARUBA Bill N4IQ and Bob ND7J will be operating as P4/call between July 15-22. An entry in the IARU contest as P40US is included (July 11-12). <a href="http://p4aruba.com/">http://p4aruba.com/</a>
  PJ4, BONAIRE Rich, M5RIC will be operating as PJ4/call from September 22 until September 29. An entry in the CQWW RTTY is included as PJ4CC. QSL via M00XO. T2, TUVALU The Rebels will be QRV as T22T (pending) somewhere during spring. More to follow.
- **T30, WEST KIRIBATI** Look for Alex 5B4ALX as T30ET during October from Tarawa. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Alex will operate FT8 using a multi answer protocol (not to be confused with the Fox & Hound mode), with a focus on 20m during his day and 40m during his night (7-17 UTC). QSL via Club Log OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via IZ4AMS. http://www.5b4alx.cloud/
- **T33, BANABA** The Rebels will be operating as T33T the first half of 2020. More to follow.
- **T8, PALAU** Look for JM1LIG/T88FM, JA6UBY/T88RR and JO3LVG/T88MK between September 12 and September 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.
- **TF, ICELAND** Mek SP7VC and Kasia SQ7OYL will be travelling by camper around Iceland from July 24 until August 13. They are happy to announce that Iceland is their 100<sup>th</sup> travelled to DXCC! Their trip passes through many locators and are planning activity on

50, 70, 144 MHz via MS, ES, EME. They will use modes: SSB, FT8, MSK144, JT65A. They are also planning to activate about 7 Lighthouses and 7 rare TF-Flora and Fauna nature reserves on the HF bands. <a href="https://iceland2k20.blogspot.com/">https://iceland2k20.blogspot.com/</a>

**TT, CHAD** The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) during mid-2020 from Ndjamena. More to follow.

**TU, IVORY COAST** TU2R will be active from March 23 until April 3 with an entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via ON1DX direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS Club Log. https://tu2r.wordpress.com/

V3, BELIZE Iain, G4SGX will once again be QRV as V31GX during the 2020 BERU contest (March 14-15). Operation mostly on top band after the contest. QSL via LoTW. VP2M, MONTSERRAT Charlie, K1XX will again be operating as VP2MMF during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8), operation before and after the contest. QSL via KU9C. LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from the north shore of Anegada during June 17-24. Activity on 6 meter. QSL via home call. **VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS** John AF3K and Ross W2TT will be operating from Providenciales Island between March 26 and April 2 as VP5/calls. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included as VP5P. QSL via N2OO.

**VU4, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISL** Team VU4R will be operating from Neil Island during the CQWW WPX SSB contest (March 28-29). Before and after the contest (March 20-31) the focus will be on 160, 80 and 40 meter. QSL via MOOXO OQRS, LoTW. <a href="http://vu4r.vu3rsb.org/">http://vu4r.vu3rsb.org/</a>

**Z6, KOSOVO** A German team will be operating as Z66DX between October 9 and October 28. Dates may slightly change. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**Z6, KOSOVO** The Amateur Radio Society of Kosovo, SHRAK, is proud to announce a youth activity in the CQ WPX contest (March 28-29). The youth of Kosovo and Turkey will join to work together and ultimately activate two station as Z66Y. The operators are Ahmet Bucko, Z63CAB, Donjeta Berisha, Z63DBB, Dardan Bojniku, Z63DBM, Furkan Ozen, TA7AOF and Golkem Cagri Zivali, TA7AZC; all about 20-years of age. The team is supported in Pristina by Fehmi, Z62FB and Tevfik, TA1HZ. QSL via Z62FB, LoTW. **ZA, ALBANIA** Joe, HG2DX will be operating as ZA/call from Orikum between June 21 an July 3. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW. **ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Pete, K8PGJ will once again be QRV as ZF2PG between March 25 and March 30. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, LoTW. **ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Frank, KK5XX will be operating as ZF2FD from Grand Cayman from June 10 until June 17. Activity on 80, 40 and 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

# **Announced IOTA**

## **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-023 Amami O Isl** Kenji, JA4GXS will be operating as call/6 from May 9 (8 UTC) until May 11 (21 UTC). QRV on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-159 Cordouan Isl** Thierry, F6CUK will be active as TM8C on March 13-15 from the lighthouse. Operation from 40 to 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

## THE REMINDERS

## **ASIA**

**AS-206 Sado Isl** Take, JA8COE will be operating as JA8COE/0 during March 19-22. Operation on HF using CW, FT8 and SSB. Focus on EU and low power NA. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

AS-207 Kosa Dvukh Pilotov Isl A Russian Robinson team led by Victor UA3AKO will be active as R207RRC between April 3 and April 10. QRV with 2 stations from 40 to 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via UA3AKO direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS. http://r207rrc.ru/en/

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-105** Ile de Batz Christophe F4ELI, Andre F4ELK, Stephane F5UOW, Derek F5VCR, Didier F6DXE and Jean-Pierre ON7ZM will be operating as TM5IB between May 16 and May 23. QRV on HF using SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via ON7ZM.

**EU-111 Monach Isles** G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 25-26). QRV outwith contest as GM3RCV.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

NA-039 Adak Isl Yuri, N3QQ will be active as KL7RRC from Adak and perhaps another rare IOTA between June 6 and June 20, 2020. QSL via N7RO. <a href="https://www.na-234.com/">https://www.na-234.com/</a>

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-092 Calayan Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DU2/call during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of April 2020. Operation on HF using SSB, FT8/4.

**OC-139 Kangaroo Isl** Kangaroo Island, the largest island in the OC-139 group, will be activated by a small group of amateurs from Adelaide between July 22-28 from Emu Bay on the north coast of the island. This coincides with the IOTA Contest in 2020. The plans at this stage include operating on all bands from 160-10m, including as a Multi-2 station during the contest. Outside of the contest expect to see VK5KI on all HF bands and modes. https://vk5gr-jota.net/2020-vk5ki-oc-139/2400/

#### **SOUTH AMERICA**

SA-032 Wellington Isl

## SA-091 Riesco Isl

Vasily R7AL, Vlad RK8A, Leo RW9JZ, Igor UA3EDQ and Slav OK8AU will be active as XR8RRC from Villa Puerto Eden on March 12-16. QRV on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H). Depending on local conditions also as XR8RRC/p from Riesco Island for up to 48 hours between March 19-21. QSL via Club Log OQRS (preferred) QSL direct request to EU7A (maildrop: Andrey N. Teterukov, P.O. Box 13, 212030 Mogilev-30, Belarus). https://rv6ali.wixsite.com/patagonia2020

# Special calls

# <u>THE NEWCOMERS</u>

**BV, TAIWAN** Look for **BV120SU** to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Soochow University. Operation on HF <u>until August 4</u>. QSL via BU2EQ. (TNX DXNL) **OZ, DENMARK** To mark the liberation of Denmark, **OZ75MAY** will be QRV <u>from May 1</u> <u>until May 10</u>. An award will be available on <a href="https://oz75may.oz0j.dk/">https://oz75may.oz0j.dk/</a> QSL via OZ1ACB, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**UA, RUSSIA** Special call **UE45SA** will be active on July 11-19 to commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. Conducted in July 1975, it was the first joint US-Soviet space flight. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via RV3YR. (TNX 425DX)

**V8, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM V84HSK** celebrates the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence. Operation <u>until March 2</u> on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via V85TL direct. (TNX DXNL)

## THE REMINDERS

- **5B, CYPRUS** Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) <u>during 2020</u> as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see qrz.com.
- **9K, KUWAIT** Look for **9K59NLD** <u>during February</u> to mark Kuwait's 59<sup>th</sup> National Day and Liberation Day (Feb 25-26). QSL via 9K2RA.
- **CO, CUBA** Operators of the Ham Radio Club Manual Alvarez are celebrating the centenary of the first radio station founded in 1920 by Manuel Alvarez. Operation as **T46W** on February 28, 29 and March 1; April 24, 25 and 26; June 26, 27 and 28; August 21, 22 and 23. QSL via LoTW.
- **DL, GERMANY DL250BEETH** (special DOK 250LVB) joins the celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday <u>until the end of the year</u>. QSL via DJ6SI direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)
- **DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV <u>until the end of January 2021</u>. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)
- **DL, GERMANY** The special event callsign **DL35SDR** (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention <u>during 2020</u> to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)
- **DL, GERMANY DAODOM** (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. <u>QRV during 2020</u> from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL) **DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DQ100SL** (special DOK 100SL) draws attention to the Treaty of Versailles, which instituted the Saargebiet or Saarland as a geographical and political entity. QRV <u>until end March</u>. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL) **DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air <u>during 2020</u>. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log. <a href="http://www.70darc.club/">http://www.70darc.club/</a> (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** <u>during 2020</u> to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Special call **DL100BKW** is active <u>throughout 2020</u> to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)
- **F, FRANCE** The radio club at the Percee du Bocage Museum (F4KKE) will operate CW, SSB and FT8 as **TM80CDG** on 6-20 June to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Appeal of 18 June" made by Charles de Gaulle from the BBC in London. QSL via F4KKE (bureau) and LoTW. Often regarded as the origin of the French Resistance against the occupation during World War II, the appeal is one of the most remarkable pieces in the history of radio broadcasting, and as such it has been inscribed to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. (TNX 425DX)
- **G, ENGLAND** Celebrating the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, special call **GB60ATG** is used from the various DXCC Entities in the United Kingdom until end June 2020. QSL via M0OXO. Complete information on the event and the BARTG Diamond Jubilee Award can be found on <a href="http://bartg.org.uk/wp/">http://bartg.org.uk/wp/</a> (TNX 425DX) **HB9, SWITZERLAND HB40HTC** and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award will be in place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special callsigns and

also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports". https://hb-ocwa.ch/

**I, ITALY IO3RT** and **IO3AF** are 2 special calls for ARI Thiene to commemorate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Arturo Ferrarin's epic flight from Rome to Tokyo. Look for activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes <u>until end May</u>. QSL via IQ3BM. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Members of the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club is active as **4U25B** <u>until end</u>
<u>August</u>. It draws attention to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi. QSL via 9A2AA direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls <u>during 2020</u> to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

February: II4MLB First radio broadcast of a musical performance: Dame Nellie

Melba's song recital (1920)

March: II4MCY Foundation of the first "Marconi Company" (1897)
April: II4FTX First transatlantic radio signals transmission (1901)

May: II4TEA First radio message between the United States and the United

Kingdom (1903)

<u>June</u>: **II4REP** Rescue of the ocean liner "Republic" (1909)

July: II4NBL Marconi is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1909)
August: II4CLT Inauguration of the radio station at Coltano (1911)

<u>September</u>: **II4PTN** Marconi applies for his first patent (1896)

October: II4LGH Marconi switches on the lights at Sydney Town Hall from Genoa

via wireless transmission (1930)

November: **II4RVT** Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)
December: **II4MDY** Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See <a href="http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/">http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/</a> for the award and more info.

JA, JAPAN Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL) LX, LUXEMBOURG LX20I is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be used for most contests in 2020, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. <a href="http://lx7i.com/lx20i/">http://lx7i.com/lx20i/</a>

**OE, AUSTRIA 4UNR** is the special call for the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A) to celebrate World Radio Day <u>until February 29</u>. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via UA3DX, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as **OE1970WWL**. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX) **OK, CZECH REPUBLIC** OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active throughout 2020 with the special event callsign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

**OX, GREENLAND** All people in the Danish Kingdom are going to celebrate the 80th birthday of H.M. The Queen on April 16, 2020 and so will the Danish amateur radio association EDR. In collaboration with the Greenlandic radio amateurs, we are organizing an event where many stations in the two entities will be active on all bands using the special callsigns **OX8ØHM** and **OZ8ØHM**. You will be able to obtain a special royal award on this day by contacting the different stations. Award rules will appear soon. The event will be throughout the day on April 16.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA75LIMBURG** commemorates the liberation of the province Limburg 75 years ago. QRV <u>until March 2020</u>. QSL via Club Log OQRS, PC8DB direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX).

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Special station PA75VERON is active <u>during 2020</u> to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

PY, BRAZIL Celebrating the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liga de Amadores Brasilei- ros de Radio Emissao (LABRE, Brazil's national IARU society), special call **ZW86LABRE** is active <u>until end March</u>. QSL via PY2KP. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND Special calls **3Z90PZK**, HF90PZK, SN90PZK and SP90PZK are QRV <u>during 2020</u> to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also HF90TPAR, HF90TPBB, HF90TPBF, HF90TPBG, HF90TPCF and HF90TPCG, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur

callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX) **UA, RUSSIA** The Russian Robinson Club is active as **R200ANT** until end March to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of Antarctica. QSL via RZ3EC. The first confirmed sighting of mainland Antarctica (27 January 1820) is attributed to the Russian expedition led by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen and Mikhail Lazarev, who discovered an ice shelf at Princess Martha Coast that later became known as the Fimbul Ice Shelf.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Hari, JA1XGI will be active as **V6TOPG2020** to commemorate the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020 held <u>during July-September</u>. QRV from the following States:-

- Ponphei June
- Chuuk July
- Yap August
- Kosrae September

VK, AUSTRALIA On March 14-15 the Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club (SADARC) with the kind permission of BAI Communications (Broadcast Australia) will connect amateur transceivers to the curtain array and rhombic antennas at the Broadcast Australia site in Shepparton which is located in North Central Victoria Australia. This site was previously a Radio Australia location which was the Shortwave Service from Australia. The Radio Australia transmissions from this site ceased in 2017. A unique call sign has been issued for the event which is Victor India 3 Radio Australia – VI3RA. All contacts made during the 2 day event will be issued with a specifically designed QSL card. The event commences on Saturday 14 March 2020, 12:00:00AM AEDT(UTC+1100) and will end at Monday 16 March 2020, 12:00AM AEDT(UTC+1100).

**XE, MEXICO** The DXXE group celebrates their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary <u>during 2020</u> with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**YU, SERBIA** Look for **YT50SCWC** by the Serbian CW Club to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Operation <u>during 2020</u>. QSL via YU1MM, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OORS.

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** Look for **ZS95SARL** <u>during 2020</u>. This to celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.