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# DX INFORMATION

**3B8** - David, OK6DJ will be active as 3B8/OK6DJ from Mauritius Island (AF-049) on 20-27 February. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.



**5H** - Sysa, OM4AYL will be active as 5H4AYL from Pemba Island (AF-063), Tanzania on 18-28 February. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via OM4AYL; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]



**5H** - Nobby, G0VJG will be active holiday style as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar Island (AF-032), Tanzania on 7-20 March. He will operate mainly SSB with some CW and FT8, and will try to be QRV for the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (9-10 March). QSL via M00XO's OQRS; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club

Log.



**5R** - Eric, F6ICX is active again as 5R8IC from Sainte-Marie Island (AF-090) until 31 March. He operates mainly CW on 40-10 metres and on the QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW, or via home call.

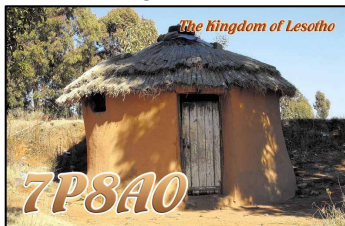
**5R** - Borut, S53BV will be active holiday style as 5R8BV from Nosy Be (AF-057), Madagascar from 17 February to 3 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call.

**5X** - Alan, G3XAQ and Don, G3XTT will be active as 5X1XA from Uganda on 12-20 February. They will operate CW only, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (17-18 February). QSL via LoTW, or direct to G3SWH (OQRS on <https://www.g3swh.org.uk/multiple-request.php>). QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and G3SWH's web site after the activity. [TNX G3SWH]

**5X** - DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK and DL7BO have been active as 5X7O from Uganda since 7 February, and will remain there until 19 February. They operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DL4WK.

**5X** - Dick, W6TK will be active as 5X2G on 12-29 February while visiting family in Uganda. He will operate CW and FT8/FT4, and hopes to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest on a part time basis. QSL via LoTW.

**5Z** - 5Z4FOC is a special callsign to mark the occasion of the first FOC (First Class CW Operators' Club) East Africa Dinner during the month of February. QSL via LoTW.



**7P** - Pista, HA5AO has been back to Lesotho since 5 February, and will remain there until 19 February. In his spare he operates CW, FT8 and SSB on 40-10 metres as 7P8AO. QSL via LoTW, or via his

OQRS (<https://www.ha5ao.com/index.php>). [TNX DX World]

**9K** - 9K9NLD is the special callsign for members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society to celebrate both Kuwait National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February). QSL via EC6DX. Also joining the celebrations are expected to be the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as HZ1KWT on 19-25 February; the Emirates Amateur Radio Society as A60KWT (QSL via EA7FTR) on 19-27 February; the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society as A91KWT (QSL via EC6DX) on 20-26 February.

**9Y** - 9Y24C is the special callsign to be used on various bands and modes on 10-13 February for the National Carnival Celebration in Trinidad and Tobago. QSL via LoTW only.

**A2** - John, VK2NEN has lived in Botswana since 2011, and has no plans to leave the country in the near future. He has recently been licenced as A2NEW, and for the time being he is QRV typically between 16 and 19 UTC using a vertical whip mounted on his car. QSL via EA7FTR.

**A3** - Bob, W7YAQ (A31DK) and Al, K7AR will be active as A31DL from Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu (OC-049), Tonga on 15-27 February. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to K7AR.

**BY** - Look for B5/BH4FSK to be active from Daishan Island (AS-137) on 13-15 February. He will run 5-10 watts on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 metres.

**CE0Z** - The DXpedition to Robinson Island (SA-005), Juan Fernandez is set for 10-24 February. Three callsigns will be used:

- CB0ZA operated by the on-island team
- CB0ZW operated by the on-island team, also during the ARRL DX CW Contest
- CB0ZEW operated remotely



The DXpedition will enable Club Log's Live Stream. As for FT8, the CB0ZEW remote station will be running WSJT-X F/H mode; the on-island stations will be running MSHV multi-stream. Plans call for 6m EME using Q65A; if the terrestrial propagation opens, the station will QSY to 50300 or 50313 kHz and use FT8. See <https://cb0za.com/> for the band plan, more information and updates, which will also be posted to Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/100093132288335>). QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via N200; full upload to LoTW after six months.

**CN** - Yannick, F6FYD will be active as CN2YD from Marrakech, Morocco on 10-23 March. He plans to operate as CN2YD/p from IOTA group AF-065 sometime during his stay. QSL via F6FYD. [TNX F6AJA]

**CO** - Team T42T will be active from 29 February to 4 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. Participating in this joint Cuba-USA operation will be CM2TV, CO2II, CO2KL, CO2OY, CO2XN, HI8RD, K5TFL, VO1IDX, W2WCM, W4VKU, W9MK and WB2REM. They will be active on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to WB2REM.

**CO** - Team T44DX (namely CO1CB, CO1ND, CO2LKY, CO2ROD, CO5MK, CM1YC, CM2ARY, CM3EFM and CL1MAC) will be active from Isla de la Juventud (NA-056) on 21-25 March. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 (F/H) and FT4 on 160-10 metres, as well as via satellite. QSL direct to



QSL direct to

RW6HS; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW.

**DL** - DP9GLHN is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau.

**EA** - In celebration of World Radio Day (13 February) and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Spain, special callsign A-O100RADIO will be active on 1-29 February. This activity is taking place as part of the



celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society. QSL via EA4URE (bureau preferred).

**EA** - Special callsigns AO1WRD, AO2WRD, AO3WRD, AO4WRD, AO5WRD, AO6WRD (Balearic Islands), AO7WRD, AO8WRD (Canary Islands) and AO9WRD (Ceuta and Melilla) are expected to be active on 9-18 February in celebration of World Radio Day. QSL for all callsigns direct to EA3RKF: Federacion Digital EA, Apartado Postal 3050, 08200 Sabadell (Barcelona), Spain.

**EA** - Commemorating the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1980 referendum for autonomy and representing the provinces of Andalusia, eight special callsigns will be activated on 22-28 February: AN44AL (Almeria), AN44CA (Cadiz), AN44CO (Cordoba), AN44GR (Granada), AN44HU (Huelva),



AN44JA (Jaen), AN44MA (Malaga), AN44SE (Sevilla). In addition, AN44AND will be active on 28 February (Andalusia Day). A number of certificates will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/an44and> for information.

**F** - Celebrating World Radio Day, F8GGZ will be active as TM24JMR (Journée Mondiale de la Radio) on 13 February. Michel will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via eQSL, or via the bureau.

**FG** - Look for Gildas, F6HMQ and Michel, F6GWV to be active again as FG/F6HMQ, FG/F6GWV and TO3Z (QSL via F6HMQ) from Guadeloupe (NA-102) between 15 February and 17 March. There are plans to participate in the SSB leg of the French HF Championship (*Coupe du REF*, 24-25 February) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March).

**FM** - Yuri, VE3DZ will be active as FM/VE3DZ from Martinique (NA-107) on 13-21 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as TO4A. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call. [TNX DX World]

**FO** - Geri, DK8KW will be active as TX0QRP from Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia from 29 February to 3 March. He will operate QRP CW and possibly also FT8. QSL via home call.



**FO/A** - Jeff, K5WE and Craig, W5CCP will be active as TX7W from Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands on 16-30 April. They will operate mainly CW and FT8 (multi stream mode, not F/H), with some SSB, RTTY and FT4, on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or direct to K5WE. Depen-

ding upon a reliable Internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily, and Club Log's Livestream will be enabled. See <https://k5we.com/tx7w/> for more information and updates.

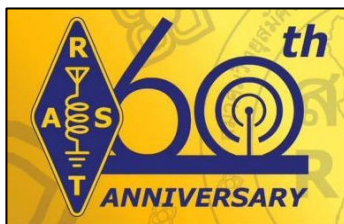


**H40** - The Intrepid DX Group's DXpedition to Pigeon Island (OC-065), Temotu Province is set to take place from 22 February to 7 March. Look for

team H40WA (Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Scott NE9U, Jay K4ZLE, Jay AC7DC, Bruce K3NQ, Don N6JRL and David AH6HY) to operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 160-6 metres with up to 5-6 stations. While on the island, the team will post frequent updates to their Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/h40wa>). QSL via MOURX's OQRS (see <https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/> for the detailed QSLing policy).



**HL** - 6K2BYF, 6K2CFI, 6K2GRX and DS1TUW will be active as DT0IP from Anmyon Island (AS-080) on 17-19 February. They will operate CW, FT8 and SSB on 40-10 metres with two stations. QSL via LoTW, or direct to 6K2CFI.



**HS** - Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, RAST members will be active as HS60RAST from 10 February to 10 March. QSL via HS6MYW.

**HZ** - HZ1WRD, 7Z1WRD and 8Z1WRD are the special callsign for the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate World Radio Day on 11-13 February. World Radio Day was proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO, and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day. This year's theme is *Radio: A Century of Informing, Entertaining and Educating*.



**HZ** - Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) will be active as 7Z3FD, 8Z3FD and HZ3FD on 14-22 February. The special callsigns celebrate Saudi Arabia's Founding Day (22 February).

**I** - Special callsign IY9MM will be active on 1-31 March to memorialize the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi from the ship *Regina Elena* in the port of Augusta (9 March 1914). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IT9MRM.

**KP2** - KC1KUG, W3MLJ and WO5T will be active as NP2R from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (NA-106) from 27 February to 4 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. They will operate CW, SSB and possibly FT8/FT4 on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to KC3UII.

**OX** - Look for OX5DM (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to OZ1ACB), OX7AKT (QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB), and OX7AM (QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB) to be active from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (NA-018) on 13-22 February. Alex, OX7AM will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, while OX5DM and OX7AKT will operate FT8 and SSB. [TNX NG3K]

**P4** - Ed, W0YK will be active again as P49X from Aruba (SA-036) on 5-12 February. He will operate mainly CW and RTTY, including an entry in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (10-11 February, <https://cqwxrtty.com/>). QSL via LoTW (preferred), or direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**P4** - John, W2GD will be active again as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 12-20 February, ARRL DX CW Contest included. Before and after the contest he will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres, with a focus on 30, 17 and 12m as time permits. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM.

**PJ7** - Paul, DM2PF as PJ7PF and Fabian, DM7HB as PJ7PH will be active holiday style from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 19-27 February. They will be QRV on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via home calls.

**PJ7** - Gary, KC9EE will be active again as PJ7EE from Sint Maarten from 21 February to 6 March. He will operate mainly CW, with SSB during the ARRL DX SSB Contest. He will be looking for openings towards Asia especially on 17-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call.

**PJ7** - Tom, AA9A will be active again as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten on 2-30 March. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to AA9A. [TNX The Daily DX]

**PY** - Fabio, PY4YY and Marcio, PU4MDO will be active as ZW2FF from Comprida Island (SA-028) on 11-14 February. They will operate SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via PY4YY (direct); QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

**PY** - Team ZY5A will be active from Ilha do Arvoredo (SA-027) on 16-18 February during the American Lighthouses Weekend. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on various bands from 160 to 10 metres. QSL via PP5EI.

**SM** - Celebrating the Scandinavian CW Activity Group's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, special callsign SC50AG will be active during February. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW.

**T8** - Hiro, JH6GFY will be active as T88GF from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 27 February to 1 March. He plans to operate FT8, SSB and some CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call (direct and bureau).

**TF** - Chuck, KC4KQE will be active as TF/KC4KQE from Iceland on 17-26 February. He will operate SSB and FT8, with plans «to attempt multiple POTA and SOTA activations» during the local daylight hours (09.30-18.00 UTC).

**TY** - Antonio, IK7WUL is active as TY2AA until 20 February while on a humanitarian mission to Benin. In his spare time he operates SSB only. QSL via IZ8CCW and LoTW.

**TY** - Gerard F5NVF, Luc F5RAV and Abdel M0NPT (7X2TT) will be active as TY5C from Cotonou, Benin between 2 and 29 March. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on various bands (6 metres included), and will also be QRV via satellite (QO-100).

QSL direct to F5RAV, or via LoTW.



**UA** - Look for R1MJ/p and R1BET/p to be active from Pedrovik Island (EU-117) on 23-25 February. They will operate CW, FT8 and some SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via R1BET.

**V2** - Chuck, KG9N will be active as V26CV from Antigua (NA-100) on 6-20 February. He will operate mainly CW and SSB on various bands. QSL via LoTW, or via home call.

**V4** - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 17-27 February. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON.

**V4** - Jeff, K1ZN will be active holiday style as V44/K1ZN from St. Kitts from 27 February to 6 March. He will operate mainly FT8 and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

**VE** - Members of the Newfoundland based Grassroots Amateur Radio Club (VO1GRC) will be active as VO1TAP from 18 February to 18 March. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. The callsign commemorates the anniversary of the USS *Truxtun* and USS *Pollux* naval disaster that occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on 18 February 1942. See <https://grassrootsarc.weebly.com/vo1tap.html> for more information.



**VE** - Look for Mike, VE7ACN/7 to be active from Gabriola Island (NA-075) from 29 February to 4 March. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and FT8, on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**VK** - Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign VI60IOTA will be in use across Australia during 2024: «whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air», the organizers say, «it



will be from one of the VK IOTA entities», including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC-007). Andrey, VK5MAV is using the callsign during part of his current VK5MAV/4 activity from Magnetic Island (OC-

171) [425DXN 1703], and team VK5FIL will also operate VI60IOTA during part of their 14-21 April expedition to Flinders Island (OC-261) [425DXN 1707]. QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. Updates and information about the certificates that will be available for workig VI60IOTA will be posted to <https://www.grz.com/db/VI60IOTA>.



**VP6** - Gerben PG5M will be active as VP6G from Pitcairn Island (OC-044) on 4-14 April. He will operate CW and FT8 on 40-10 metres: «I will run two stations (if antenna situation permits), primarily CW and additionally FT8 using MSHV», he says. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. See <https://dx.to/vp6g/> for more information.

**VP9** - Darrell, AB2E will be active as AB2E/VP9 (QSL via home call) from Bermuda (NA-005) on 14-19 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest as VP9I (QSL via WW3S). Outside the contest he will operate mainly CW, with some FT8 and a focus on 30, 17 and 12m. [TNX NG3K]



**VU** - Members of the Bengal Amateur Radio Society (namely VU2AES, VU2DLU, VU2GMT, VU2GOR, VU2SFM, VU2ZOC, VU3DBA, VU3UEP, VU3XCR and VU3ZHZ) will be active as AT8BRS from a few islands in IOTA group AS-153 between 17 and 21 February as follows: Ghoramara (17 February),

Agnimari Char (18 February), Jambudwip (19 February), Bulcherry (20 February) and Lothian (21 February). They will operate SSB on or around 7140, 14240, 21280 and 28485 kHz, as well as FT8 on 14074 and 21074 kHz. QSOs will be uploaded to



LoTW.

**W** - Team N4T will be active from Fort Jefferson on Garden Key, Dry Tortugas (NA-079) on 23-26 February. They plan to be QRV on 80-6 metres with up to three stations during the day and at least one station overnight. Updates



will be posted to <https://www.drytortugas.info/>. The same callsign will be used between 19 February and 1 March from various POTAs in the Florida Keys. QSL direct to W3NY; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

**XV** - "BJ", WA7WJR will be active holiday style as XV9WJR from Vietnam on 12-22 February. He plans to be QRV from the Can Gio Mangrove Biosphere Reserve and the Binh Chau-Phuoc Buu Nature Reserve during this trip. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL direct to WA7WJR; all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and QRZ.

**YJ** - Matt K0BBC, Luke VK3HJ, Chris VK3QB and Alan VK6CQ will be active as YJ0VK from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from 29 March to 11 April. They will be QRV on 40-6 metres, with a focus on SSB and CW during the first week, while during the second week they will concentrate on CW and FT8. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS;



QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. Bookmark <https://www.grz.com/db/YJ0VK> for updates.

**YO** - Celebrating the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County,

special callsigns YR95AR, YR95CC, YR95CH, YR95IN, YR95LI, YR95PE and YR95SE will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was established almost a century ago. See <https://www.grz.com/db/YR95AR> for more information.

**Z8** - Ken, K4ZW will be in Juba, South Sudan on 4-7 February. Depending on his work schedule and «security restrictions», he might be QRV as Z81Z. QSL via LoTW, or via K4ZW. [TNX The Daily DX]

**ZD7** - Oliver, W6NV has been active again as ZD7W from St. Helena Island (AF-022) since 15 February and will remain there until 23 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, after which he will be available for DX contacts with a focus on 160, 80 and 40 metres CW. QSL direct to W6NV. Information on the operating schedule will be posted to <https://www.grz.com/db/ZD7W>.



**PACIFIC TOUR •**

Hrane, YT1AD and his team (Anatoliy RC90, Olga UA9OYL and Stevan YU3AA) will be active from Fiji (3D2), Samoa (5W) and Tonga (A3) as follows:

7-10 February	3D2AD (YT1AD) 3D2AY (YU3AA) 3D2YL (UA9OLY) 3D2RC (RC90)
10-19 February	5W7A (YT1AD) 5W0AA (YU3AA) 5W0YL (UA9OLY) 5W0RC (RC90)
20-27 February	A35AD (YT1AD) A35AA (YU3AA) A35LY (UA9OLY) A35RC (RC90)
27 February-1 March	3D2AD (YT1AD) 3D2AY (YU3AA) 3D2YL (UA9OLY) 3D2RC (RC90)

QSLs via home calls.



# GOOD TO KNOW



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**ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK** • The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 21<sup>st</sup> Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 18-25 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Special callsigns (QSL via operator's instructions) are expected to be aired during this year's AAW from Algeria (7T22ANT), France (TM1ANT, TM21AAW), Italy (II2ANT, II5ANT, IR1ANT), Netherlands (PA6ANT, PF88ANT), Poland (SP0ANT), Spain (EH3ANT, EH5AAW, EH5ANT), USA (K4K, N5T). Complete information on the AAW can be found on <http://www.waponline.it/>.

**ARGENTINE ANTARCTIC DAY** • To celebrate Día de la Antártida Argentina (22 February), a few amateur radio stations at LU bases under the Antarctic Joint Command are expected to be QRV between 22 February and 10 March, subject to the availability of Antarctic operators and propagation conditions: LU1ZA (Orcadas, South Orkneys, AN-008), LU1ZD (San Martin, Antarctica, AN-016), LU1ZG (Belgrano II, Antarctica, AN-016), LU1ZI (Carlini, South Shetlands, AN-010), LU1ZR (Petrel, Antarctica, AN-013), LU1ZV (Esperanza, Antarctica, AN-016), LU4ZS (Marambio, Antarctica, AN-013). More information Can be found on <https://www.grz.com/db/LU3IA>.

The Argentine Antarctic Day commemorates the inauguration of the Meteorological Observatory on Laurie Island (South Orkneys) on 22 February 1904, which later became the Orcadas Base. Argentina has maintained an uninterrupted presence in Antarctica since then.

**ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST** • Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, while DX stations work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (see <https://www.arrrl.org/arrrl-dx> for the rules). This year's event will be held on 17-18 February (CW) and 2-3 March (SSB). Give a look at the Announced Operations listings maintained by Bill, NG3K: <https://www.ng3k.com/Contest/>.

**CQ DX HALL OF FAME** • Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honours those amateurs who have made major contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning, including both on-air and off-air accomplishments and activities. Nominations should be sent by 1 March to Rich Moseson, W2VU ([cqw2vu@gmail.com](mailto:cqw2vu@gmail.com)). Be sure to put DX Hall of Fame in the subject line. Inductees will be announced in May and the induction ceremony, with help from the International DX Association, will be held at the Dayton DX Dinner.



**CY9C** • Planning continues to go well for the DXpedition to St. Paul Island (NA-094) [425DXN 1700], which is scheduled for 26 August-5 September. The team (K4ZLE, K9CT, K9NW, N2IEN, N2TU, W0GJ, W0PR, W4DKS, WA4DAN and WW2DX) will be active on 160-6 metres, with five HF stations and separate stations of 6 metres and EME. The main island is off-limits, and all operations will be from the smaller Northeast Island. As there are no dock or landing area for a boat, the team plans to employ two helicopters – one to be deployed before the DXpedition to transport the heavier items to the island, and the other to transport the operators along with personal gear. The cost for this DXpedition is very significant and donations are welcome: see <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy9c/> for information.

**DX MENTOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM** • The Southwest Ohio DX Association, SWODXA in conjunction with ICOM America, Inc. announces the DX Mentor Recognition Program «to recognize and reward amateur radio operators who have played a key role in helping other amateur radio operators achieve DXCC» (note that «those amateurs receiving the mentoring must be under 30 years of age during the calendar year for the award»). The award will be presented at the SWODXA DX Dinner, held annually in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention. The judging committee will be staffed by SWODXA representatives, as well as a representative from both the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) and the International DX Association (INDEXA). See <https://www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program/> for more information and the application form. [TNX AJ8B]



**H40WA: FT8 SPOOF PREVENTION** • The upcoming DXpedition to Temotu will operate FT8 using WSJT-X in Fox/Hound mode. In an effort to combat piracy, the team will be testing the anti-spoofing technology for FT8 developed by Brian Moran (N9ADG). H40WA will transmit CQ and work stations, and every few cycles will send a call sign followed by a 6-digit verification number, e.g.

010200 -3 0.1 300 - H40WA 695243

010200 -3 0.1 360 - CQ H40WA RH29

Only the genuine H40WA will be able to send the right code for a particular timestamp, which can be verified here: <https://www.9dx.cc/verify/H40WA>. This should help calling stations have confidence that they are not copying a pirate. In addition, Club Log's Live Stream feature will be enabled for QSOs in all modes: <https://clublog.org/livestream/H40WA>.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** • Celebrating International Women's Day (8 March) a joint French-German activity will take place between 1 and 31 March. Ten YL operators from the Association des YL de France (including REF President Christine Carreau, F4GDI) will be active as TM88YL (QSL via the bureau) on 1-15 March, while a large group of YL operators from Germany will be active as DM88YLF (QSL via the bureau, or direct to DJ5YL) on 1-31 March.



**IOTA AT HAM RADIO 2024** • The motto of the 47<sup>th</sup> Ham Radio to take place in Friedrichshafen on 28-30 June (<https://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.com>) is *60 Years of Islands on the Air: Technology Meets Adventure*. Created by Geoff Watts (BRS-3129, the first and only SWL inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame), since 1964 the IOTA Programme «has been



promoting radio contacts with stations on islands around the world, from small rocky reefs in the vast ocean to the largest islands in the world. That sounds like adventures in remote corners of the earth, and that's exactly what many IOTA fans and active participants can tell tales about. IOTA stands for the joy of discovery that every radio amateur develops, even if he or she does not set sail personally, but IOTA is also a symbol of friendly competition among radio amateurs. Finally, IOTA is a symbol of the significance of amateur radio as a global unifying force».

Apart from having a booth at Ham Radio, «we intend to organize an IOTA Forum on Saturday morning (29 June), as well as other activities, which will be announced on the IOTA website (<https://www.iota-world.org/>) later on», VE3LYC, IOTA Deputy General Manager and Operations Manager says. Plans are to organize an anniversary dinner at one of the local restaurants: «please let us know at [info@into-world.org](mailto:info@into-world.org), as soon as possible, if you are interested to participate to this special get-together event, number of seats required, and if you have a preference for a specific evening during the meeting. We will compile the results of this quick survey to book an appropriate venue. More details will be provided in due course».



**IOTA GROUPS: FIVE-YEARLY REVIEW** • «With a review due this year, the IOTA Board has decided not to delay the announcement of **Hans Island**, located in the high Arctic between Canada and Greenland, as the **new IOTA NA-251P**.

This follows the final stage of ratification last December of an agreement between Canada and Denmark (representing Greenland) to split the island's sovereignty equally between their two countries. IOTA Programme rules specify that split sovereignty island groups can qualify for separate listing (IOTA Programme Structure B.1.7). In fairness to all activators who might consider activating what is a demanding group, the Board has felt it necessary to insert a delay in implementation of the decision, and will only consider operations that take place on or after 1 July 2024.

The Board has also considered the whole review exercise. Aware that due to the pandemic in the last three years there has been a major absence of IOTA operations from the rarer IOTA groups, it has decided on a pause in creating any further groups in the immediate future that might draw attention away from these. The current tragic world political situation is also one factor in this decision. It is not clear how long this pause may last, and it is best not to assume that it will end any time soon and what the decision will be when it does». [G3KMA and the IOTA Board, 7 February 2024]



**LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND** • The 15th American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 16-18 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found on <https://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/>.

**QSL VIA EA5GL** • Pedro is the new QSL manager for YN9H (ex-YN9HAU) and OX3HI. He is also taking care of the QSL cards for 3C3CA, and those who still need a QSL can request it from him. Ersoy, TA2OM was active as 3C3CA from Bioco (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea from September 2022 to September 2023 and made nearly 196,000 QSOs.



**TX5S** • After a last effort by three stations during the local night between Saturday and Sunday, the *Shogun* departed Clipperton Island on 28 January at 21.30 UTC. The log contains 113,736 QSOs (51.73% Digital, 25.98% CW, 22.29% SSB) made with 23,810 unique callsigns. The OQRS for both TX5S and N6WM/mm (there are no /mm operations on the return voyage to San Diego) is now up and running on MOURX's website: <https://www.mourx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php>.



**YOTA CONTEST 2024** • Organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in co-operation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), the aim of the YOTA Contest is to increase youngsters activity on the air, strengthen the reputation of the YOTA programme, and demonstrate support for youngsters across the world. The three sessions of this year's YOTA Contest will be held on 10 March (1000-2159 UTC), 20 July (1000-2159 UTC), and 30 December (1000-2159 UTC), on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. The complete rules can be found on <https://ham-yota.com/contest>.



**YOTA SUMMER CAMP 2024** • The Czech Radio Club will host the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Summer Camp in Prague on 16-23 August. The event will bring together young radio amateurs from IARU Region 1 member societies as well as guest teams from Regions 2 and 3, creating an opportunity to learn all about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill, and learn new amateur radio skills. IARU R1 member societies are invited to take part with a team of maximum four persons. Preliminary applications should be submitted before 29 February: see «Call for applications - YOTA Czechia 2024» on <https://www.iaru-r1.org/>.

**UNITED KINGDOM: CHANGES TO THE AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING FRAMEWORK** • Ofcom, the United Kingdom's communications regulator, has made changes to UK amateur radio licenses. The key changes with highest impact on the DX and contesting community are:

- The use of a Regional Secondary Locator (RSL) has become optional. This is the second letter which we use to identify the DXCC Entity (D for the Isle of Man, I for Northern Ireland, J for Jersey, M for Scotland, U for Guernsey, W for Wales). For holders of an Intermediate Licence with a callsign starting with a 2, the use of an RSL is still mandatory. All other licensees can choose to either continue using an RSL or drop it.

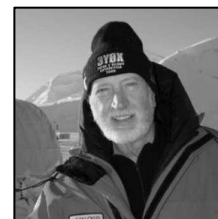
- Stations in England are allowed to use the RSL 'E' if they wish to do so.
  - Licensees are allowed to add any suffix they want to their callsign, following the 'slash' symbol (/), so long as the station remains identifiable.
  - Holders of full licenses can now operate 1 kW output on the primary amateur radio bands (up from 400 W).
- «The UK DX and contesting community envisage that most stations will continue to use their Regional Secondary Locators», John Warburton (G4IRN) says. «However for contests where the DXCC Entity is a multiplier, it is recommended that contest organisers mandate the use of a prefix that identifies their DXCC Entity».

## SILENT KEYS



Noted contestman and DXer **Slavko Celarc, S57DX** passed away on 4 February. No later than a couple of weeks ago he was signing IG9/S57DX from Lampedusa Island during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest. First licenced in 1973 and initially active as YU3EIJ and YT3T (club callsigns), he was issued personal callsigns YU3TUX (1978-1984) and YU3BQ (1984-1992), before getting S57DX in October 1992. He was QRV on a daily basis, and made more than 984,000 QSOs over the past 31 years as either S57DX and S573DX. In 2007, while working for the United Nations' World Food Programme in Sudan, he was active as ST2R. He was also the QSL manager for several operations, including the ongoing activity by 9N7AA from Nepal. The QSL chores for 9N7AA are now handled by Pavla, S56DX (Slavko's widow).

**Bob Allphin, K4UEE** passed away on 10 February, and the radio amateur community mourns the loss of one of the giants of DXing. Bob was an organizer of and/or participant in several expeditions that have made DX history over the past forty years or so, notably XF4DX (Revillagigedo 1987), AH1A (Howland Island 1993), XR0Y (Easter Island 1995), VK0IR (Heard Island 1997), A52A (Bhutan 2000), FO0AAA (Clipperton Island 2000), K5K (Kingman Reef 2000), VP8GEO (South Georgia 2002), VP8THU (South Sandwich 2002), VU7RG (Lakshadweep 2007), 3Y0X (Peter I Island 2006), K5D (Desecheo Island 2009), PJ6A (Saba 2010), HK0NA (Malpelo Island 2012), FT5ZM (Amsterdam Island 2014) and K1N (Navassa Island 2015). Inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 2001, Bob was also an active contesteer who participated in some 40 contest DXpeditions, and competed in two World Radio Team Championships events in 1996 and 2000. His *Adventures in Ham Radio* are on <https://t-rexsoftware.com/k4uee/>.



**Emilio Borea, IZ1GAR** (ex IK1CLP) died on 20 February from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was 66 years old. A former radio officer in the merchant navy and radio operator at the Italian coastal station ICB (Genova Radio) from 1978 to 1993, he was President of ARI Sanremo and an excellent CW operator, often heard in contests.

## QSL ROUTES

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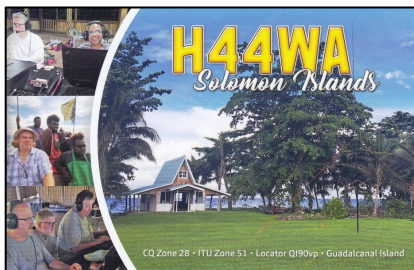
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3D2AY	YU3AA	EL2EF	N2OO	RI1ANE	RQ8K
3D2BT	AJ4BT	EN185UPP	UR4UWY	SN2WOSP	SP2UUU
4S7KKG	DC0KK	FR4AV	EA5GL	SN40RVG	SP2UUU
4U13FEB	9A2AA	HC1MD/2	K8LJG	SN7R	SP7RFF
4U1UN	HB9BOU	HF5WOSP	SQ5ABG	SN7T	SQ7OTK
5X7O	DL4WK	HH2AA	EB7DX	TM1HR	F5OCL
7P8AO	HA5AO	HR5/F2JD	F6AJA	TM21AAW	F8DVD
7X3WPL	7X3DL	II0LOVE	IQ0TE	TM25JMC	F8GGZ
9J2BO	EA5GL	II4INTU	IQ4FE	TM4A	F1SUN
A2NEW	EA7FTR	J79WTA	HB9MFM	TM4K	F4EGZ
A44A	EC6DX	JG8NQJ/JD1	JA8CJY [d]	TM4S	F6HBI
A61Q	EA7FTR	JG8NQJ/JD1	JG8NQJ [b]	TM4Y	F6KGL
A62A	EA7FTR	KH7XX	EB7DX	TM50KRK	F6KRK
A92GW	EA5GL	MU5E	GU4YOX	TM6C	F6KMB
AO100RADIO	EA4URE	NL8F	N7RO	V26CV	KG9N
CN2FPU	F6FPU	OD5ET	EB7DX	V26K	AA3B
CN2GS	EA5GL	OF60IRON	OH8DR	V31DJ	W0CP
CP4MG	EA5KB	OL4ACF	OK1AR	V31MA	M0OXO
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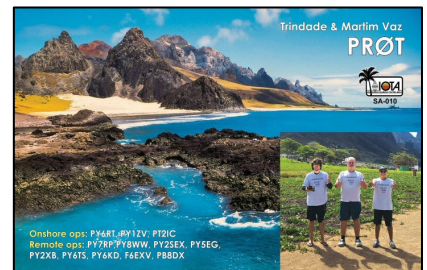


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4KT4AZE	4K4AZE	EH5ANT	EC5JC	PJ7PH	DM7HB
4L2M	EA7FTR	EL2DT	N200	PZ5DX	UA2FM
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4UNR	UA3DX	FK8GU	EA5GL	R35DRA	UA4AJD
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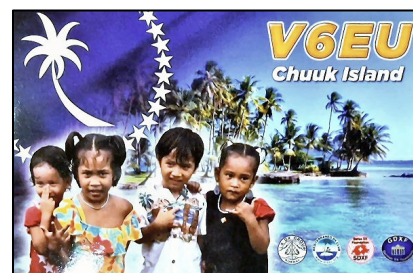
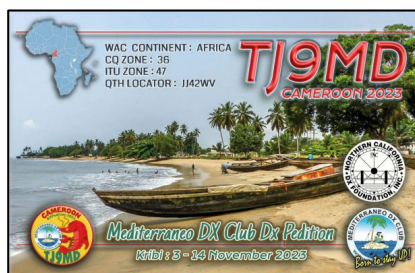
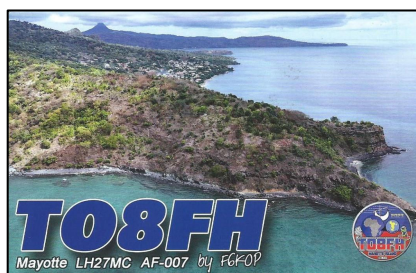
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