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DX INFORMATION

3A - Gianpi, IK1TTD, will be active as 3A/IK1TTD from Monaco on 24-26 March, with main activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. Outside the contest he will operate FT8 F/H. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call (direct and bureau). [TNX IK1TTD]



3A - Look for 3A8AB to be active from Monaco on 1-30 April. QSL via LoTW. The special callsign commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Leon Deloy (1894-1969) died in Monaco and bequeathed his fortune to a number of local charities and philanthropic foundations.

3D2 - Dom, 3Z9DX will be active again as 3D2AJT from Nadi, Fiji Islands on 23-31 March. The callsign is in memory of the late Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa, JH1AJT, who passed away on 23 March 2022. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.



4X - Special event stations 4X01I and 4X02I will be active from Moa (WWL KM70nm, Holyland Square J31BS) and Kasra (WWL KM70nn, Holyland Square H31BS), respectively, on 10-11 March. Both sites are located in the World Heritage-designated area of the "Incense Route and the Desert Cities in the Negev". QSLs via 4X6ZM, and logsearch on <https://www.iarc.org/incense/>. The Incense Trade Route was an ancient network of major land and sea trading routes linking the Mediterranean world with eastern and southern sources of incense, spices and other luxury goods.



5X - Pista, HA5AO will be active as 5X2I from Busabala, on the shores of Lake Victoria, Uganda from 24 April to 10 May. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 F/H («no MSHV!») on 40-10 metres. QSL preferably via HA5AO's OQRS (<https://ha5ao.com/oqrs/logsearch.php>) for direct and bureau cards, or direct to HA5AO; the complete log will be uploaded to LoTW six months



after the expedition.

8P - Eliot, W1MJ will be active holiday style as 8P9MJ from Barbados (NA-021) on 18-25 March. Operating QRP CW using wire antennas, he hopes «to do at least one or two Parks on the Air sessions». QSL via LoTW.

9G - Alan, G3XAQ will be active again as 9G5XA from Ghana from 28 February to 14 March. He operates CW only, and his main focus will be the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (11-12 March). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to G3SWH (OQRS on <https://www.g3swh.org.uk/>).

9U - Vlad, 9U4WX (OK2WX) went QRT on 1 March at 05.42 UTC, after 27,822 QSOs (see

<https://www.mdxc.support/9u4wx/log-search/> for logsearch and statistics). Elvira, 9U5R (IV3FSG) will remain in Burundi until 7 March, operating SSB and FT8 (also on 6 metres, if conditions are right). Logsearch and statistics on <https://www.ik2duw.it/9u5r.html>.

9X - The Russian DXpedition Team will be active as 9X5RU from near Kigali, Rwanda from 22 March to 7 April. The team (R5AF, R5EC, R7AL, R9LR, RT9L, RW8A, RW9JZ and UA3QLC) will be QRV on 160-6m and the QO-100 satellite, CW, SSB and FT8 with several stations and a wide range of antennas. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. Bookmark <https://9x5ru.org/> for more information and updates.



A6 - Special event callsign A60AP (QSL via EA7FTR) will be active from 2 March to 31 August. The suffix stands for the Emirates "Astronaut Program"; launched in April 2017, it prepares crews of UAE astronauts for missions to the International Space Station and other destinations in space. Also expect activity by A60AP/0, A60AP/1, etc. (see <https://www.qrz.com/db/A60AP> for the QSL routes for the various suffix extensions).

C2 - Phill, FK1TS will be on Nauru (OC-031) for six days (18-24 March), and plans to be QRV as C21TS: in the «worst case scenario, I might pop up on 6m and 10m only with a mobile whip», he says, but he hopes to be able to «string up some wire». He will operate FT8 only, using MSHV on secondaries in multi stream mode. He will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log. He might be moving to Nauru for an extended period, sometime after June this year. See <https://www.facebook.com/c21ts> for updates.



C6 - Steve, KG4LJB is active holiday style as C6AJB from Eleuthera (NA-001), Bahamas until 24 March. He operates FT8 and SSB. QSL via LoTW («I do not have the time or resources to issue paper QSL cards»).

CN - Miguel, CT1EBM will be active as CN2EBM from 26 March to 9 April while on a 5,000-kilometre tour «through the cities and sands of the Moroccan desert». He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands, and on SSB via the QO-100 satellite.

CT9 - Look for CT9/DD8ZX, CT9/DF7EE and CT9/DJ9KM to be active from Madeira (AF-014) on 22-28 March. Helmut, DF7EE will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as CQ3W. QSL CT9/DD8ZX and CT9/DJ9KM via LoTW or home calls; QSL CQ3W and CT9/DF7EE via LoTW or Club Log's OQRS.

D4 - Luca, HB9OBD will be active holiday style as D44KIT from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde from 8 March to 5 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via EB7DX.



D4 - Timo, OH1NOA will be active holiday style as D4NA from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde between 30 March and 6 April. He will operate mainly CW and SSB on 40-10 metres, with plans to be QRV from a

couple of World Wide Flora & Fauna sites. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to OH1NOA.

D6 - Hiro, JF1OCQ will be active as D67AA from the Comoro Islands (AF-007) on 10-22 March. He will operate SSB, CW, FT8 (F/H) and FT4 on 160-10 metres (see <https://www.qrz.com/db/D67AA> for the band plan). QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JF1OCQ; he will upload his log also to Club Log and other platforms.



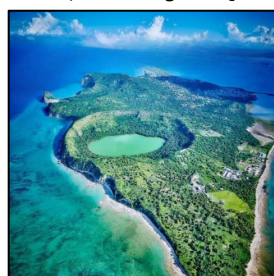
website on <http://e5.dxpeditions.org/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.



E6 - Janusz, SP9FIH as E6AF (callsign to be confirmed) and Leszek, SP6CIK as E6CI (requested callsign) will be active from Niue (OC-040) from 26 March to 9 April. They will operate CW,

SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 40-10 metres with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. They have a website on <http://www.e6.dxpeditions.org/>.

FG - Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will be active as TO1Q from Guadeloupe (NA-102) starting on 20 March for a couple of weeks. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-6m, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via F1ULQ (direct or bureau).



FH - Dom, F4IFF will be active as FH/F4IFF from Mayotte (AF-027) on 1-8 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10m («I will run simultaneously FT8 and SSB to maximize the number of contacts», he says). QSL via EB7DX and logsearch on Club Log. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/134546529531989>.

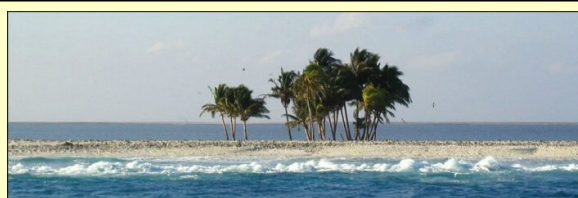
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/134546529531989>.



FK - Look for Philippe FK4QX, Yves FK4RD and Michel FK8IK to be active as TX5L from Lifou Island (OC-033), New Caledonia on 27-31 March. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres with two stations. QSL via

F4FTV.

FM - Miguel, EA1BP will be active as FM/EA1BP from Martinique (NA-107) on 21-28 March. He will operate SSB with a focus on 17 and 12 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as TO7O. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX NG3K]



The Perseverance DX Group is organizing a DXpedition to **Clipperton Island** (NA-011). The current schedule is for a team of experienced operators (namely DJ9RR, HA0NAR, K3EL, K5GS, KE4KY, N6WM, N6XG, N7QT, PY2PT, W1SRD, W7XU and ZL3CW) to be QRV as TX5S from 18 January to 2 February 2024. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres with up to eight stations. QSL via M0URX's OQRS. Bookmark <https://clip.pdxg.net/> for more information and updates.

Now designated a protected environmental reserve, visits to Clipperton require a lengthy and detailed application process. The latest major DXpeditions took place in 2013 (TX5K), 2008 (TX5C) and 2000 (FO0AAA).

The Perseverance DX Group (<https://wp.pdxg.net/>) has conducted five DXpeditions and logged over 340,000 QSOs since its formation ten years ago: VK9MT (Mellish Reef 2014), TX3X (Chesterfield Islands 2015), VP6D (Ducie Island 2018), VP8PJ (South Orkney Islands 2020) and TX5N (Austral Islands 2022).

FO/M - The *Magnet* [425DXN 1660] is heading to the



Marquesas Islands (OC-027), where she is expected to arrive around 17 March and stay until 20 March. Plans are for George, AA7JV and Mike, KN4EEI «to put ashore a small DXpedition with three stations»:

one full power station will be operated locally on 160-10 metres CW and SSB; two 100-watt stations will be operated remotely on 80-6 metres FT8. QSL via HA7RY and LoTW.

FO - After stopping at Nuku Hiva (Marquesas Islands), the *Magnet* will go to the Tuamotu Archipelago (OC-066), French Polynesia, where Mike and George expect to be QRV again as FO/AA7JV starting around 27 March until around 5 April. QSL via HA7RY and LoTW. Bookmark <https://www.qrz.com/db/AA7JV> for updates.

FR - Stephane, F5UOW will be active holiday style as FR/F5UOW from Reunion Island (AF-016) on 9-27 March. He operates CW. QSL via LoTW, «not bureau».

GI - GB1PAT and GB2PAT are the special callsigns for members of the Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club (MN0GKL) to use on 1-28 March to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. QSLs via LoTW only. Three certificates will be available for making contact with both callsigns on different bands, see

<https://www.qrz.com/db/GB1PAT>.

GM - Special event station GB5SC will be active on 4-6 March to celebrate the 100th anniversary since BBC broadcasting in Scotland officially began (6 March 1923). QSL via operator's instructions.

GU - Ron, G4DIY and Jay, M0UNN will be active again as MP7DX from Guernsey (EU-114) on 9-13 March. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via



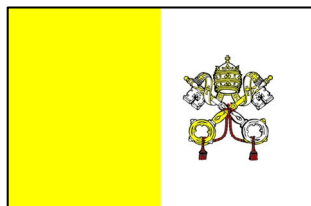
LoTW, or direct to G4DIY. [TNX DX World]



HI - Loma del Toro DX Club's members will be active as HI0LT from Isla Cabras (NA-122) on 12-19 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes

(RTTY, FT8, FT4, Q65) on 160-10 and 2 metres. QSL via EB7DX.

HP - Look for Phil, VA3QR to be active holiday style as HP9/VA3QR (1-10 March), HP3/VA3QR (11-20 March) and HP1/VA3QR (21-30 March) while visiting Panama. He will operate SSB and various digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call; he will upload his logs to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]



HV - HV1CN will be QRV again from Vatican Radio's headquarters for the International Marconi Day. Look for activity on 22 April from 7 to 13 UTC. QSL via IQOCV, bureau or direct. Vatican Radio, the official broadcasting ser-

vice of Vatican City, was established in 1931 by Guglielmo Marconi.

I - Celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force (28 March 1923), a large number of special call signs will be active from 20 March to 20 June: II0AQN, II0BPL, II0CMP, II0FRO, II0GUI, II0LAT, II0MVV, II0PDM, II0RMC, II1CAM, II2BGY, II2BRS, II2MIL, II2VNG, II3AFT, II3AVI, II3BLN, II3CDF, II3IST, II3PRL, II4PNF, II5MSC, II5PIS, II5PON, II6PES, II7BPM, II7BRI, II7LEG, II8RCL, II8REG, II8SSC, II8VVL, II9CMS, II9CTF, II9CVT, II9PAB, II9SIG, II9TMM, IO5LUT, IO9MAR, IY1TO.



The activity is organized by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) in collaboration with the Air Force General Staff; each call sign represents a place that had or still has significant importance in the IITAAF history. A certificate will be available; see <https://www.ari.it/images/stories/diplomi/centenarioam23.pdf> for information.

J8 - Thomas, F4HPX will be active holiday style as J8/AG7JQ from «several islands» within Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 7-14 March. He will operate mainly SSB, with some FT8/FT4 and maybe some computer aided CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via F4HPX (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL.

JA - Moto, JA1GZV will be active again as JS6UKY/6 from Okinawa Island (AS-017) on 2-8 March. He operates CW on 40-15 metres. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, or direct to JA1GZV. [TNX DX World]

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active from Shodo Island (AS-200) from 25 March to 5 April. He will operate SSB and CW as JI3DST/5, JI5RBH, JR8YLY/5 and JS6RRR/5, as well as JI3DST/p, JR8YLY/p and JS6RRR/p on FT8. The QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) around 15 March, his QSL manager reports. He will remain there for two months, and will be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his spare time. He operates mainly CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY (direct), JG8NQJ (bureau) and LoTW.

JD1_oga - Look for JD1BOI (QSL via JI1LET and LoTW) and JD1BON (QSL via JA1UII and LoTW) to be active

from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 9-24 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4) on 160-6 metres.



ON - Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, UBA special event station OT23WARD will be active from various locations on 1-30 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL.

A certificate will be available, the details will be published on <https://www.grz.com/db/OT23WARD>.



OZ - EDR special call sign 5P0WARD will be active on 11-25 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB.

See <https://www.grz.com/db/5p0ward> for the award.

PJ4 - John, KK9A will be active as PJ4/KK9A from Bonaire (SA-006) on 21-27 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as PJ4R. QSL for both call signs via WD9DZV.



The Rebel DX Group (including Kam, T30/T33KC, who is already setting up antennas) will be active as T30UN from North Tarawa, **West Kiribati** (OC-017) starting during the first week of April. Plans are to be QRV for about five weeks on 160-6 metres with with one CW station, one SSB station and seven FT8 stations.

Note that it will be quite possible to see two FT8 stations on the same band at the same time, one operating on the standard frequency, and the other operating F/H on a different frequency (e.g. 14074 and 14090 kHz). QSL via Club Log's OQRS. See <https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup> for updates.

TZ - Ulmar, DK1CE has been active again as TZ1CE from Mali since 25 February, and will remain there until 16 March. He operates mainly FT8 and SSB on various bands (60 metres excluded). «On FT8, DX stations outside of EU have precedence at all times», he says, and adds that he does not operate Fox & Hound because «based on my experience, there is not advantage». QSL via DK1CE (all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau); he will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log.

V2 - Bud, AA3B will be active again as V26K from Antigua (NA-100) on 21-27 March, including a SOAB HP entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. Outside the contest he will operate mainly CW. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.



V2 - Members of the EI DX Group (namely EI2II, EI2JD, EI2KM, EI4BZ, EI4HH, EI4L, EI5GM, EI5IX, EI6FR, EI9FBB and EI9HQ) will be active as V26EI from Antigua (NA-100) from 24 March to 2 April. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands (hopefully including 60 and 6 metres)

with up to four stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and

LoTW. See <http://v26ei.eidxx.com/> for updates.

V4 - Pete, G0TLE will be active again as V4/G0TLE from St Kitts (NA-104) on 5-17 March. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call; he will upload his log to both LoTW and Club Log.

VE - Pierre, VK3KTB will be active again as VY0ERC and VE3KTB/VY0 from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008) between 15 March and 12 April. In his spare time he will operate SSB, FT8 and CW on 20, 15, 10, 17 and 12 metres (maybe also on 40 metres and via satellite). QSL via M00XO's OQRS.



VK - VI10VKFF is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (<https://www.wwfaustralia.com/>).

It will be used from Australian Parks until the end of 2023. QSL via LoTW,

eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau).

VP5 - John, N9EAJ will be active as VP5/N9EAJ from Grand Turk Island (NA-003) on 9-22 March. Activity will be mainly on SSB with some CW, and he also plans to be QRV from the Columbus Landfall National Park for POTA. QSL via home call; he will upload his log to Club Log and possibly to LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - John AF3K, Ross W2TT and Diane KA3FCE will be active as VP5/AF3K, VP5/W2TT and VP5/KA3FCE from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands on 22-29 March. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP5P. QSLs for all callsigns via N200, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

VU - Look for AU40NRO to be active from 1 April to 30 June to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR). QSL via VU2NRO.

XE - Special callsign 4B0T will be used until the end of June. «As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program», Ramon XE1KK says. «The goal of the experiment is to test dif-

ferent scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times». 4B0T will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

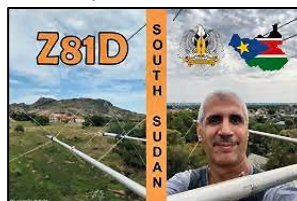
XE - Enrique, XE2AA will be visiting and operating from five Mexican islands in four different IOTA groups He will operate SSB on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to IT9EJW. After processing incoming requests for direct cards, all of the remaining QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. His schedule is as follows:



24-31 March	XF2C	Carmen	NA-135
2-7 April	XF3A	Tamalcab	NA-200
9-15 April	XF3O	Cozumel	NA-090
17-22 April	XF3M	Mujeres	NA-045
24-29 April	XF3H	Holbox	NA-045

XU - Tom, DL7BO has been active as XU7GNY from Cambodia since 27 February and will remain there until 9 March. He operates mainly FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via DJ6TF, LoTW, eQSL, Club Log. [TNX DX World]

YJ - Chris, VK2YUS will be active again as YJ0CA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 18-28 March. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]



Z8 - Dia, YI1DZ has been back to Juba, South Sudan since 13 March, and expects to remain there until 22 April. He operates SSB and FT8 as Z81D in his spare time. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or

via OM3JW. [TNX The Daily DX]

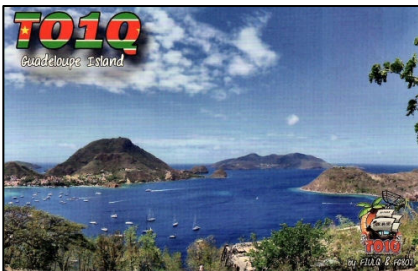
CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST

The following stations are expected to take part in this year's event (25-26 March):

Call	Category	Country	QSL
3A/IK1TTD	SO	Monaco	IK1TTD
3G2K	SO	Chile	LoTW
4A7A	MO	Mexico	XE2T
4L5O	SOSB 80m	Georgia	LoTW/N3SL
4M1W	SOSB 10m	Venezuela	EB7DX
5B/HA5PP	SOAB	Cyprus	HA5PP
5K300EA		Colombia	LoTW
8P1W	SOAB LP	Barbados	KU9C
8P5A		Barbados	LoTW/HA1AG
9A50P	MO	Croatia	LoTW/9A6KX
9G4X	M/2	Ghana	LoTW/K4NHW
9N7AA	SOAB HP	Nepal	LoTW/S57DX
A44A		Oman	LoTW/EC6DX
A60A		UAE	EA7FTR
A73A		Qatar	M00XO
AT3K	MO	India	LoTW/VU2XE
B7C		China	LoTW
B7P		China	LoTW/BA4EG
C4W		Cyprus	LoTW/5B4WN
CL0C	M/2 LP	Cuba	LoTW
CN3A		Morocco	LoTW/IK2OHG

Call	Category	Country	QSL
CQ3W	SOSB 10m	Madeira	LoTW
CR3DX		Madeira	LoTW/OM2VL
CW3A	SOAB LP	Uruguay	LoTW/EA5GL
D4Z		Cape Verde	LoTW/IK2NCJ
E2A	SOAB HP	Thailand	LoTW/E21EIC
ES9UKR		Estonia	ES5RY
HD1A	M/M	Ecuador	LoTW/HC1QRC
HQ2E	SO	Honduras	LoTW/M0OXO
IM0A	SOSB 10m	Sardinia	LoTW
J68HZ	M/S	St. Lucia	LoTW/K9HZ
LG5LG	M/?	Norway	LA7TIA
NH7T	M/M	Hawaii	NH7T
P33W		Cyprus	LoTW
P40L	SOAB LP	Aruba	WA3FRP
PJ2T	M/M	Curacao	LoTW/W3HNK
PJ4K	SO	Bonaire	KU9C
PJ4R		Bonaire	LoTW/WD9DZV
PR2R		Brazil	LoTW/PY2ERA
PT1W		Brazil	PY1FJ
TC3J	SOSB 80m	Turkey	LoTW/TA3J
TI0RC	M/M	Costa Rica	LoTW
TI1I	SOAB	Costa Rica	LoTW
TI1K		Costa Rica	LoTW/EA5GL
TO1Q	SOSB 10m	Guadeloupe	LoTW/F1ULQ
TO3Z		Guadeloupe	F6HMQ
TO7O	SOAB	Martinique	LoTW/EA1BP
V26EI		Antigua	LoTW/M0OXO
V26K	SOAB HP	Antigua	LoTW/AA3B
VC2W	SO	Canada	LoTW
VC3T	SO	Canada	LoTW
VC6X	SO	Canada	LoTW
VF1T	SO HP	Canada	LoTW
VG2Z	SO	Canada	LoTW
VJ9N	M/S	Norfolk Island	LoTW/M0OXO
VP5P	M/S	Turks & Caicos Isls	LoTW/N200
ZF1A		Cayman Islands	LoTW/K7ZO
ZV2HAM	SOSB 10m	Brazil	PY2RX
ZX7E	SOAB	Brazil	LoTW/PT7BI
ZZ2A	MO	Brazil	LoTW

Complete rules can be found at <https://www.cqwp.com/rules.htm>.



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3B9FR: 6M LOG ERRORS • «I have uploaded several 6m logs over the last few days on behalf of Robert, 3B9FR on Rodrigues Island», Charles, M0OXO says. «Quite a lot of these 6m entries had a time value of "00:00" in the imported ADIF file. I have no idea what went wrong there, but there is no way to edit them as I cannot ascertain the correct times. In view of this, if your time does not match or the QSO is "not found", please report it by way of the "Not In Log?" form on M0OXO's OQRS, and I will resolve the issue for you».

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) • 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 metre bands, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at <https://www.arrrl.org/arrrl-dx>). This year's event will be held on 4-5 March (00.00-23.59 UTC).

FO/AA7JV • Mike, KN4EEI and George, AA7JV went QRT from the Marquesas Islands on 20 March at 16.10 UTC. They operated from Anaho Bay, on the north side of Nuku Hiva. They put on the beach two RIB (Radio In a Box) stations and two antennas; due to software issues they worked CW and SSB, and only made a handful of FT8 QSOs. «Low band conditions were poor, made worse by the difficult geography of the bay», George says, but «we seemed to have very good signals on 30 and 10 metres, and good on 40 and 20». This was the first operation where the RIBs were used in an actual DXpedition.



FT8WW • Thierry, FT8WW had to cease operations on the HF bands on 6 March as expected. The French national IARU society requested the EOST (the School and Observatory for Earth Sciences, which runs the permanent magnetic station located on Possession Island) «to kindly allow an early resumption of FT8WW activity as of 11 March», but the permission was not granted. Thierry therefore started back up on 13 March, and went QRT for good on 15 March at 17 UTC.

During his stay at Alfred Faure Station, Thierry made 50,153 QSOs on the HF bands (36,363 FT8, 11,129 CW and 2,661 SSB), plus 1,308 SSB QSOs on QO-100, with a total of 17,039 unique call signs. Complete statistics can be found on <https://clublog.org/charts/?c=FT8WW>.

«I would appreciate if people who want to make an OQR (whether direct or bureau) would please do it quickly, so I can figure out how many more QSL I must order from the printer», Paul F6EXV says. For any QSL enquiries, please contact [qsl.crozet@\[orange.fr\]](mailto:qsl.crozet@[orange.fr]).

INDEXA NEWSLETTER • The Spring 2023 issue (#138) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (<https://indexa.org/newsletters.html>). Highlights include *The CW Receiving Machine* by Ralph Fedor (K0IR), as well as trip reports of S21DX (Dhal Char Island, AS-140, December 2022), PJ2Y Youth DX Adventure (July 2022) and TN8K (Congo, January 2023).



IOTA DINNER • After three years of "virtual dinners" because of the pandemic, the Annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held on 21 April in conjunction with the 74th International DX Convention. The IOTA Dinner is not included in the main Convention registration, and there is a separate registration and fee for it. Registration for this event ends on 7 April: <https://www.dxconvention.com/pages/dinners-iota.html>. [TNX WC6DX]



IOTA HONOUR ROLL • The 2023 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website <https://iota-world.org/>: click on PERFORMANCE LISTINGS in the dropdown menu under PROGRAMME INFORMATION. They show the position as of 31 January 2023.

The Honour Roll lists the stations with a checked score equalling or exceeding 50% of the total of numbered IOTA groups, excluding those with provisional numbers, at the time of preparation. The Annual Listing lists the stations with a checked score of 100 or more IOTA groups but less than the qualifying threshold for entry into the Honour Roll. IOTA rules limit inclusion in the listings to those

participants who have updated their scores at least once in the preceding five years (i.e. since February 2018) and have opted to have their scores published.

«The Honor Roll and Annual Listing includes a total of 1511 entries, while 36 chasers chose to not be listed, compared to 1158 and 26 in 2022», Roger, G3KMA and Cezar, VE3LYC observe. «There are 239 record-holders with scores of 1000 or

more IOTA groups, and 559 with scores of at least 750 groups, the number required for the IOTA Plaque of Excellence. Scores at the top show 64 record-holders breaking through the 1100 mark and 20 of them within 10 of the top score of 1132 out of 1136 groups activated to date. The VHF/UHF listing includes now 36 entries, a 50% increase compared to 2020. Congratulations to all who have joined the IOTA family or updated in the last year».

IOTA MOST WANTED LIST • «After the pandemic and other events causing a reduction in travel and, as a consequence, IOTA activity over the last two or so years, it is probably a good time now to remind the DXing community about the opportunities for generating pile-ups at the sharp end by operating from seldom-visited IOTA islands.

IOTA's Most Wanted List is now published in alternative forms:



1. by country prefix (https://www.iota-world.org/info/IOTA_MWL_prefix.pdf)
2. by reference number (https://www.iota-world.org/info/IOTA_MWL.pdf)

The columns show the percentages of record-holders with the group credited who have updated (a) in the 5 years since February 2018, (b) in the 10 years since February 2013, and (c) All-Time in the Standard HF Category since they were licensed. The percentages reflect a number of variables, namely the date that the island group was added to the IOTA list, the dates, number and impact of past operations and the availability of QSL cards and QSO matching options. The extent that quite a large number of groups show higher figures in the 10 year list than in the 5 year one

points (mainly but not entirely) to the length of time since the last activity, and the likely interest in a new operation particularly among recent recruits to IOTA». [TNX Roger Balister, G3KMA, IOTA General Manager]



QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on *Les Nouvelles DX's* website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,163 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2013-22), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany

(1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: <http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>. [TNX F6AJA].

QSL SV2ASP/A • Monk Chariton has the last two logbooks for the late SV2ASP/A, covering the period from 1 January 2015 until Monk Apollo's death (5 May 2019). QSL requests can be mailed to: Monk Chariton, Docheiariou Monastery, 630 87 Agion Oros, Greece. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL VIA DL6KVA • The QSL cards for the 3Y0J team members' operations from the *Marama* (AB5EB/mm, DL6KVA/mm, KO7SS/mm, KO8SCA/mm, LA7GIA/mm, LA7THA/mm, LB1QI/mm, LB5GI/mm, N0FW/mm, NP4G/mm, VE3LYC/mm, WD5COV/mm) will be handled by DL6KVA. They made 5,588 QSOs from the boat, and will indicate which grid they were in for each QSO. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

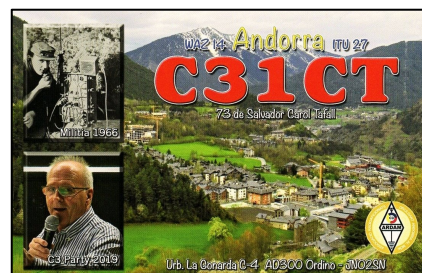
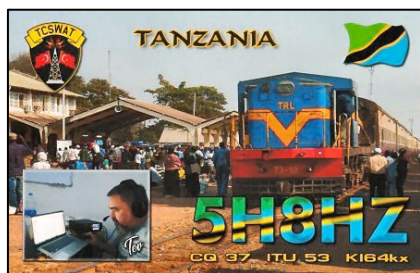
RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST • The 86th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (<https://berucontest.wordpress.com>) will be held on 11-12 March, from 10.00 UTC to 09.59 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m CW. Only operators located within the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies, Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories are eligible to enter.



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY • A large multinational team will operate special event stations 4X0AAW (Israel), 8A0RARI (Indonesia), GB0AAW (Wales), GB2AA (England), GB2AAW (Scotland), GB5AAW (Scotland), HI0AUT (Dominican Republic), S76A (Seychelles), VC2AA (Canada) and W2A (USA) from 25 March to 2 April. QSLs via LoTW, or direct to W2TMR.

Also active will be PA23WAAD from the Netherlands on 25 March-9 April (QSL via LoTW and eQSL; paper cards via NL10743) and AM5WAD from Spain on 31 March-2 April (QSL via LoTW and eQSL; paper cards via EA5PC).

Back in 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.



QSL ROUTES

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3W3B	E21EIC	EG8M	EA5URV	PZ5HS	PA3EHS
4K7DK	DK1DKE	EK6TA	DJ0MCZ	PZ5TG	DL8TG
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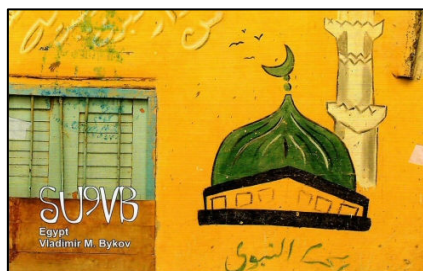
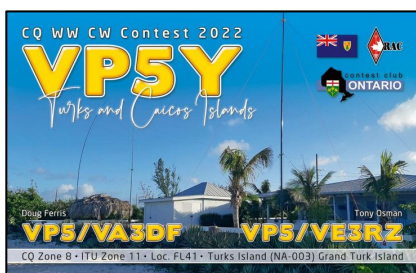
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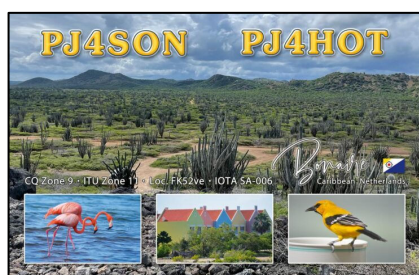


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