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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- CT - Four members of the Portuguese DX Group (namely CT1EEQ, CT1EGW, CT1FPA and CT4NH) will be active holiday style as CS5DX from Ilha do Pessegueiro (EU-167) on 25-26 July. They will operate SSB, FT8 and slow CW mainly on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, plus 6m if the band opens. They will not participate in the IOTA Contest, but simply "give out EU-167 for those still in need". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to CS5DX. [TNX CT4NH]
- F - Radio club F4KKE at Saint-Martin-des-Besaces (Normandy) will operate CW, SSB and digital modes as TM11AD from 31 July to 3 August to commemorate the role played by the British 11th Armoured Division during Operation Bluecoat (July-August 1944). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via the bureau to F4KKE.
- G - A number of Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society's members will each be running a special event station on 1 August to celebrate Yorkshire Day: GB2YD, GB4YD, GB5YD, GB6YD, GB8YD, GB8YDS and GB9YDS. Also taking part in the celebrations will be the Pontefract & District Amateur Radio Society as GB0YD, and the Wakefield & District Radio Society as GB0YDS. QSL via operator's instructions.
- G - Two special event stations will be active in August to mark the critical role that radar played in the Battle of Britain 80 years ago. GB80BRS will be operated to commemorate Bawdsey Radar Station in Suffolk, which was the location of the world's first operational radar station. GB80CH will be operated from Chelmsford in Essex, which has the most complete surviving radar tower from the Battle of Britain; the callsign's suffix stands for Chain Home, the code-name for the ring of coastal early warning radar stations built by the Royal Air Force.
- I - Ignazio, IT9AGZ is active as IT9AGZ/IE9 from Ustica Island (EU-051) until 31 July. He operates SSB on 40, 20 and 15 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX IK2RLS]
- LA - Nick, LB9LG is active as LM0POMOR for the annual Pomor Festival (22-26 July) on Vardo Island (EU-141). QSL via LB9LG (direct or bureau), and LoTW.
- OH - Jukka, OH30J will be active as OH30J/1 from Kaurissalo Island (EU-096) from 30 July to 5 August. He will operate CW, FT8 and some SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call (bureau preferred).
- PA - Special event station PI75VERON will active from 1 August to 31 December to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland (VERON), the Dutch IARU society which was founded on 21 October 1945. QSL via PA1AW.
- UA - Victor, R6AF/p and Valery, RU6DX/p are once again active from Sudzhuk Island (EU-185) until 28 July. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or

via home calls.

- XE - Once again special call sign 4A2MAX will be activated on 1-31 August in remembrance of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe. Activity will be on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. Born in 1894, Father Kolbe (SP3RN) was killed on 14 August 1941 at Auschwitz. QSL via LoTW, eQSL and Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/4a2max> for information.
- XW - Mike, XW2DX (ex-UA0XB) is currently active as XW2DX from Vientiane, and will be staying in Laos for the next few years. He is allowed to operate on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via RM0L. [TNX DX World]
- YB - Look for YB3MM/9 (22-29 July) and YC9DE/p (23-26 July) to be active from Nusa Ceningan, a small island close to Lombok (OC-022). QSL YB3MM/9 via Club Log's OQRS or via IZ8CCW; QSL YC9DE/p via LoTW, eQSL, direct, or via YB3MM (see qrz.com for PayPal details).

IOTA CONTEST ---> Back in April the RSGB Contest Committee decided that to minimise the impact of COVID-19, the IOTA Contest in 2020 is exclusively for Single Operators using their home stations: only "SO Fixed Island" stations and "SO Fixed World" stations will be eligible to compete in this year's event. However, any island station will count for the island points and multiplier, even if that station is not in the competition. Moreover, IOTA Ltd has confirmed that "island contacts made over the weekend will count for its IOTA Programme in the normal way".

The IOTA Contest will be held from 12 UTC on 25 July until 11:59 UTC on 26 July, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW and/or SSB. Complete details can be found on the RSGB Contest Committee's website:

<https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/riota.shtml>.

The following stations are expected to be active during the contest weekend from qualifying islands. For latest additions please give a look at the announced operations list maintained by Bill, NG3K:

<https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/iota2020.html>

Ref.No.	Call/Ops	Island	QSL VIA
AF-014	CR3W	Madeira	DL5AXX
AF-014	CT9/DL5CW	Madeira	DL5CW
AF-014	CT9ABV	Madeira	DL5AXX
AF-018	IH9YMC	Pantelleria	LoTW
AS-150	BG40P	Lingshan	BI4IIZ
AS-150	BI4IX	Zhucha	BH4LLP
AS-155	BV0WPX	Liuchiu Yu	BV2KI
EU-001	SV5DKL	Rhodes	SV5DKL
EU-005	MM1E	Great Britain	MM0GOR
EU-018	OY1CT	Streymoy	OY1CT
EU-025	IT9RZU	Sicily	LoTW
EU-029	OZ2PBS	Sjaelland	OZ2PBS
EU-034	ES0IA	Kassaa	ES0IA
EU-042	DG5LAC/p	Hooge	DG5LAC
EU-049	SZ8LES	Lesvos	SZ8LES
EU-051	IT9AGZ/IE9	Ustica	IT9AGZ
EU-054	IF9A	Favignana	IT9ATF
EU-057	DL5KUD	Ruegen	DL5KUD
EU-064	F6KBK/p	Noirmoutier	F4GTB

EU-132	SQ6NEJ	Wolin	SQ6NEJ
EU-136	9A4KJ	Rab	9A4KJ
EU-172	OZ9V/p	Aro	LoTW
EU-174	SV2CLJ/8	Thassos	SV2CLJ
EU-174	SV8/LZ3FN	Thassos	LZ1PM
EU-174	SV8/LZ3SM	Thassos	LZ3SM
EU-185	R6AF/p	Sudzhuk	R6AF
EU-185	RU6DX/p	Sudzhuk	RU6DX
NA-026	N2GC	Long	N2GC
NA-031	AI1TT	Aquidneck	LoTW/Club Log
NA-036	VE7JH	Vancouver	VE7JH
NA-046	K1VSJ	Martha's Vineyard	K1VSJ
NA-052	K0AP/4	Marco	K0AP
NA-058	AA5JF/4	Jekyll	AA5JF
NA-110	AA4V	Isle of Palms	AA4V
NA-143	K5KUA	Galveston	K5KUA
NA-144	KD7WPJ	Anacapa	KD7WPJ
OC-021	YD1JQM	Java	LoTW
OC-034	YB9UA	New Guinea	LoTW
OC-130	DV8VMI	Mindanao	DV8VMI
OC-130	DX8CAD	Mindanao	DX8CAD
OC-130	DX9EVM	Mindanao	IK2DUW
OC-148	YD9MBM	Timor	LoTW
SA-079	ZV1M	Palmas	PY1MT

The IOTA SWL Contest has been picked up by the Radioascolto SWL Club, and it will run in parallel with the IOTA Contest. Complete details can be found at <http://www.radioascolto.org/swl/> or from the IOTA SWL Contest Manager (Dan Rolla, I1-12387/IW1QLA, drolla231[@]gmail.com).

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9A20A ---> The 18-31 July operation from the Palagruza Islands (EU-090) [425DXN 1521] has been cancelled owing to health and safety issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO ---> "The first QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo scheduled for 8-9 August has already registered over 11,000 hams", Eric Guth (4Z1UG) announced on 20 July, "and with almost 3 weeks before the event, the number of registrants continues to increase significantly every day". The event will be held on a live virtual reality platform that simulates a full convention experience with an exhibit hall and exhibit booths staffed by live attendants, speaker auditorium, lobby, and lounges. Attendance is free and there are early bird prize incentives (donated by sponsors) for registering by 24 July: <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>. The QSO Today Virtual

Ham Expo will run for 48 hours as a live event, then attendees will be able to access all speaker presentations and exhibitor booth content for another 30 days.

SABLE ISLAND 2021 ---> The CY0C DXpedition to Sable Island, originally scheduled for 17-26 October, has been postponed until October 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic. Foundations, clubs and individuals who have already contributed to the DXpedition can choose whether to get "a complete and total refund", or "to apply their donations to the 2021 Sable Island CY0C DXpedition". See <http://cy0dexpedition.net/index.html>.

XR0YHM ---> Hans-Martin, DK2HM has had to cancel his XR0YHM operation from Easter Island [425DXN 1511]. He expected to be QRV from 27 August to 7 September, but "all flights have been cancelled by the air company now, and there is no chance at the moment to postpone the flight tickets or to get a safe new date for a future activity".

YASME SUPPORTING GRANT TO OX3NUK ---> The Yasme Foundation has allocated funds for the purchase of equipment to upgrade the OX3NUK club station in Nuuk, Greenland. In addition to helping the club stay active on the air, the station can serve as a venue to promote amateur radio through outreach to local schools and the Scouts for their fall Jamboree. The Yasme Foundation (<http://www.yasme.org/>) is a not-for-profit corporation organized to support scientific and educational projects related to amateur radio, including DXing and the introduction and promotion of amateur radio in developing countries. [TNX K4ZW]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3W1T, 4A2L (NA-135), 5Z4/G3AB, 6F3A (NA-153), 6Y5WJ, 9K2GS, CB0Z (SA-101), CN8KD, C02AC, E44CC, E44RU, EX8MJ, GU8FB0, GW0A, H44MS, HB0CC, HP2DFA, J28PJ, LY30LY, PA75PKZ, RI0B (AS-068), SV9MBH, TG9ANF, TI9A (NA-012), TM8C (EU-159), UK9AA, VP2VB, VP8HAL, VP8PJ (AN-008), VR2XAN, XP3A, XR8RRC (SA-032), XV1X, Z61DX.

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