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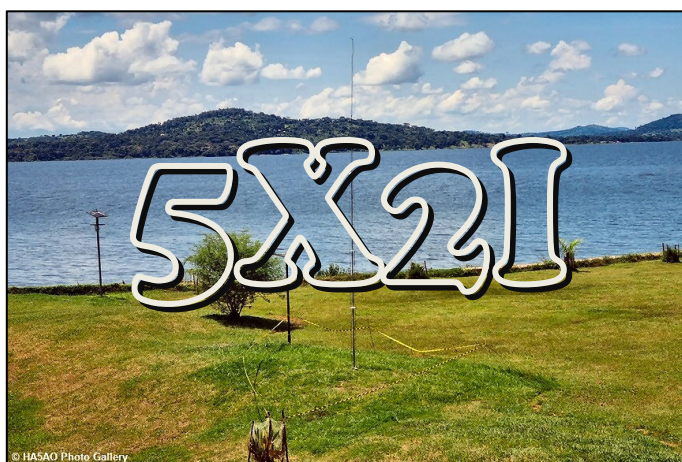


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DX INFORMATION

5U - 5UA99WS' departure from Niger [425DXN 1669] has been brought forward, and he is now scheduled to leave the country on 1 June. In his spare time Giorgio operates FT8, FT4 and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via EA5GL.

8Q - Vincent, HB9VCJ will be active as 8Q7VJ from the Maldives (AS-013) from 20 May to 4 June. He will operate QRP SSB and various digital modes on 40-6 metres, and FM on 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

8Q - Amir, A61MW will be active as 8Q7MW from the Maldives (AS-013) on 27-29 May. «QSL cards are available if you request them by email», he says.

9H - Ivan, YT4RA (IV3CTS) and his brother Goran, YT7AW (SA7DXR) will be active from Malta (EU-023) on 24-29 May. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest, hopefully as 9H6WPX. QSL via LoTW. [TNX YT7AW]



9M2 - Team 9M4KI will be active from Pulau Songsong (AS-058), West Malaysia on 12-14 May. Look for activity on 40-10 metres SSB. QSL direct to 9M2YGF.

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- Vlad, OK2WX will be active as **9Q3WX** from 15 August to 3 September. He will operate on CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via IZ8CCW. See <https://www.mdxc.support/9q3wx/> for updates.
- 6-18 September are the dates for the Italian DX Team's operation from Kinshasa [425DXN 1668]. Seven operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CKR, IK2HKT and IV3ZXQ) will be active as **9Q1AA** (SSB, CW and RTTY) and **9Q1ZZ** (FT8 F/H) with at least four stations on 80-6 metres CW, SSB, FT8; 160m CW and FT8, 20 metres RTTY. They will also be active via the QO-100 satellite. See <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/> for their band plan. QSL direct to I2YSB (OQRS on <http://win.i2ysb.com/loqonline/>).

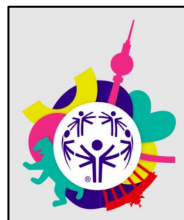
A9 - A91GCC is the special callsign for the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the Gulf Cooperation Council on 19-25 May. QSL via EC6DX. Established on 25 May 1981, GCC is a regional intergovernmental political and economic union that consists of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

C6 - Look for KN4NTX to be active as C6AWA from Bimini (NA-048), Bahamas on 26-28 May. He will operate CW only, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

CO - The Guani DX Group will be active as T41DX on 18-22 May from Boca de Galafre (EL82da), on the main island of Cuba (NA-015). They will operate SSB, CW and various digital modes on 80-10m. QSL direct to RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]



DL - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DL/SP5APW from Usedom Island (EU-129) from 29 May to 1 June. He plans to be QRV on 6 metres only, operating digital modes (FT8 and MSK144) and some SSB, from WWL JO73cu. QSL via home call, and possibly Club Log's OQRS.



DL - DARC Team SES will operate special event callsign DB23SOWG on 1-25 June. The suffix stands for Special Olympics World Games, the world's largest sporting event for athletes with intellectual disabilities whose 16th edition will be held in Berlin (17-25 June). QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR.

EI - Look for Pete M1PTR, Tom M0DCG and Kieron M5KJM (EI6KP) to be QRV as EJ6KP/p from Great Blasket Island (EU-007) on 16-18 May. They will operate SSB on the HF bands during the local daytime hours. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

F - Special event station TM8MAY will be active on 6-8 May from Canet-de-Roussillon during the annual commemoration of V-E Day, which marked the official end of World War II in Europe (8 May 1945). Main activity will be on CW using vintage equipment. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX F6AJA]

F - The Charente DX Group will be active as TM4O from Oleron Island (EU-032) on 14-21 May. Four operators (namely F5LOW, F5MNM, F5NBQ and F6HKA) will be QRV on the HF bands CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (paper QSLs will not be available), logsearch on Club Log.

F - For the 71st year the Association des Radioamateurs de la Sarthe (F6KFI) will operate a special event station for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Look for TM24H on 28 May-11 June, with activity on various bands and modes. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via F6KFI.



F - Special callsign TM61TC will be activated on 31 May-7 June celebrating Claude Chappe's invention of the optical telegraph, the first practical telecommunications system of the industrial age. QSL via the bureau. [TNX F8REF]

F - Members of the Association des Radioamateurs Vauclusiens (F5KPO) will operate a series of eight special callsigns (TM230VA, TM230UC, TM230LU, TM230SE and TM84VA, TM84UC, TM84LU, TM84SE) on 2-25 June for the 230th anniversary of the creation of the French Department of Vaucluse. QSL via eQSL. A number of certificates will be available, see <https://www.grz.com/db/TM230VA> for information.

FO - Didier, F6BCW is active as FO/F6BCW from Huahine Island (OC-067), French Polynesia until 25 October. He operates CW and SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via F6EXV, Club Log and LoTW.



FO/M - Didier, F6BCW and other nine operators (namely F1MNQ, F4ISZ, F5JRJ, F5LRL, F5VHQ, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI and F8GGV) will be active as TX7L from Hiva Oa, Marquesas Islands (OC-027) on 4-19 November. They plan to operate CW, SSB,

FT8, FT4 and RTTY on 160-6 metres with four stations. QSL exclusively via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau); the full log will be uploaded to LoTW six months after the operation. See <https://marquises2023.f6kjs.fr/> and for more information, as well as <https://www.facebook.com/TX7L-109202902174568/> for updates.

GD - Henning, OZ2I (<https://oz2i.dk/>) will operate CW only as MD/OZ2I from Douglas, Isle of Man (EU-116) on 9-12 May. Before that, he will be active as MM/OZ2I from Dumfries, Scotland. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.



GI - Once again the North West Group ARC (MN0NWG) is running special event station GB0AEL between 5 and 26 May to commemorate the anniversary of Amelia Earhart's transatlantic flight. QSL via M10HOZ (direct or bureau).

On 20-21 May 1932, Earhart became the first woman to fly nonstop and alone across the Atlantic, leaving Harbor Grace on Newfoundland (Canada), and landing 15 hours later near Londonderry (Northern Ireland).

GM - Jack, M0PLX will be active as MM0PLX/p from Unst and other six islands in the Shetlands (EU-012) from 21 May to 2 June. He will operate SSB on the HF bands, and will also pay attention to 6m. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/M0PLX/>.

GM - Plans are for the expedition to the Isle of Rockall (EU-189) [425DXN 1653] (<https://www.rockallexped.co>)



to set sail from Inverkip, Scotland on 26 May. The voyage will take 2-3 days, depending on weather conditions. The organizers aim to break the current world record for time spent on Rockall, and to raise funds for charity. Amateur radio wise, Nobby G0VJG and Emil DL8JJ will be

active as MM0UKI from the island with two stations. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-10 metres. «Please bear in mind that once at Rockall it will take many hours to get ready to come on air», Nobby says. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Rockall has been activated only twice so far, by MS0IRC/p (2005) and MM0RAI/p (2011). Follow <https://www.facebook.com/groups/383962999684050> for updates, as well as Nobby on Twitter (@G0vjg).

GM - Col, MM0NDX and Jonathan, MM0OKG will be active as MS0INT from the Isle of Tiree (EU-008) on 26-29 May. They will be QRV on 17-6m. QSL via LoTW. «There is a small chance they may try activate the neighbouring Treshnish Islands (EU-108) for a few hours, but this will depend on weather, and will very much be a decision made on the day (possibly 28 May)». [TNX DX World]

GM - Dan, F5DBT plans to be active as MM/F5DBT from several islands off the west coast of Scotland between 28 May and 15 June. He will operate SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home call.

H4 - Originally scheduled for March 2024 [425DXN 1668], the H44WA DXpedition to the Solomon Islands has been brought forward to 15-29 November 2023. Five operators (N7JP, N7QT, N9ADG, NU7J and WA7CPA) will be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H). QSL via M0URX's OQRS; there will be no full log upload to LoTW, and bureau cards will not be available. See <https://www.h44wa.com/> for updates and detailed QSLing policy.

HBO - Look for HBO/PH0NO/p, HBO/PE5TT/p and HBOY/PD7YY/p to be active from at least four different nature reserves in Liechtenstein on 13-14 May. They will operate SSB and CW on 80-6 metres with two stations. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be requested via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.ynomy.nl/> for information.

I - Luca, IK5AEQ will be active again as IL7/IK5AEQ from San Domino, Tremiti Islands (EU-050) on 3-9 May. He operates SSB and digital modes on 80-2 metres. QSL via home call (bureau preferred); he will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log.



Also active from the same location will be Franco, IZ5IUY as IL7/IZ5IUY on 10-29 June. He will operate SSB on 40-6 metres, as well as on 144 MHz and 433 MHz. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

I - ARI Udine (IQ3UD) will operate special event station I13ALP on 11-15 May for the 94th National Reunion of the Italian Army's Alpine troops. QSL via the bureau and eQSL.

I - Look for Lorenzo, IB0/IZ0BVU and Dario, IB0/IW0RLC to be active from Ventotene Island (EU-045) on 25-28 May. They will operate SSB, FT8, FT4 and RTTY on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres (maybe also on 80m). QSL via home calls and LoTW.

I - As of 18 May, the list of special call signs celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force until 20 June includes

I10AAA	I12BGY	I14PNF	I19CMS
I10AQN	I12BRS	I15GRO	I19CTF
I10BPL	I12GHD	I15MSC	I19CVT
I10CMP	I12MIL	I15PIO	I19PAB
I10FRO	I12VGT	I15PIS	I19SIG
I10GUI	I12VNG	I15PON	I19TMM
I10LAT	I13AFT	I16PES	I03CVM
I10MVV	I13AVI	I17BPM	I05LUT
I10OVF	I13BLN	I17BRI	I07BPM
I10PDM	I13CDF	I17GDC	I09MAR
I10PEG	I13GOR	I17LEG	IY0TC
I10RMC	I13IST	I18RCL	IY1TO
I11ALB	I13PDV	I18REG	
I11CAM	I13PRL	I18SSC	
I11CME	I13VEL	I18VVL	

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 ITAAF history. A certificate will be available; see <https://www.ari.it/images/stories/diplomi/centenarioam23.pdf> for information.

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active from Shodo Island (AS-200) from 23 May to 5 July. He will operate SSB and CW as JI5RBH (including participation in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest) JI3DST/5, JS6RRR/5 and JR8YLY/5, as well as JI3DST/p, JS6RRR/p and JR8YLY/p on FT8. He will pay special attention to 6m. The QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

JA - Ichy, JH7IPR will be active from Ishigaki Island and Iriomote Island (both count for IOTA group AS-024) on 24-28 May. He will be signing JH7IPR/6 (CW, RTTY, SSB, AM) and JH7IPR/p (FT4, FT8 and other digital modes). QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

KH8 - Lloyd, KH6LC and Oliver, W6NV will be active as KH8W from Pago Pago (OC-045), American Samoa on 26-31 May. They will operate CW only, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to W6NV.



Originally scheduled for March 2020 and postponed repeatedly, the W8S DXpedition to Swains Island (OC-200) is now set to take place on 4-17 October. The team (DJ9RR, DL2AMD, DL6JGN, KO8SCA, NG7M, PA2KW, PA3EWP, PA4WM, PA5X and PG5M) will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on all bands with six stations from two operating sites. «Due to Covid and the global economic situation, our costs have increased considerably compared to 2020», PA3EWP says. The total cost has increased to EUR 125,000, and donations will be gratefully accepted. See <https://swains2020.ldxt.eu/> for more information.

KP4 - Manuel, WP4TZ will be active from Vieques Island (NA-249) on 23-30 May. He will be QRV on 40-6 metres from parks, summits and beaches for the POTA, SOTA and BOTA programmes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. Updates will be posted to <https://twitter.com/elradiohead>.

LA - Ric, DL2VFR and Fred, DL4BBH will be active as LA/DL2VFR and LA/DL4BBH from IOTA group EU-061 and the Ytre Hvaler National Park on 2-6 June. They will operate CW and SSB. QSLs via home calls, LoTW, and Club Log. [TNX DL2VFR]

OE - RW3AH, ON5UR, ON6AJ and ON8AZ will be active as 4U100QO from the Vienna International Centre Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A) on 18-20 May. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and FT4 via the QO-100 satellite. QSL via M0URX's OQRS.

OJ0 - Bjorn LA1UW, Tor LA3WAA, Kristoffer LB0VG and Stian LB5SH will be active as OJ0/homecall from Market Reef (EU-053) on 20-27 May.



They plan to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-4m with three stations. QSL OJ0/LA1UW via LoTW; QSL OJ0/LA3WAA via LoTW and EA5GL; QSL OJ0/LB0VG via LoTW and eQSL. See <https://oj0.no/> for more information.



OK - The private company Radiojournal began regular radio broadcasts in Czechoslovakia on 18 May 1923. OL100RADIO, OL100RJ, OL23RADIO and OL23RJ are the special call signs for the Czech Radio Club to mark «100 years of broadcasting in OK-land». Look for activity on all bands and modes from 18 May to 18 June. QSLs via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK1MP. A certificate will be available, see <https://cro100.cz/index.php> or qrz.com under any of the special call signs for information.

P4 - John, W2GD will be active as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 23-30 May. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest, with some spare time operations on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL

via LoTW, or direct to N2MM.



PA - Ben, DO1BEN has been on Texel Island (EU-038) since 22 May, and will remain there until 2 June. He is QRV as PD/DO1BEN on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB, with some FT8/FT4 «if propagation is low». QSL via home call (bureau preferred).

PA - PA37AC is the special call sign for the Marine Radio Amateur Club (PI4MRC) to participate in the Museum Ships Weekend (3-4 June) from the former minesweeper *Abraham Crijnsen*, moored at the Navy Museum in Den Helder, Netherlands. [TNX PA3CNI]



SM - Ric, DL2VFR and Fred, DL4BBH will be active as either SM6/DL2VFR or SD7V/6 (if his licence is renewed) and SM6/DL4BBH from Orust Island (EU-043) on 31 May-2 June. They will operate CW and SSB. QSLs via home calls, LoTW, and Club Log. [TNX DL2VFR]

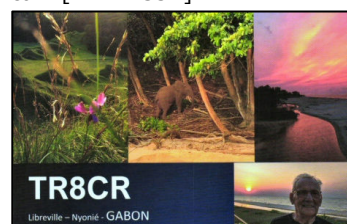


SP - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as SP5APW/1 from Wolin Island (EU-132) on 1-6 June. He plans to be QRV on 6 metres only, operating digital modes (FT8 and MSK144) and some SSB, from WWL JO73gx. QSL via home call, and possibly Club Log's OQRS.

T31 - Team T31TT arrived in Apia, Samoa at 18 UTC on 25 May. After a 2-day stop, the *Sheer Delight* will set sail for Kanton, Central Kiribati (OC-043). Look for E51DOM/mm on 14183 kHz SSB and 14002 kHz CW during the voyage. Plans are for T31TT to operate CW (one station), SSB (one station) and FT8 (seven stations, usually F/H) on the HF bands and 6 metres for 12-14 days. Their band plan can be found on <https://www.grz.com/db/T31TT>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

T8 - Look for T88SM (QSL direct to JA6EGL) and T88HZ (QSL via JH6HZH) to be active on various bands and modes from the Palau Radio Club on Koror Island (OC-009) on 12-18 May.

TF - Chris, DL1MGB will be active as TF/DL1MGB from Iceland on 26-29 May. Main activity will be on 80-10 metres during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]



TR - Roland, F8EN will be active again as TR8CR from Gabon from 4 June until the end of July. He will operate CW only, and will celebrate his 95th birthday while there. QSL via F6AJA and

logsearch on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>. [TNX F6AJA]

UA - Commemorating the role that radio (and radio amateurs) had in rescuing the survivors of the airship *Italia*

disaster, special call signs RT95NS, RT95MS and RT95KG (QSLs via RN3RQ) will be active from 25 May to 12 July. The suffixes memorialize Nikolai Schmidt, the radio amateur who first picked up the SOS on 3 June 1928, and his close friend Mikhail Smirnov, as well as Aleksandr Kozhevnikov and Vladislav Grzhibovsky,

radio amateurs and radiomen on board two of the ships that participated in the search and rescue operations.



Also active will be R1LK (QSL via RV1AQ), the onboard amateur radio station of the *Krasin*, the icebreaker (now a museum ship in Saint Petersburg) that reached the castaways on 12 July 1928. A couple of certificates will be available on <https://hamlog.online/> for contacts made with these stations and II1TR [425DXN 1669].

UA0 - Team RI0Z (namely R7AA, RM0F, UA6EX and UA7A) will be active from Bering Island, one of the Komandorskiye Islands (AS-039) from 18 August to 3 September. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau), or via R7AA. See <https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/ri0z/> for more information.



V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 23 May to 7 June. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and especially 6m. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON.

V7 - Bob, N7XR is active as V7/N7XR from Kwajalein Atoll (OC-028), Marshall Islands until late June or early July. He operates CW, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Team VB2M will be active from Petite-île-au-Marteau (NA-176) on 22-30 July, IOTA Contest included. Plans are to operate 24/7 on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, or



direct to Fédération des clubs radioamateurs du Québec (RAQI), 7665 Bd Lacordaire, Montreal, QC H1S 2A7, Canada.

VP2E - Rich, KE1B (VP2EAQ) and Anna, W6NN (VP2EAR) will be active again from Anguilla (NA-022) from 25 May to 1 June. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. Expect VP2EAQ to participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSLs via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or via KE1B.

VP2M - K2DM, George will be active as VP2MDM from Montserrat on 25-29 May. He will operate FT8 and SSB on the HF bands and 6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to K2DM. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - John, K4BAI will be active as VP5/K4BAI from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands on 23-30 May. QSL via home call. Along with other operators, he will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as VP5M (QSL direct to K4QPL). [TNX The Daily DX]



VP6A will be on the air from **Ducie Island** (OC-182) on 10-24 June (actual dates will be subject to weather conditions). Four RIBs (Radio In a Box)

will provide a total of five stations capable of 24/7 operation on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and FT8. A special focus will be placed on 6m operation, with gain antennas and a power amplifier. QSL via HA7RY and LoTW. See <https://www.grz.com/db/VP6A> for more information and updates.

There will only be three operators at Ducie: W6IZT,

KN4EEI and AA7JV. This small local team will set up and maintain the stations, and operate from the catamaran *Magnet* anchored nearby. They will visit the island once a day to refuel the generators and do any necessary maintenance. In line with the minimum footprint concept, there will be no camping on the island. In addition to the on-site team, other 14 operators (9V1YC, AA1V, AA7A, CT1EEB, KY7M, KO8SCA, K1DG, K6GFJ, K6TD, K6MM, ND2T, N1DG, PY5EG, W1RM and W8HC) will operate land based remote controlled stations around the clock.

Following the successful test at FO/AA7JV [425DXN 1667], VP6A will be the first full-scale DXpedition to a rare Entity featuring a large number of remote operators. The RIB technology is intended to enable remote operators to participate in DXpeditions without the expense and lengthy travel usually involved, and to enable a new, minimum impact operating mode for environmentally sensitive areas. All donations should be made to the Northern California DX Foundation (<https://www.ncdxf.org/>), which provided funding for the RIB development.

VP9 - Darrell, AB2E will be active as AB2E/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) on 24-29 May. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest; before and after the contest he will operate CW, SSB, and FT8 on 160-10m, with focus on the WARC bands. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.



VU7 - Yuris, YL2GM will be active again as VU7W from the Lakshadweep on 6-18 June. This time he will operate from Minicoy Island (AS-106), with a focus on 6 metres

(«however other bands will also be used», he says). QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or direct to YL2GN. See <https://www.lral.lv/vu7w/> for updates.

XW - «I will return again to live in Luang Prabang from about the end of May 2023», Simon, XW0LP (HS0ZIB) says. «I'm just sorting out a suitable house to rent with a garden for my HF antennas. I hope to be operational soon on 160, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 metres (80, 30 and 6m are now not authorised for use in Laos)». QSL via EA5GL.

YB - Look for Huzen, YE3BYE/p to be active from Gili Ketapang Island (OC-237) on 15-21 May. He will operate SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10m. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

YU - The Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU1SRS) will host the 26th IARU Region 1 General Conference, to be held at Zlatibor on 1-4 November. A special callsign has been issued, YT26IARU, which may be operated until 31 December by the hosting society as well as by the conference amateur radio station. QSL via LoTW.

Z3 - Henning, OZ2I will be active as Z38EE from North Macedonia on 24-30 May. He operates CW only, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. «I think of spending some time in the country for the next six months, doing some more of the big contests (it may even be CQ WW)», he says. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via the bureau to OZ2I.

CARIBBEAN TOUR • Bob K4UEE, Rob K5PI, Bill W5SJ and Madison W5MJ will be active from Antigua (NA-100) on 23-28 May, including a M/S HP entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest, and from Montserrat (NA-103) on 29 May-4 June. The callsigns will be V26RC and VP2MUE (for K4UEE), V26GB and VP2MKP (for K5PI), V26MJ and VP2MMJ (for W5MJ), V26BP and VP2MSJ (for W5SJ).

GOOD TO KNOW

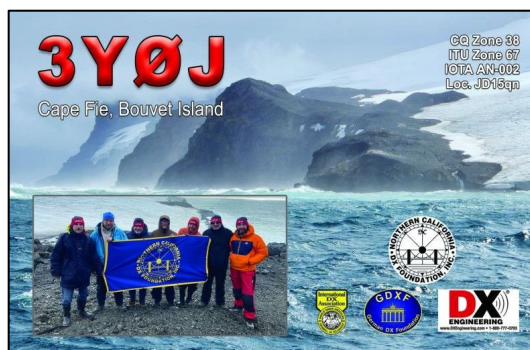


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- **LOTW STATUS:** «All LoTW have been uploaded for anyone OQRS, direct mailed card, or upfront donors greater than or equal to \$15», LA7GIA posted to Facebook on 4 May. «There have been a few issues with entries uploaded not showing up, we are working on this. If you have not received LoTW and you have OQRS, please email kenneth@opskar.no and we will take care of it. Complete log will be uploaded to LoTW when we enable free buro cards».
- **QSL STATUS:** On 15 May 4438 3Y0J cards were mailed to 83 countries, Charles reports. You can still request QSLs via OQRS (<https://www.m0oxo.com>) or direct post mail, but «time is approaching for my vacation», he says. «If you require any direct mailed cards, I would suggest requesting them very soon. My last mailing will be May 30th. Although log updates, missing call enquiries and emails will receive a reply, no cards will be issued in June».



BALTIC CONTEST • Organized by the Lithuanian Radio Sports Federation, the 58th edition of the contest will be held on 80 metres SSB and CW starting at 21 UTC on 20 May and ending at 2 UTC on 21 May. Complete information can be found on <http://www.lrsf.lt/en/balticcontestrules/>.

DXONE • All antennas were damaged during a tropical storm, so Gil decided to shut down for good earlier than planned. The last QSOs were made on 7 May at around 3 UTC. During his single-handed operation Gil made 11242 QSOs (9304 FT8 and 1938 CW), with 3864 unique callsigns. He hopes to return to the island with a team, in order to distribute more QSOs with the Spratly Islands to those in need.

DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR • Presented annually at the DX Dinner by the Southwest Ohio DX Association, the DXpedition of the Year Award recognizes excellence in DXpedition planning and execution from Most Wanted entities. DXpeditions that were completed from March 2022 through February 2023 were eligible for this year's award, which has gone to the Czech DXpedition Group's TN8K operation from the Congo (January 2023, <https://www.cdxp.cz/>).



JG8NQJ/JD1 • Take has been on Minami Torishima since 18 March; he expects to QRT around 25 May, his QSL manager reports. He will depart the island on 26 May. QSL via the bureau to JG8NQJ, or direct to JA8CJY; the QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW after Take is back home.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND • Sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (NJ2BB), this year's Museum Ships Weekend will be held from 00.00 UTC on 3 June until 23.59 UTC on the 4th. Information on the event, including the listing of expected participating ships, can be found at <https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/>.



NCDXF DQRM PROJECT • The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) recognizes the negative impact deliberate QRM (DQRM) is having on our hobby. We believe this is a problem that can be mitigated by amateur radio operators applying their vast knowledge and creativity to the advanced receiving and direction finding technology currently available. In order to spur research into solving this problem, the NCDXF Board of Directors at their April 2023 Board Meeting allocated \$100,000 for grants to develop DQRM solutions.

NCDXF will entertain grant proposals from individuals or groups that specifically outline their approach to identify bad actors. A group of NCDXF Directors led by Craig Thompson, K9CT and Don Greenbaum, N1DG will weigh the probability of success of their proposals as well as monitor the progress of the grantees.

Funding will be available for research and development, as well as implementation of technology proposals. It is hoped that manufacturers will also assist NCDXF and grantees with equipment and other resources.

NCDXF will shortly outline specifics for how to apply for these DQRM grants. We have created a webpage devoted to the DQRM Request For Proposal (RFP) Project: <https://www.ncdxf.org/pages/dqrm.html>

QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on *Les Nouvelles DX's* website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,313 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 Francaises), 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 VIA IT9EJW • Club Log's OQRS has been enabled for XF2C (NA-135), XF3O (NA-090), XF3M (NA-045) and XF3H (NA-045). Please note that on 9 April, between 14.15 UTC and 19.10 UTC, the operator (Enrique, XE2AA) used XF3M by error. The correct callsign XF3O should have been XF3O, and Enrique invites those who had a QSO with "XF3M" during that time frame to amend their logs. After processing incoming requests for direct cards, all of the remaining QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX IT9EJW]

T30UN • Team T30UN went QRT on 30 April at 17.35 UTC, when their third and last generator died. They are now making preparations for the T31TT DXpedition to Kanton Island, Central Kiribati [425DXN 1665]. They expect to be heading to T31 via Samoa on 23 May. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup> for updates.



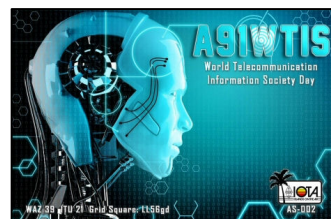
TX5S • Paul, N6PSE has joined the operating team of the Perseverance DX Group's DXpedition to Clipperton Island (18 January-1 February 2024) [425DXN 1668]. In addition, joining the team are also two French scientists who will conduct research while on the island, and a member of the Association la Passion-Clipperton, a French organization involved with improving and preserving Clipperton Island's environment.

Band/Mode additions include Satellite and 6m EME. «The fundraising campaign is underway, with 18 Clubs/Foundations and 87 individuals already showing their support for the project», the team's Press Release #3 states. «At 24% of the target, we have a long way to go in order to reach the goal of 50% team member funding of the estimated project cost of USD 350,000. If you need Clipperton for an All Time New One, or will work us, we would appreciate your help, most bills

must be paid before we sail»: see <https://clip.pdxq.net/donate/>.

You can also follow TX5S on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tx5s2024>.

WTISD • Proclaimed in 2006 by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is celebrated annually on 17 May. Special event stations taking part in this year's celebrations include A91WTIS from Bahrain (11-17 May, QSL via EC6DX), HZ1WTIS from Saudi Arabia (13-17 May, QSL via LoTW), and A60WTIS from the United Arab Emirates (15-22 May, QSL via EA7FTR). Also look for A60WTIS to be activated with different suffix extensions (see qrz.com for the QSL routes).



CQ AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME

The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in January 2001 to recognize those who have made major contributions to amateur radio as a whole, and radio amateurs who have made major contributions to society at large. The 2023 inductees are:

- **Andrew "Andy" Andros, WOLTE (SK)**, and brother **Theodore "Ted" Andros, WOURN (SK)**, founders of Hy-Gain Corp. Their first antenna, the TH-3 triband trap beam, got the company off to a solid start. The company went on to become a major antenna manufacturer for the amateur, CB, military and diplomatic markets; later sold to Telex and then to MFJ Enterprises, which continues to produce Hy-Gain antennas, rotors and accessories.
- **John G. "Jack" Curtis, K6KU (SK)** - Revolutionized CW keying by developing circuitry for an iambic memory keyer and putting it on a chip. The chips were later integrated into many commercial transceivers featuring built-in electronic keyers.
- **Gerald "Jerry" Lawson, WA6LVN (SK)** - Pioneer of home video games, helping to develop the first cartridge-based video game controller, which allowed users to switch between multiple games. Also one of the few African-American engineers working in the computer industry as the first video games were developed.

CQ CONTEST HALL OF FAME

Established in 1986, the CQ Contest Hall of Fame honours those amateurs who have made major contributions to the art of radio contesting. The 2023 inductees are:

- **Kirk Pickering, K4RO** - Founding member, past president and past vice-president of the Tennessee Contest Group; webmaster of TCG website; has hosted many new contesters at multi-ops from his home station; 3-time US winner in ARRL Sweepstakes CW/QRP category and regular top-ten finisher in multi-ple contests; past editor and columnist («Contesting 101») for *National Contest Journal*.
- **Ken Claerbout, K4ZW** - Accomplished contesteer both domestically and as DX, operating from over a dozen countries around the world. A driving force in the ongoing training and mentoring of students at ET3AA, the radio club at the Addis Ababa University School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. On a recent visit, he helped students install one of the few HF skimmers in Africa to feed the Reverse Beacon Network. He has served in multiple positions for the YASME Foundation, and is past president of the Potomac Valley Radio Club. In that role, he began a series of contesting-related webinars that has morphed into today's Contest University.
- **Bernhard "Ben" Büttner, DL6RAI (SK)** - Avid contesteer and contest administrator who operated from 49 different DX entities. Co-founder and past president of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC), Ben helped develop and maintain the club's DX cluster, the first in Germany. He was also a past director of the Worked All Europe DX Contest (WAEDC). In that role, he spearheaded the conversion from paper to electronic logging and the introduction of electronic log checking. Ben was also a former member of the CQWW Contest Committee, served as IT manager for WRTC-2018 in Germany,

and was a beta tester for Win-Test contest logging software.

CQ DX HALL OF FAME

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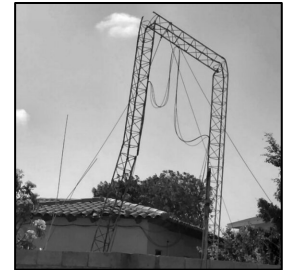
- **Arecio "AI" Hernandez, K3VN** - AI has been deeply involved in DXpeditions to many rare and difficult to reach destinations. He has traveled to more than 100 countries, operated from at least 20 of them and has participated in close to a dozen award-winning expeditions. AI is a prolific public speaker and author. His first DXpedition article was published in CQ magazine in 1976. He is an expert in electromagnetic interference and compatibility and holds seven patents in the field.
- **Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA** - Adrian has been on 30 DXpeditions in just over seven years, including the recent 3Y0J expedition to Bouvet Island. He actively promotes amateur radio to young people in places that he visits (assuming it's a location with people!), and is frequently the voice or face of various trips to the amateur community, appearing on interview shows and writing about the adventures for CQ and other publications. Adrian is also the tech support person for 4U1UN, the amateur station at United Nations headquarters in New York City, and can frequently be found operating there when he isn't traveling to some remote part of the world.



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+ SILENT KEY + Bernhard "Ben" Büttner, DL6RAI (P44X) lost his life in a tragic accident while doing maintenance at his QTH in Aruba on 18 May, two days before his induction into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. He was working on one of the contest station's towers when it unexpectedly buckled, and Ben, «who was attached with a safety belt, was left hanging in the air. They cut the cables and brought him to the ground and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Police and ambulance were called out but in vain. A doctor pronounced Ben dead shortly afterwards», Jacobo, P43P reports.



QSL ROUTES

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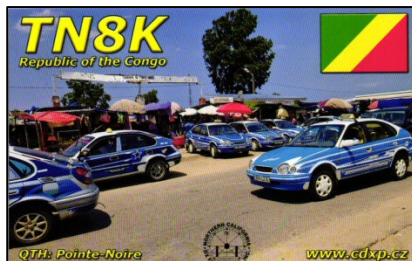
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3Z150GHJ	SP1JRF	ED5UJ	EA5UJ	OL750HOL	OK1MR
4A90	EA5GL	EP2LMA	EA5GL	OP20CW	ON6YH
4F1DY/2	EA5GL	EV78K	EW8BQ	OT2023EPIC	ON4PRA
4J100HA	DC9RI	EV78M	EW1W	PA100RK	PH1LMR
4K100HA	DC9RI	FW1JG	F4FTV	PA30SPARC	PE5ENJ
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4Z75JJ	4Z1JJ	GB2IMD	GW4TTA	PJ2SM	EC5AHA
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5Z4XB	VK3XB	HV1CN	IK0PHU [d]	RP78TT	R9CX
6F0SM	XE2AU	HV1CN	IQ0CV [b]	RP78UAI	R6HV

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9V1YC	W5UE	II5PIO	IQ5BA	SN50HKK	SP7HKK
A93LT	EC6DX	IY0GA	IS0JMA	TF3XO	EA5GL
AH2EM	JP7XDO	IY0IMD	IK0XCC	TM200TC	F5KOI
AP2TN	N4BAA	IY0MMR	IQ0RM	TM45KOP	F5GSJ
AX5GR	M0OXO	IY1SP	I1ANP	TM50KBR	F6KBR
AX5PAS	M0OXO	IY1TO	IW1FGZ	TM50IS	F5KRH
AX7GN	NA5AR [d]	IY4FGM	I4KMW	TM9C	F5OHM
AX7GN	VK7GN [b]	IY5PIS	IK5WOB	TT8SN	DL9USA
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B2CRA	BA1GG	J79WTA	HB9MFM	V51DM	DK3ZL
B3CRA	BA1GG	JD1BMH	JD1BMH [b]	V51LZ	EA5GL
B4CRA	BA1GG	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ [d]	VP8VPC	VP8LP
B5CRA	BA1GG	JD1BQP	JD1BQP [b]	VP9/G7VJR	M0OXO
B6CRA	BA1GG	JD1BQP	JP1IHD [d]	XF3H	IT9EJW
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B8CRA	BA1GG	LI8MAI	LA5YJ	XV9BPO	EA5GL
B9CRA	BA1GG	LY0UKR	LY7M	YU75SRV	YU7SRV
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CS25ARC	CS5ARC	LZ78ZZ	LZ1ZF	ZS4JAN	EA5GL

CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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CK3ZN	VE3ZN	OY/4X6TT	N4GNR	XV9NPS	JA2ODB [d]
CX1VH	EA7FTR	OY1OF	M0URX	YR65KBS	YO7KBS
D44EO	SQ9D	P44X	DJ4MX	YU75SRS	YU1SRS
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