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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3B8 - Jean-Paul, HB9ARY will be active again as 3B8HC from Mauritius Island (AF-049) on 4-18 November. He will operate SSB and slow CW on 80-10 metres, with a focus on 80m. QSL via NI5DX (direct only), LoTW and eQSL.
- 3B9 - Olof, G0CKV will be active again as 3B9HA from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) from 23 November to 12 December. He will operate CW, with main activity during the CQ WW DX CW Contest and a focus on the low bands outside the contest. QSL via LoTW and M00XO's OQRS <http://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/>. [TNX NG3K]
- 3C0 - "We are stuck on the island", the 3C0L team reported on 19 October. Activity from Annobon is therefore extended until 23 October, when the two operators (YL2GM and YL3AIW) were expected to fly back home. Some 19,400 QSOs (83% CW) have been logged so far. See http://www.lral.lv/3c0l_3c1l/index.html for updates.
- 3X - Alain, F5OZC has announced plans to be active from Guinea between 17 October and 1 December. Look for 3XY3D/p to operate CW and SSB from the Tristao Islands (AF-096) until 30 or 31 October, and for 3XY3D to operate mainly CW from Kassa Island (AF-051) from 2 November to 1 December, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metres from both locations. QSL via F5OZC, direct or bureau.
- 3X - Luc, F5RAV and Gerard, F5NVF will be active as 3XY4D from Conakry, Guinea from 27 October to 6 November. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via F5RAV, direct only. [TNX The Daily DX]
- 4S - Once again Peter, DC0KK will be active as 4S7KKG from Sri Lanka (AS-003) from 1 November to 25 March 2018. He operates mainly CW and digital modes. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW; OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]
- 4W - Thomas, OZ1AA will be active as 4W/OZ1AA from Dili (OC-148), Timor Leste on 1-7 November. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres with a focus on CW and some FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OZ1ACB. [TNX NG3K]
- 5H - Chas, NK80 will be active again as 5H3DX from Zinga, Tanzania from 7 November to 4 December. In his spare time he will operate CW and some PSK on 40-10 metres CW. QSL via NK80 (direct only, see qrz.com for instructions), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]
- 5X - Anton, ON6NL plans to be active again as 5X8C from Entebbe, Uganda for two weeks in late October, possibly including activity during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- 9M2 - The Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be active again as 9M4IOTA from Langkawi Island (AS-058), West Malaysia on 2-4 December. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL direct to

9M2000.

- C9 - Johannes, PA5X is active as C93PA from Beira, Mozambique for the next coming months. He operates SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW or via PA5X, logsearch on Club Log.
- CO - Nelson, CO8NDZ and a large group of operators will be active as CO0CB on 26-30 October. They will be located at Cayo Bariay, where Christopher Columbus first made landfall in Cuba (28 October 1492). Activity will be on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres CW, SSB and other modes. QSL via CO8NDZ (direct) and LoTW.
- CT8 - Babs, DL7AFS and Lot, DJ7ZG will be active as CT8/DL7AFS and CT8/DL7ZG from Sao Miguel (EU-003), Azores from 23 October to 10 November. They will operate mainly SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via DL7AFS, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]
- EA8 - Grupo DX Teide's members EA8DK, EA8CH, EA8BRW, EA8BFH and EA8ARG will be active as EH8FA (<http://eh8fa.blogspot.com/>) from Anaga Lighthouse on Tenerife, Canary Islands (AF-004) on 20-22 October. They will operate SSB and digital modes on the HF bands, and FM on the VHF/UHF bands. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or direct to EA8NQ. [TNX EA8NQ]
- EI - Olivier, ON4EI will be active again as EI8GQB from Fethard, Ireland (EU-115) from 21 October to 1 November using an hybrid wind-solar power system from his caravan. He will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as EI1A. QSL for both callsigns via LoTW or via PA3249 (direct or bureau). See www.qrz.com/db/EI8GQB.
- F - The 21-23 October TM0TI DXpedition to Tombelaine Island (EU-156) [425DXN 1380] has been postponed owing to bad weather forecast. The operators (F4FET, F4HAU and F5RAB) will go to Fort Brescou (EU-148) instead, and be active as F6KOP/p. They will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres with three stations. QSL via F6KOP. [TNX F4FET]
- H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from the Solomon Islands between now and late November, and again between late January and late May 2018. He operates SSB only. QSL via DL2GAC, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as JI3DST/5 from Shodo Island (AS-200) on 3-5 November. He will operate mainly SSB and CW on 80-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or home call (bureau preferred). [TNX JI3DST]
- KH0 - OH6RX, OH7WV and others will be active as AH0K from Tinian, Mariana Islands (OC-086) on 25-31 October and again on 23-28 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB and CW contests as Multi-Two entrants. QSL via OH6GDX, LoTW and eQSL; logsearch on Club Log.
- KH2 - Miki, JJ2CJB will be active as AC2AI/KH2 from Guam (OC-026) on 27-30 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via JJ2CJB, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]
- S2 - S21ZDC [425DXN 1380] went QRT from Bhola (AS-140, QSL via G3KHZ) in the early UTC hours of 19 October after 9539 QSOs. The team expects to start activity from St. Martin's Island (AS-127, QSL via SM6CVX) around 18 UTC on 21 October until the 25th.
- V3 - Doug, WB5TKI will be active holiday style as V31WB from Ambergris Caye (NA-073), Belize on 21-28 October. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 mostly on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW.

- V3 - Victor, WB0TEV will be active again as V31VP from Belize on 27-31 October. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest; before and after the contest he might operate some RTTY. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]
- V4 - Gary, G0FWX will be active as V4/G0FWX from St Kitts (NA-104) on 8-15 November. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (<http://m0urx.com/oqrs/>).
- V6 - Shuji, JA1FMN will be active holiday style as V63PSK from Chuuk (OC-011), Micronesia on 14-18 November. He will operate digital modes (JT65, JT9, FT8 and PSK63) on 20-10 metres between 7 and 16 UTC. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via JA1FMN. [TNX NG3K]
- VP2M - George, K2DM (VP2MDG) and Dennis, N0SMX (VP2MMX) will be active from Montserrat (NA-103) on 26-30 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as VP2MDG. Outside the contest they will operate SSB, CW and possibly FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSLs via LoTW or direct to home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]
- VU - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active as VU2BMS from India from 28 November to 24 January. He operates SSB only. QSL via DL2GAC, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- YB - Special call sign YE16BATU will be active on the HF bands and 2m on 8-12 November for the 16th anniversary of the city of Batu (Java Island, OC-021). QSL via Club Log's OQRS ("free or very low cost"), or direct only to YB3MM.
- YJ - Tom, JA1VND will be active holiday style as YJ0JA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 15-20 November. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via JA1VND, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX DX World]
- ZF - Rick, NE8Z will be active holiday style as ZF2ZE from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 23-29 October, including some limited activity during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He will operate CW, SSB and maybe FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW or via NE8Z.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The September 2017 issue is now available for Download at <http://www.425dxn.org/index.php>. [TNX IZ3EBA]

3Y0Z: BOUVET 2018 ---> "After over 10 years of dreaming and 2 years of rigorous planning, we have turned a page", the team reported in their Press Release #9 (17 October). "Our team is intact and ready. We have 17,000 pounds of equipment. It has been tested, sorted, inventoried and packed into our 40-foot sea container. We have discussed all conceivable contingencies, including rough seas, clouds and fog, high winds and emergencies at sea and on shore. We have studied propagation, maximized our location on the island, selected the best radio equipment, and have thought first and foremost of safety. All of this culminated when we sealed our sea container on October

9th, entered it into customs bond, placed it on a truck and watched it begin its journey to Punta Arenas, Chile. Our die has been cast. Now, a new chapter begins: one of reflection, waiting anxiously and hoping (praying) that all will go well from this point on.

We have been blessed by the worldwide support of individual amateur radio operators, clubs and foundations. They have backed us, overwhelmingly. We are inspired by the support we have received, both financially and in spirit. We want to live up to all that is expected of us on this 'generational' DXpedition, which is likely the largest and most challenging DXpedition - ever. Indeed, there may never be another like it. We now have time to appreciate the responsibility that this project thrusts upon us. We feel it, and we will do our utmost to meet the DX world's expectations from Bouvet - the number 2 'most wanted' entity.

You will start seeing band plans, more detailed propagation information, QSL information and more on our website (<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>). Our Facebook and Twitter social media outlets will keep their conversational tone, but shift their focus to how you can best work us, plus current events and news of interest. Our updated propagation forecasts continue to validate our predictions, as visualized on our website propagation page.

Our team now has a singular focal point, King George Island, where the next chapter begins. We will meet our ship there on January 13th, and sail 2,200 miles to Bouvet. By departing from King George Island rather than Punta Arenas, we save about 400 miles of sea travel. This essentially gives us one or two more days on the air from Bouvet. We will savor those days, because they will give us QSOs that otherwise would not have been made.

We have asked more from our team members than for any previous DXpedition. This includes their time, effort and money. We thank all of you who are helping to defray some of their costs. We continue to welcome new and additional support to help with these expenses.

We are counting the days..."

OQRS ENABLED ---> Club Log's OQRS has been enabled for VK5CE/8 (North Island, OC-198) and RI1F (Victoriya Island, EU-190). See https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/VK5CE/8_OC198 (2,966 QSOs logged on 12-15 October), and <https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/RI1F/EU-190> (11,196 QSOs logged on 4-8 October: digital modes, VHF, UHF and SAT will be uploaded later)

QRP MARATHON ---> The 2nd QRP Marathon ("not a contest, but rather a statistical game") started on 19 October and will run until 23.59 UTC on 30 November (42 days, as the marathon course is 42 kilometres). Complete Information can be found at <http://www.aegeandxgroup.gr/page.html>. [TNX SV8CYV]

QSL E51AND --- > Andy, E51AND (ZK1AND) will QRT on 28 October, as he and his wife Kathy, E51CK will leave Rarotonga, South Cook Islands and move permanently to New Brunswick (VE9). "Logs from October 2013 on have been uploaded to Club Log and LoTW", Andy says, "but requests for direct QSLs need to be received by the end of November 2017. With up to 30 days transit time for mail, requests should be sent by 1 November 2017 - after December we will no longer be able to receive mail and it will not be forwarded. So if you are looking for a card from us, please request it ASAP (Andrew N. Duncan, P.O. Box 518, Avarua, Rarotonga, Cook Islands). We will post a new

mailing address on qrz.com as soon as we have one - that will not happen until at least February 2018". Other than Rarotonga (OC-013), E51AND operated from Palmerston (OC-124, North Cooks, 21 August-19 September 2012), Mangaia (OC-159, South Cooks, 16-19 July 2013), Mauke (OC-083, South Cooks, 11-13 June 2014) and Mitiaro (OC-083, South Cooks, 15-18 July 2014). In 2015 (1 January-31 December) Andy he was also active as E50A from his home QTH on Rarotonga.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4K6N, 4L6QL, 5T5TI (AF-050), 5T9VB, 5U5R, 6W/UA4WHX/P (AF-078), 9A17B (EU-110), 9H3WHX, A35W, A41KT, A5A, A75GT, AL3/AA7CH (NA-042), B7/BD7IHN (AS-094), C50VB, C97MR, CE9/UA4WHX, CP4WHX, CU3AC, E51WL, EA8/UA4WHX, EA9EU, EA9FR, FG5FI, FR4QT, FT3YL (AN-017), HD2RRC (SA-034), HD2RRC/4 (SA-033), HD8M, LU8VB, NL6/AA7CH (NA-157), OX3XR, PJ5/PH2M, R71RRC (AS-071), RI0LI (AF-022), RI0POL, RI1ANO, SU9VB, TK5NJ, TZ9A, V51VV/p (AF-070), VK9MAV (OC-267), VK9MAV/4 (OC-160), VR20XMT, WL7SJ, XE1FAA, XE3ARV, XF2L (NA-221 and NA-224), XR1T (SA-069), YB9/DL3KZA (OC-150), YJ0AT, YV5IAL/7 (SA-012), Z32ZM, ZD7BG, ZS8Z, ZS9V (AF-064).

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