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 **** DX INFORMATION ****
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>>> 3Y0X DELAYED <<<

The 3Y0X team members were scheduled to depart Punta Arenas on 14 January, and the activity from Peter I Island was expected to take place between 21 January and 4 February. The latest official reports indicate that there will be at least a two and one-half to three-week delay, because problems have arisen with completing the renovation and re-registration of the ship on schedule. One of the team members is in Chile gathering information and a second team member will arrive on 17 January. They will travel to the shipyard and personally inspect the vessel. Updates are expected in due course. [TNX K0IR and K4UEE]

- 3V - The Tunisian Scouts station 3V8ST will be activated as 3V8ST/p from the City Hall in Tunis until 16 January, to celebrate the Tunisian Childhood Week. QSL to Scouts Tunisiens, P.O. Box 339, Tunis El-Mahrajen, 1082 Tunis, Tunisia. [TNX F5NQL]
- 3V - Amateur radio operators from Tunisia have been authorized to use the special callsign TS1WHC during the World Handball Championship from 23 January to 2 February. QSL via the ASTRA bureau (P.O. Box 339, Tunis El-Mahrajen, 1082 Tunis, Tunisia). [TNX F5NQL]
- 9A - DE0MST, DF9MV, DL5MFL, 9A3KB, 9A2WJ and 9A6AA will operate as 9A0CI (QSL via DE0MST) from Struga Island (EU-016, IOCA CI-051) on 14-21 May. [TNX 9A6AA]
- 9H - Special event call 9H2NCC will be aired (on the HF bands plus 6 and 2 metres) on 1-31 March to celebrate the World Carnival to be hosted in Nadur Gozo, Malta. QSL direct to 9H4DX. [TNX 9H4DX]
- CE - Marco, CE6TBN reports he been forced to cancel his 14-16 January trip [425DXN 713] to Ascension Island (SA-043) owing to transportation problems. He will operate as CE6TBN/7 from Chiloe Island (SA-018) until 17 January on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
- CO - From 27 to 31 January Lazaro/CO2WL, Jorge/CO3LF, Jorge/CO3JN, Juan/CO3JN and Gamboa/CO3VK will be active from Cayo Jutia (NA-093). The operators will be QRV on SSB (1950, 3770, 7090, 14260, 18145, 21260, 24945, 28450) and PSK (1838, 3600, 10110, 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920, 28120). QSL via EA3ESZ: Juan Domingo Bautista Andreu, Avd. Pio XII 14-4-1, 43740 Mora D'Ebre, Tarragona, Spain (CO2WL) and via IZ8EBI: Giuseppe Gerace, P.O. Box 364, 87100 Cosenza - CS, Italy (CO3LF, CO3JN, CO3JN and CO3VK). [TNX IZ8EBI]
- DL - DL2SWW and DL2VFR will operate SSB and CW from Poel Island (O-02 for the German Islands Award) on 14-16 and 21-23 January. Side trips to three lighthouses (FED-236, FED-092 and FED-093) are possible. All

of the IOTA credits for Poel and its relevant group (EU-098) will be deleted from individual scores shortly after compiling the Annual Listings for 2005. [TNX DL2VFR]

- EA8 - A group of operators from the Canary Islands DX Society will operate as EF8BDX from Burrero Rock (AF-004, DIE S-349) on 12-13 February. Activity will take place on 15 metres SSB, as the operators hold EC8 licences and have not full privileges. QSL via EC8ADU (all QSOs will be confirmed through the bureau). Pictures will be posted on <http://www.cidxs.com> [TNX EC8AUA]
- F - Special event stations TM6OLW (QSL via F5TFI) and TM6OLS (QSL via F5OCL) will be active from 23 January to 6 February to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Wittenheim and Sausheim. [TNX F5NQL]
- F - The Radio Club de Normandie will operate as F5KAR/P from the rare Departement 48 (Lozere) during the French CW Contest on 29-30 January. Look for F5KAR/P. All contacts will be confirmed via the bureau, F6GUF will handle direct QSLs if needed. [TNX F6GUF]
- F - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will operate (on 10-80 metres mainly CW) as F5SGI/P from Batz Island (EU-105, DIFM MA-018) from 30 April to 6 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5SGI]
- FR/G - The DXpedition to the Glorioso Islands (AF-011) [425DXN 702] is expected to take place between 15 and 30 May. A team of several French operators plans to be active with six stations (five for the HF bands and one for 6 metres). The list of operators has not been finalized so far, but it might include F0CRS, F1AKK, F5AEP, F5CW, F5IRO, F5JKK/FM5JC, F5MSR, F5OGL, F5PTM, F8UNF, FR5IZ, FR5ZU, TZ6SA. The QSL route has changed, and the QSL manager will be F5OGL. [TNX La Gazette du DX]
- JA - Toshi, JM1PXG will operate as JM1PXG/1 from Hachijo Island (AS-043) on 15-17 January. Look for him on 10-80 metres, CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JM1PXG and www.islandchaser.com]
- JT - INORC President Antonio Zerbini, I1ZB (JT1FCZ) and Secretary Alberto Frattini, I1QOD (JT1FCY) will be active from Mongolia on 10-18 February. They will operate from either the club station in Ulan Bataar and Lake Hovsgol in call area 7. Theirs will be a CW only activity, and plans are to operate mainly on 80, 40, 30 and 15 metres. [TNX I2AZ]
- LU - LU9DA, LU5EW and LU1DWW will operate (on 10, 15 and 20 metres SSB) as LU2DT from the lighthouse at Punta Mogotes (ARG-005) on 22-23 January. QSL via LU2DT (P.O. Box 664, B7600 Mar del Plata, Argentina). [TNX LU9DA]
- PA - Look for Bruno, F4CZU and Sylvain, F5TLN to operate on 10-40 metres from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) on 29-30 January. QSL via F5TLN. [TNX IZ8CCW]
- ST - Paul, ST2PN is back in Sudan. He is likely to be stationed in Khartoum, which means he will have more time to spend on the amateur radio bands. Expect some RTTY activity in the future. QSL via PA7FM (direct requests received so far are being processed right now; bureau cards are not accepted for the time being). Logs and several new pictures can be found at <http://www.pa7fm.nl> [TNX PA7FM]
- SV - Look for George SV1QN/8, Fotis SV1AIN/8, Manolis SV1EQU/8, Giannis SV1GYG/8 and Nikos SW1GYN/8 to operate from Skyros Island (EU-060) on 24-28 March. They plan to be active with three stations on 160-10

- metres SSB and digital modes; 50.140 MHz SSB and 144.300 MHz SSB will be monitored for possible band openings. [TNX SV1GYG]
- TG - Bill, NI4Y and his wife Tricia, AB4XQ will be active as homecall/TG from Guatemala on 18-24 January. They plan to operate mostly CW on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via NI4Y, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]
- TZ - Christian, TZ6SA is expected to be active from Mali starting around mid January. QSL to Christian Saint-Arroman, BP E 1490, Bamako, Mali or Christian Saint-Arroman, Christian Saint-Arroman, Chemin de Mousteguy, F-64990 Urcuit, France. [TNX La Gazette du DX]
- UA_ant - Aleksej, UA1PAC [425DXN 695] is currently active as R1ANC from Russian base Vostok (UA-10 for the Antarctica Award), Antarctica. He operates barefoot as linear amplifiers can interfere with scientific equipments, but has a better antenna. QSL via DL5EBE. [TNX IZ8CGS]
- V3 - Art, NN7A will operate as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize on 10-14 February. He plans to be active on 10-40 metres CW (with some activity on 80 and 160 metres, as well as on 15 and 20 metres SSB, conditions permitting) with 100 watts and vertical and wire antennas. QSL via NN7A, direct (Art Phillips, P.O. Box 201, Flagstaff, AZ 86002, USA) or bureau. [TNX NG3K]
- V4 - Mike/W1USN, Bob/AA1M and Scott/W1SSR will be active as V4/homecalls from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 24 February to 4 March. They hope to operate CW, SSB and PSK on all authorized HF bands. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX AA1M]
- XU - Peter, XU7ACY (NO2R) [425DXN 713] reports he is experiencing a tough time on 80 metres; it is very hard to find a hole that stays clear for more than a few minutes, so he has to move around alot. Europe is very weak as are most stations. Peter sleeps during the day and is on all night, alternating between 80 and 160 metres every 15 minutes or so trying to catch an opening to somewhere. Look for him around 3509 and 1821.8 kHz. QSL via K2NJ. [TNX K2NJ]
- XV - Nag, JA7GAX [425DXN 711] has received the licence that will allow him to operate from Conson Island (AS-130), Vietnam. He will leave Japan on 15 January and will operate as XV2G/C from the island (from around 16 January until around 17 UTC on the 23rd) and as XV2G from the mainland (24-25 January). Look for him on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, CW only. QSL via home call, direct only (Takayoshi Nagashima, 3-8-18 Akasaka Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 989-3211, Japan). [TNX JN6RZM and IZ8CCW]
- ZS - The Pretoria Amateur Radio Club will use ZS75PTA through 31 December to celebrate their 75th anniversary. QSL either via the bureau or direct to PARC, P.O. Box 73696, Lynnwood Ridge 0040, South Africa, [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Elizabeth/VE7YL and Gwen/VK3DYL will operate from Vanuatu Port Vila (OC-035) and Aore (OC-035), Vanuatu on 2-19 May. They will then move to Tonga and operate from Nuku'alofa (OC-049) and Vava'u OC-064) from 23 May to 7 June. Callsigns and QSL information will be given in due course. [TNX VK3DYL]

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ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY ---> The Antarctica Activity 2005 listing includes callsign, Base name, location, IOTA Ref., QSL route plus much additional information and a QSL card image for each Antarctic Base activate. It can be found at <http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/activity/>, along with the listing for activities in 2004. [TNX IZ8CGS]

3CAK ---> Victor Loginov, UA2FM provides a few enlightening details on 3CAK. The operator's name is really Vladimir Arseniev, and his address is correct [425DXN 714]. 3CAK is not an amateur radio call, but rather the callsign of the ship (the "Djibloho") Vladimir operates from. "Actually he should use this call adding /mm", Victor says, and adds that Vladimir was a club station operator over 20 years ago, and never had a personal callsign. Victor and his friends at RK2FWA contacted him and explained that his operation is illegal. They told him to apply for a 3C licence and operate from the mainland, or at least to use an amateur radio call /mm.

CANADIAN POSTAGE ---> Effective 17 January the international postage rates in Canada will increase (+ 5 cents). Nenad, VE3EXY says that 1 USD is not enough to cover international mail from Canada. [TNX The Daily DX]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Jean-Marc, F8IXZ says he is not the QSL manager for XW1PD, XW3PD or CN8PD. Apparently someone is playing games with him.

QSL AS-153 ---> The operators expected to be involved in this year's IOTA activity from Sagar Island (AS-153) [425DXN 714] were VU2DPM, VU2EWS, VU2HFR, VU2JSH, VU2KFR, VU2NKI and VU2SKD. The QSL manager for this operation is N6AWD (Fred K. Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93309, USA). [TNX VU2HFR]

QSL VI3GP ---> The Club handling this callsign apologizes for the long delay in acknowledging cards received. All direct cards with return postage have now been sent out. Bureau cards will follow shortly [TNX VK3DYL]

QSL VIA EA5KB ---> Pepe reports he is now the QSL manager for 4C2M, LU7VCH, XE2AFR, XE3ARV and YC8TAF.

QSL VIA EB2AYV ---> George reports that he expects to start processing the 5000+ 3D2EA, A35DX, T20DX and ZK3DX requests received so far in January. He apologizes for the delay, but he had to wait for the operator (Christian, EC3ADC) to return to Europe. [TNX DJ5IH]

QSL VIA S57DX ---> Slavko, S57DX says he has no backlog for any of S57CQ's operations. These include 9A/S57CQ, T9/S57CQ, 5B/S57CQ, YI/S57CQ, YI9T and

A52CQ as well as ST2T. He welcomes bureau cards.

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Vasilij, RW6HS offers his services to Russian amateur radio stations needing a QSL manager. He can be contacted at rw6hs@narod.ru

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DX SPOTS: Rod Elliott, VE3UW (ex VE3IRF) has collected the DX spots from the OH2AQ Web Cluster since January 1997. The collection - from January 1997 up to December 2004 - is available at www.425dxn.org/dxspots/ as well the software (DXINFO v2.0) which will enable you to handle the files (instructions at the URL above). [TNX IZ7AUH]

LOGS 3G0: On-line logs of 3G0YP and 3G0YM from Easter Island (SA-001) are available at <http://www.qsl.net/3g0ym/logs.htm> [TNX IZ8CCW]

LOGS CW5R: On-line logs and pictures of CW5R from Lobos Island (SA-039) are available at <http://www.dx-men.com> [TNX EA5RM]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3DA0CG, 3W22S, 4S7DUG, 4U1ITU, 4U1UN, 5N0NHD, 8Q7GA, 9K2MU, 9L1MS/P (AF-037), 9N7CQ, 9V1GO, A35RK, A43HI (AS-010), A43SI (AS-112), A61AJ, AL1G, AY1ZA (AN-008; AA LU-14), BA4DW/4 (AS-146), BG9BA, C6DX, C91CG, CN2R, D44TD, DF0WLG (EU-057), EI7M, EI9JF, ES5TV, FK/IK3FSG (OC-079), FK/IK6CAC (OC-079), FK/KM9D, FO/I1SNW (OC-052), FO/IT9EJW (OC-052), FO/IT9YRE (OC-052), FR5DX, FS/AH8DX, FY/F5AHO (SA-020), HC8L, HV0A, ID9/HB9DOZ/P (EU-017), J28XX, J48Z, J75WX, JI1NJC/TF, JT1BE, JT1CO, JT1DA, JT1JA, K5R (NA-082), KH2/WX8C, KH7X, KH8/AH7C, LA/OK1WF (EU-036), LT1F, LU1ZA (AN-008; AA LU-14), LY4AA, N7OU/HI9, P40W, PJ2/N4GG, PJ2/WB9Z, PJ7D (NA-105), R1ANF (AN-010; AA UA-04), S79RJ, SU9NC, SV9CVY, SX5R, T88LZ, TJ3FR, TJ3SP, TN6X, TR8CA, TT8PK, TZ6JA, UK4YT, UK9AA, UT9IO/P (EU-179), V26G, V47KP, V73GE, V73NS (OC-028), VK4FRI (OC-142), VK9LA, VK9LW, VP5/AH6HY, VP9/K1XM, VP9/W4OV, VP9I, VR2BG. XR2G (SA-086), XT2MF, XU7GAX, XV1X, XV2NA, XV9DT, YA7X, YE8A (OC-242), YS3/I2JIN, YV0D (NA-020), ZF2NT, ZK1AQT, ZK1DKF (OC-083), ZP0R, ZX8M (SA-045).

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