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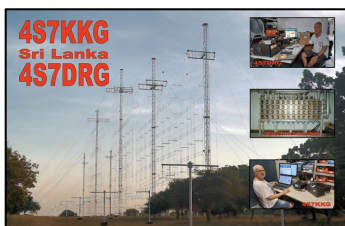
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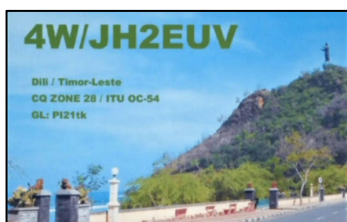
# DX INFORMATION



**4S** - Peter, 4S7KKG (DC0KK) and Wolfgang, 4S7DRG (DK9DR) will be active again from the former Deutsche Welle relay station near Trincomalee from 29 January to 7 February.

The station is now operated by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC), and they will operate mainly FT8, FT4 and SSB on 80-10 metres during transmission breaks (04.35-12.55 UTC, 17.35-18.55 UTC, 23.15-23.55 UTC). QSL via home calls (bureau preferred) and LoTW.

**4W** - Satoshi, JH2EUV has been active again as 4W/JH2EUV from Timor-Leste (OC-148) since 21 January, and will remain there until 3 March. He operates FT8 on various bands. QSL via LoTW, or to home call via the bureau.



**5H** - 5H100TC is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use during 2023 in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS.



**5H** - Ferdy, HB9DSP will be active again as 5H3FM from Zanzibar Island (AF-032), Tanzania on 21-31 January. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or via home call (bureau or direct).

**5V** - Filippo, IK4ZHH is expected to be QRV as 5V22FF from Togo starting around 30 January. He will operate CW on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL direct to home call; he will upload his log to Club Log.

**5X** - Andres, SM0HPL is QRV again as 5X7W from Uganda until 23 January. He operates «100% QRP», using a vertical antenna four stories up on His accommodation block, «hence weak but hopefully readable signals». He operates CW, FT8 and FT4 on 40-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL.



**6W** - Willy, ON4AVT will be active again as 6W7/ON4AVT from Warang, Senegal from 6 February to 31 March. Usually he operates mainly FT8 with some SSB and CW on 80-10m; he will be QRV also on the QO-100 satellite.



QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via home call.  
**7P** - Yuris, YL2GM will be active as 7P8WW from Lesotho from 26 January to 4 February. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's

OQRS, or via YL2GN; the full log will be uploaded to LoTW six months after the end of the DXpedition. See <https://www.lral.lv/7p8ww/index.html> for more information.

**7X** - 7U7C is the special callsign for members of the 7X2VFK Radio Club to mark the 7<sup>th</sup> African Nations Championship, the biennial football (soccer) tournament organized by the Confederation of African Football to be held in Algeria between 13 January and 4 February.

**8P** - Chris, WA7RAR will be active as 8P9CB from Barbados (NA-021) on 13-25 January. He will operate SSB and some CW on 20-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

**9U** - Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as 9U5R from Bujumbura, Burundi on 4-27 February. She will be joining Vladimir, OK2WX, who will be QRV as 9U4WX [425DXN 1651]. Usually Elvira operates SSB and digital modes. QSL 9U5R direct to IK2DUW; her log will be uploaded to Club Log.



**DL** - Active from 1 January to 30 June, DR100XRAY is a special callsign commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the death of Wilhelm C. Roentgen (1845-1923), the physicist whose discovery of X-rays in 1895 earned him the inaugural Nobel Prize in Physics (1901) and revolutionized diagnostic medicine. QSL via



the bureau, or direct to DJ6SL.

**DU** - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DU1/SP5APW from both Marinduque Island (OC-244) on 9-14 March, and Calayan Island (OC-092) on 18-26 March. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres, and digital on 6 metres. See <https://oc-092.blogspot.com/> for more information. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.



**ET** - Ken K4ZW, Bob W9XY and Nodir EY8MM will be active from ET3AA, the club station at the Institute of Technology of Addis Ababa University, on 14-21 January. Hopefully they will be granted permission to operate overnight. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via N200. [TNX The Daily DX]



**F** - Michel, F8GGZ and others will be using special callsign TM80NT on 4-15 January in commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the passing of Nikola Tesla (7 January 1943). QSL via F8GGZ.



**F** - Thierry, F4GVO will be active as TM100DOR on 17-31 January. He is a member of the Door County Amateur Radio Club (W9DOR), which celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, or via home call.

**F** - Special callsign TM25PVJ will be activated from 22 January to 5 February for the 25<sup>th</sup> "Percée du Vin Jaune", the festival celebrating the "Opening of the Yellow Wine"



which this year will take place at Voiteur (Jura). QSL via F8GGZ.



**FG** - Herve, F5HRY will be active holiday style as FG/F5HRY from Marie-Galante (NA-102), Guadeloupe from 19 January to 2 February. He will operate CW and some SSB «on request» on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

**FM** - Francis, F6BWJ will be active holiday style as FM/F6BWJ from Martinique (NA-107) from 11 January to 10 March. He will operate CW, PSK and RTTY on 80-10 metres. He will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

**FS** - Paul, VA3ZC will be active holiday style as FS/VA3ZC from St. Martin (NA-105) from 31 January to 9 February. He will operate QRP on 20-10 metres FT4 and FT8. [TNX DX World]

**FY** - TO1A is the special callsign for the FY5KE club station to participate in the Coupe du REF's CW leg, to be held from 6 UTC on 28 January to 18 UTC on 29 January. Complete information about the French HF Championship can be found on <https://concours.r-e-f.org/contest/>.

**GJ** - Bob, GU4YOX will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (27-29 January) as MJ5E from Jersey (EU-013). QSL via LoTW, or via GU4YOX (direct or bureau).

**GM** - A second attempt at landing on the Isle of Rockall (EU-189) is now planned for late May. Plans are to set sail from Inverkip, Scotland on 26 May. The organizers aim to stay on the island for one week and to raise funds for charity (<https://www.rockallexped.com>). Weather permitting, Nobby G0VJG and Emil DL8JJ will be active as MM0UKI from the island with two stations (SSB, CW and FT8). QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Follow Nobby on Twitter (@G0vjg) for updates.



**GW** - Depending on weather conditions, Ron, G4DIY and Kev, M0TNX hope to be active as MC7DX from Holy Island (EU-124) on 21-22 January. They will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]



**H40** - Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Paul N6PSE, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Jun OE1JUN (JH4RHF), Sandro VE7NY and Arliss W7XU will be active as H40WA from the Temotu Province from 31 October to 14 November. Plans are to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (F/H) on 160-10 metres with three

stations and «a significant effort on the low bands». Donations will be gratefully accepted; for more information and updates bookmark <https://intrepid-dx.com/temotu2023/> and the expedition's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/h40wa>).

**HB0** - Look for HB0/DL1MGB, HB0/DL2JRM, HB0/DL3DXX and HB0/DL7CX to be active from Liechtenstein on 26-30 January. They will operate mainly CW, and will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as HB0DX (QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW). [TNX NG3KJ]

**HK0\_sa** - Francisco, HK3EA as 5J01EA and Gabriel, W4GDV (HK3MKQ) as 5K0VT will be active from

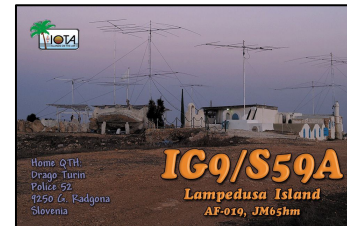


Providencia Island (NA-049) from 27 February to 5 March. They will operate SSB and maybe some FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL both call signs via LoTW, eQSL or Direct

to W4GDV (PO Box 1431, Greer SC 29652, USA); see [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) under 5J01EA or 5K0VT for their QSLing policy.

**HP** - Members of the Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association (HP1PCR) will be active as 3E30PCARA on 1-28 February to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary since their club's formation (4 February 1993). QSL direct to PCARA, Apartado Postal 0843-03204, Ciudad de Panama, Republic of Panama.

**I** - A group from Slovenia (S500, S50X, S51V, S52OT, S54W, S56N, S57DX and S59A) will be active from Lampedusa Island (AF-019) on 23-31 January. Main activity will be as



IG9/S59A during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest; outside the contest they will operate on all bands and modes as IG9/homecalls.

**JA** - Take, JI3DST will be active again from Miyakojima (AS-079) between 24 January and 7 March. He will operate SSB and CW as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JR8YLY/6, as well as JI3DST/p, JJ5RBH/p and JR8YLY/p on FT8. The QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

**JD1\_oga** - A group of Japanese operators will be active as JD1YCC from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 7-13 February. They will operate EME on 2m, 70cm and 23cm. QSL via LoTW, or direct to JH3AZC. Details can be found at <https://www.qrz.com/db/JD1YCC>. Team members are JA1PFP (JD1BQB), JH3AZC (JD1BPW), JH3BUM (JD1BPX), JH3QFL (JD1BQA), JH3VAA (JD1BPI), JJ3JHP (JD1BQD) and JP3EXR (JD1BPY).

**KP2** - Gene, W8NET will be active as N8V from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 6-10 February. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 10 metres, and plans to activate three POTA (Parks on the Air) counters. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or direct to W8NET. [TNX The Daily DX]

**LU** - AMSAT Argentina, LU7AA will celebrate the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the LUSAT (LO-19) satellite on 21-29 January. Activity on the HF bands will be on SSB, CW and digital modes. More information can be found at <https://www.qrz.com/db/LU7AA>.

**LU\_ant** - Juan, LU8DBS is currently stationed at Esperanza Base, Antarctica (AN-016) for the Antarctic Summer. In his spare time he is QRV as LU1ZV on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB; in February CW and digital modes will be added. QSL direct to LU4DXU.



**P4** - Jeff, VA3QSL will be active holiday style as P4/VA3QSL from Aruba (SA-036) from 10 January to 8 February. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40-6m. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (bureau or direct).

**P4** - Mathias, DL4MM will be active again as P4/DL4MM and P40AA (used for FT8/FT4 and during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest on 27-29 January) from Aruba

(SA-036) from 18 January to 2 February. He will operate CW, FT8/FT4, SSB on 160-10 metres, with «special attention» for Japan. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via DL4MM. [TNX NG3K]



**PY** - Robson, PY6TV will operate CW and SSB as PT6D from Ilha da Mare (SA-023) on 2-5 February. QSL direct to home call (see qrz.com for PayPal instructions). The log will be uploaded to Club

Log.

**S7** - Peter, G4HSO will be active holiday style as S79/G4HSO from the Seychelles on 1-21 February. Probably he will operate only CW and VarAC (<https://www.varac-hamradio.com/>) from «three different locations». QSL via LoTW, no paper QSLs.

**T33** - *The Daily DX* reports that Norbert, DF6FK (T33BB) and Judith, DL2ZAD (T33BA) will postpone their 12-24 January activity from Banaba Island [425DXN 1645] «due to Covid 19». The new dates will be announced in due course.

**T8** - Upcoming activities from the Palau Radio Club rental station on Koror (OC-009) include T88AQ, T88RH and T88SM on 13-19 January; T88DK, T88DN, T88ED, T88EF and T88MB on 23-31 January. QSL via operator's instructions.

**TA** - Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special call signs TC100, TC100TA, TC100TR and TC100YEAR throughout 2023.

**V3** - Chuck, WO9K will be active again as V31WO from Placencia, Belize between 28 January and 2 February. He will operate CW and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX *The Daily DX*]

**V4** - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 31 January to 15 February. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON. [TNX *The Daily DX*]

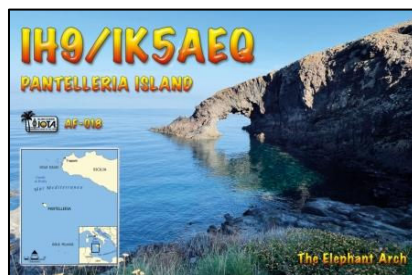
**VE** - Chris VE3FU as VO2AC and Dave VE3KG as VO2AAA will be active from the lighthouse at Point Amour, Labrador (Zone 2, WWL GO11nl) between 25 and 30 January. Main operation will be during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as VO2AC; outside the contest look for activity on 160, 80, 40 and via satellite. QSL VO2AC via LoTW or VE3FU (direct or bureau); QSL VO2AAA via LoTW or direct to VE3KG.

**VK** - Adam VK2YK, Chris VK5FR, Ivan VK5HS, Andy VK5LA, Marija VK5MAZ and Paul VK5PAS will be active as VK5TIL from Troubridge Island (OC-139) on 7-9 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on various bands. More information can be found on <https://www.troubridgeisland.com/>. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL.



**VK9C** - Nobby, G0VJG will be active as VK9CVG from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) on 17-24 February. He will operate SSB and some FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Before that, on 12-16 February, he will be QRV as VK6/G0VJG from Australia.

**YJ** - Bob, W7YAQ and Al, K7AR will be active as YJ0A from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 9-23 February, including an entry in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (11-12 February) and the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via K7AR.





# GOOD TO KNOW



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**425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE** • The December 2022 issue is available for download at <https://www.425dxn.org/>. [TNX IZ3EBA]

## 3Y0J



The team flew from England to the Falkland Islands on 12 January, and departed Port Stanley around 17.30 UTC on 17 January - later than planned, because part of their equipment had been stuck in the UK and they had to wait for it to arrive.

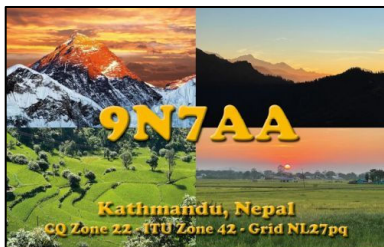
The voyage to the island could take 11-14 days, depending on weather and seas. As of 28 January at 13.50 UTC, there were still about 780 kilometres between the *Marama* and Bouvet (<https://share.garmin.com/3y0j>). If she maintains her current speed, the estimated date of arrival at the island should be 30 January, with an anticipated stay on the island of three weeks. «Please allow us to spend a few days to go onshore and set up camp», LA7GIA says. «In worst case we might have to wait one week before we attempt to go onshore».

Originally it was announced that there would be no /mm operation on the way to Bouvet; all of the team members, however, have been QRV since 23 January: AB5EB/mm, DL6KVA/mm, KO7SS/mm, KO8SCA/mm, LA7GIA/mm, LA7THA/mm, LB1QI/mm, LB5GI/mm, N0FW/mm, NP4G/mm, VE3LYC/mm, WD5COV/mm.

*DX World's* dedicated pages, featuring the latest official information gathered from the media officer (N2AJ), the pilot stations and the team, can be found on

<https://www.dx-world.net/3y0j-bouvet-2023/> (Part I)

<https://www.dx-world.net/3y0j-bouvet-island/> (Part II: landing, setting up, radio operations)



**9N7AA** • Robert, 9N7AA (S53R) has been back to Kathmandu, Nepal since 16 January, and is «enjoying good conditions on 12 & 10 meters. The local QRM is bearable higher in the spectrum, while it's getting worse and worse on 17m and below. Antenna for 80 & 160 has been removed. While I could easily reach Europe with very decent signal, only a single QSO was made on 160 and a few more on 80. Local interference prevents any meaningful activity on lower bands. For the fall, the plan is to activate a QTH within the Kathmandu valley, but away from populated areas, covering 160-40m. I have identified a couple of good locations which should not suffer so badly from QRM, as is the case in the city. Till then, will continue to operate higher bands, while also preparing some extra RX stuff for this year's 6m season». QSL via LoTW, or S57DX (direct only); logsearch on

Club Log.

**CQ WW 160-METER CW CONTEST** • Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many USA States (CONUS plus District of Columbia), Canadian provinces, and countries as possible utilizing the 160m band (see <https://www.cq160.com/> for complete rules). This year's event will run on 27-29 January, from 22:00 UTC to 22:00 UTC.



**CY0S** • The CY0S team has been working on the plans for their flights to Sable Island on the morning of 20 March. Five team members will fly on a plane, and the others on a helicopter. They now have an absolute payload capacity limit of 2930 lbs (about 1330 kg), including the weight of the operators; they are over that weight limitation, and are identifying areas where they can reduce weight.

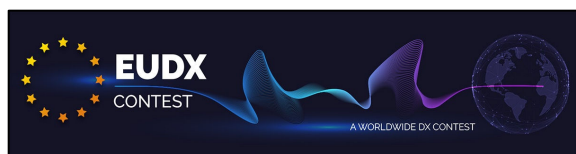
The DXpedition is currently scheduled to conclude on 29 March; due to the operational requirements of the Sable Station, however, the team might need to depart the island one day earlier (28 March) or one day later (30 March).

The team has now reached the 60% level of their fundraising goal of USD 37,500. The total cost of the DXpedition is estimated at USD 75,000. Donations are very much appreciated and can be made from the DXpedition's website ([www.cy0s.com](http://www.cy0s.com)).

**DAYTON DINNERS** • The 33<sup>rd</sup> **Top Band Dinner** will be held on 19 May, followed by the 29<sup>th</sup> **Contest Dinner** on 20 May. The events will take place at the Hope Hotel near Dayton, Ohio. Details and tickets can be found on <https://www.topbanddinner.com> and <https://www.contestdinner.com>, respectively.

The 38<sup>th</sup> **DX Dinner**, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2023 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 19 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. Tickets can be purchased on <https://swodxaevents.org/>.

**DX SOUND CLIPS** • Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2022 can be found at <http://hamgallery.com/dx2022/>. The large collection of clips (MP3 format) covers DXpeditions, rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 25 full years of sound clips available.



**EU DX CONTEST** • The third edition of the European Union DX Contest (EUDX Contest) will be held on 4-5 February (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC). Complete information can be found on <https://www.eudx-contest.com/>. The objective is for amateurs around the world to contact as many other amateurs in as many European Union regions and countries on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW and SSB.

## FT8WW

Thierry went QRT on the HF bands around 17.30 UTC on 14 January. His operation from the Crozet Islands has been accepted for DXCC credit, the QSL cards have been received from the printer, and the OQRS is now up and running at <https://clublog.org/logsearch/FT8WW>. Hopefully the permit to operate on the HF bands will be extended: «since my transmissions do not interfere with the geomagnetic measures taken every day on the island», he says, «I am very optimistic about getting the extension. It depends on the French bureaucracy. In the very unlikely event that I would not get it, I could either go to the beach (not for me, too cold!), tour the island, or have additional QO-100 schedules with schools in France and Africa». Thierry posted the following to <http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/news.html> on 15 January:



*I started the night of December 25. My authorization for HF traffic was valid for 3 weeks between my arrival at the base and January 21. So it was from December 25 to January 14. About 21,000 QSOs were made. I took a few decisions on purpose:*

- *Traffic on few bands. Only 10, 14 and 21 MHz were used with an afternoon on 18 MHz for testing. This is to concentrate my traffic and give as much contact as possible to OM.*
- *Traffic in CW and FT8, only. The remoteness of Crozet from the large ham radio populations and the inefficient propagation guided this choice. Despite what some say, FT8 is currently the most effective way to make QSOs in difficult conditions. Even in CW when the bands were empty, I was able, in FT8, to make contacts. I was also able to eat on a corner of the table while watching the traffic go by. I've been active in CW whenever propagation allowed, taking into account the time restrictions that the scientists imposed on me (one measure per day giving at least 5 hours of downtime for me and by being informed of the hours in the mornings, therefore without any real planning). If I had done SSB, I would undoubtedly have contacted the best equipped stations, but left out those with more limited means.*

*I slept little to traffic at nights on 10 MHz and rested during the famous measurement. I faced very difficult weather conditions. Three times I had to take the Levy down with gusty winds exceeding 100 km/h. It was often necessary to repair in the rain, in short, alone, it was not always easy to stay as long as possible on the radio. Finally, community life has its imperatives and obligations. I do not live on a desert island, but with a group of people and some tasks have to be performed. Finally, the difficulty of the pile-up must also be taken into account. Certainly you had trouble making yourself heard, but here, it is not simpler, be convinced.*

*For those who remember, at first I was only allowed to install a V-dipole against the facade of a building. You could see from the photos that in fact I have an 8m Spiderbeam mast with a Levy of 2 x 10m and a vertical dipole currently on 21 MHz.*

*The continuation of the project: I am in contact with the Paul Emile Victor Institute which manages the scientific work on the base. An analysis of the magnetism measurements is in progress. It is following this analysis that I will, I hope, have an extension for the transmission authorization. So I'm waiting for the decision. My departure is scheduled for the return of the boat around March 20.*

*I know everyone is impatient for me to continue, but I can't do anything more at the moment on HF bands, but the QO-100 activity will continue (no restrictions).*

*These are the outlines of the current situation. Thank you to all of you which, through my manager, have shown their confidence in me. Thank you to everyone who spent hours looking for me and trying to reach me. Thank you all, I will try to continue to satisfy as many ham radios as possible.*

As of 30 January Thierry was still awaiting the extension of the permit to operate on the HF bands («things are slower than what we would have hoped»). In the meanwhile, he continues SSB activity via QO-100 (about 1180 QSOs so far), as well as DATV tests in anticipation of planned contacts with 16 schools and colleges. Updates will be posted to <https://twitter.com/crozet2022>.

**QSL GALLERY** • The large collection of QSL cards on *Les Nouvelles DX's* website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,009 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 and 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]





**QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO** • The sixth Virtual Ham Expo organized by *QSO Today* will be held on 25-26 March on a virtual reality platform that simulates a full convention experience. This Expo's theme is «New amateur radio license: now what?». It will «showcase, through a weekend of presentations with live video questions and answers, the wide range of ham radio activities, technology, and communities that exist, not only in North America, but around the world». This time the Expo will also introduce «match-making between attendees who need amateur radio mentoring and potential mentors who match skills, expertise, and the location of hams needing help». Tickets are on sale now - see <https://qsotodayhamexpo.com> for information. The Virtual Ham Expo will run for 48 hours as a live

event, and then on-demand for 30 days afterwards.

**REBEL DX GROUP'S PLANS** • «3Y0I wishing 3Y0J all the very best with their plans during the next weeks», the Rebel DX Group posted to Facebook on 11 January (<https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup>). «Our Bouvet project is still on. Now all depends of the situation with upcoming activity. We either continue to Bouvetoya by end of the year or we will move this project to Peter I (3Y0/P) next year. Callsign and landing permission are on the way. This time with our own ship. More details soon».



**TRUE BLUE DXERS CLUB HAS CLOSED DOWN** • «It is with great sadness that I have to announce my decision to bring the TBDXC experience to a close», Pete MMOTWX announced on 21 January (<https://www.tbdxc.net/>). «This follows the resignation of our President and Marathon Manager Peter DL3NAA, triggered by yet another "scandal" about TBDXC members massively engaging in FT8 activity».

Founded in 2018, the True Blue DXers Club's motto was «Because It's Hard, Not Because It's Easy». The one and only requirement for membership was the personal commitment to pursuing and promoting DXing as a form of person-to-person amateur radio activity involving the use of CW or SSB.

**WRTC 2026** • The World Radiosport Team Championship Sanctioning Committee (WRTC-SC) is accepting proposals for hosting the 2026 WRTC event. Groups interested in hosting the 2026 event should submit a Letter of Intent, with a summary proposal. This should include the following items:

- Committee Organization, identifying each of the principals involved and any relevant organizational and amateur radio experience especially in contesting/radiosport
- Competition Description, including planned number of teams, geographic location of operating sites, and competitor selection process
- Social Aspects, including approximate schedule, travel, and housing arrangements for participants
- Financing, including an outline of the budget and fundraising approach (a detailed budget is not required at this time)
- Expected Assistance and Involvement from local and regional amateur radio organizations and regulatory authorities
- Public Exposure, including plans to publicize and promote the event locally and worldwide.

The Letters of Intent should be sent to the Chairman of the WRTC Sanctioning Committee Tine Brajnik, S50A (tine.brajnik[.]gmail.com). The deadline is 31 March 2023 at 23.59 UTC. The WRTC-SC will review all proposals received and will respond by 30 April. Additional information may be requested.

**WSJT-X 2.6.1** • The WSJT Development Group has announced the General Availability release of WSJT-X Version 2.6.1. Program enhancements since version 2.5.4 are extensive. The links to the Release Notes, as well as to the installation packages for Windows, Linux and Macintosh macOS can be found on <https://wsjt.sourceforge.io/wsjitx.html>.



**Fred Laun, K3ZO** (HS0ZAR) passed away on 3 January. Born on 9 December 1937 and first licenced in 1952 as WN9SZR, while working for the United States Information Service he operated from the Dominican Republic (HI8XAL), Thailand (HS3AL, HS5ABD and HS1ABD), Vietnam (XV4AL), Argentina (LU5HFI), Colombia (K3ZO/HK3 and HK3NBB). An account of his terrifying experience in April 1974, when LU5HFI contest station's antennas attracted undue attention, can be found on <https://shortwavescatter.blogspot.com/>.

Best known for his participation in HF DX contests, he was a member of the CQ Contest Committee and was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 1993. A

longtime member of the First Class CW Operators' Club (joined as early as 1967) and the A1-Operators Club, as well as a Director of the Yasme Foundation, he was also actively involved in

supporting the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) and its activities over the decades. «Fred's service to Yasme and other amateur organizations was unsurpassed», Ward Silver, NOAX, recalls, «as were his contributions to amateur radio, for which he cared deeply». See <http://hamgallery.com/Tribute/K3ZO/> for K8CX's extensive tribute to Alfred "Fred" Albert Laun, III, K3ZO.

Also reported Silent Key is **Malcolm Johnson, VK6LC**. He was best known in the IOTA circle for his many island operations conducted between 1989 and 2002, notably including eight new ones: VK8TI (OC-185), VK6CHI (OC-193), VK8ISL (OC-198), VK6ISL (OC-199), VK6ISL (OC-206), VK6ISL (OC-214), VK5ISL (OC-220) and VK9RS (OC-230). He was also very active from Vietnam (3W2HCM, 3W2LC, 3W6LC, XV1LC, XV2LC, XV2VTC, XV4LC) between 2000 and 2015, and from Cambodia as XU7AEO in 2011 and 2012.





# QSL ROUTES

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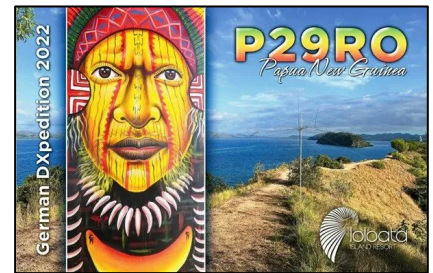
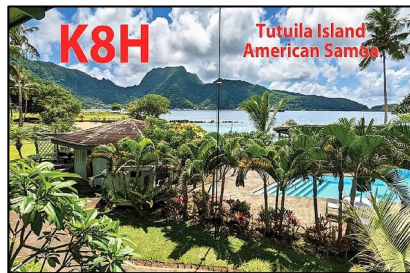
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4K6FO	DC9RI	D44TWO	M0OXO	PJ4MM	M0URX
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4X6TT	N4GNR	DB100RDF	DO2PZ	RA80OW	RA3OA
5K6RM	HK6RM	DR100XRAY	DJ6SI	RN80OW	R3KEE
5R8AL	G3SWH	DU6/PE1NSQ	EA5GL	RO80OW	R3OS
5X4E	IQ3CO [b]	E2WRTC	E21EIC	SP31WOSP	SP3PGX
5X4E	IZ3ZLG [d]	EH23HNY	EA5URV	TG9ADQ	VE7BV
5X7W	M0OXO	FY4JI	EA5GL	TG9ANF	VE7BV
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7S1GRK	SK1BL	HH75RCH	N2OO	TM50FIBD	F5PTI
7U7C	7X2VFK	HI8S	EA5GL	TM50KGI	F6KGI
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8P5A	HA1AG	II4TRN	IQ4FE	TR8CR	F6AJA
8S80AA	SK5AA [b]	K4W	N4AO	VI75G	VK3ATL
8S80AA	SM5FUG [d]	KP2B	EB7DX	VP8/SQ1SGB	EB7DX
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9M2MRS	PA0RRS	LY13LY	LY8O	VP9HE	KN3X
A75GC	RW3RN	LY700VLN	LY4Q	VP9IN	EC6DX
AT18BSG	VU2NRO	LZ319TS	LZ1KCP	W2HRU	KA2D
BY1CRA/WRTC	BA4TB	MD4K	G3NKC	XE3E	EA5ZD
C5SP	SP3PS	N5W	K5GN	YB9KA	HA3JB
C6AGU	HA7RY	OE40XTU	OE1XTU	ZF2PG	K8PGJ

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8P9CB	WA7RAR	HI8CW	EB7DX	SP160PS	SP3PDO
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9N1CA	EA5ZD	HS0ZME	SM6NT	T88MB	JA3AVO
A41DX	M0OXO	HS0ZOA	EB7DX	T88RH	JR6DRH
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A62A	EA7FTR	KC4AAC	K7MT	TI5CDA	EA5GL
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A71XX	EC6DX	MD7C	M0OXO	TM25PVJ	F8GGZ
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AP2TN	N4BAA	NP4DX	M0OXO	UE80ML	RQ7L
AX5GR	M0OXO	OL5GMA/p	OK3EQ	V26K	AA3B
AX5PAS	M0OXO	OY1OF	M0URX	VE2CSI	M0URX
CN2JA	DL2EAD	P29LL	EA7FTR	VO2AC	VE3FU



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CT9ABV	DL5AXX	PA5DX	IZ8CLM	VP8BTR	M0OXO
D44PM	IZ4DPV	PA900RAALTE	PA5MR	VP8KCA	G5KC
DP0GVN	DL5EBE	PJ4BZL	M0URX	VY1JA	N3SL
E77DX	E73Y	PJ4DX	M0URX	XV9BPO	EA5GL
EK6TA	DJ0MCZ	PJ4NX	M0URX	YS3CW	I2JIN
EP3ASA	EA5GL	PJ4RF	EA5GL	ZC4GR	EB7DX
ET3AA	N200	R900DM	RC1C	ZF9DX	K0DEQ
EX2V	RW6HS	R900RO	RT1L	ZS7ANF	ZS1ANF

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