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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B8 - Team 3B8M (QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS) will be QRV again from Mauritius (AF-049) during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (M/M category). Before and after the contest (20-30 November) they will be QRV on all bands CW, SSB, FT8 and via QO100. The operating team includes Philipp DK6SP (3B8/DK6SP, QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS), Olof G0CKV (3B8HA, QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS), Alan K0AV (3B8/K0AV), Jamie M0SDV (3B8/M0SDV, QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS), Oliver W6NV (3B8/W6NV) and Denny KX7M (3B8/KX7M, QSL via LoTW and F5CWU's OQRS: https://www.f5cwu.net/oqrs/).

3B8 - Jean-Paul, PF0X will be active as 3B8X from Mauritius from 21 November to 1 December. He will operate CW on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]

3B9 - Kazu, M0CFW will be active as 3B9/M0CFW from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) on 20-30 November. He will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as 3B9KW. QSL via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

4L - Alex, K6VHF will be active as 4L1FP from Tbilisi, Georgia on 18-27 November. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via K6VHF. [TNX The Daily DX]

5H - Eddy, OE3SEU has been travelling through Africa in his motorhome since early June. After being in South Africa (ZS/OE3SEU), Namibia (V5/OE3SEU/p) and Zambia (9J2SEU), he is now going to Tanzania (5H3SE). Activity will be on the QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW. Follow his travels - and give a look at dozens of stunning pictures - on https://we-travel.at/.

9M2 - Special callsign 9M100SK will be active from 15 November to 31 December in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Kedah Scouts. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL direct to 9W2TXL.

A6 - Taking part in the celebrations of Oman National Day (18 November), The Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) will operate special callsign A60OMA on 12-18 November. QSL via EA7FTR. Individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign, and be active as A60OMA/0, A60OMA/1, etc. (see qrz.com for the QSL routes).

A9 - Also joining the celebrations of Oman National Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society (BARS) will operate special callsign A91OMA on 12-18 November. QSL via EC6DX and LoTW.

FM - Jeff, N6GQ will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as TO5Z from Martinique (NA-107). Before the contest he will operate CW and SSB (no FT8) on 10-160 metres (no WARC bands). QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

FS - John K9EL, Paul K9NU, Ed N9EP and Bob W9AP will be active again as TO9W from Saint Martin (NA-105) from 30 November to 9 December.

They will operate CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 and some RTTY with three stations. "The team's primary focus will be on 160, 80 and 40 metres during hours of darkness and CW on all bands", they say, but they "will also operate 30 through 6 depending on openings". QSL TO9W via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via W9ILY. Certificates will be awarded for several categories of most band-modes worked during the operation; the number of band-mode QSOs will be taken from Club Log's Leaderboard (all prior TO9W QSOs will be removed, and then merged back with the 2022 QSOs at the end of the operation). See http://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm for more information.

H4 - Remo, HB9SHD will be active as H44SHD from Uepi Island (OC-149), Solomon Islands on 6-19 December. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-6 metres. From 20 December to 3 January he will be QRV as H44SHD/mm while on a diving cruise, with possible land based brief operations from other IOTA groups such as the Russell Islands (OC-168) and the Florida Islands (OC-158). QSL via home call (direct or bureau); the log will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL. Before that, he might be QRV as P29AH/mm while in Papua New Guinea waters between 27 November and 5 December (no land operation is expected and no QSL cards will be printed).

HH - The Radio Club d'Haiti (HH2RCH) will be active as HH18NOV on 18-27 November. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via N2OO. This special callsign memorializes the Battle of Vertieres (18 November 1803), the last major battle of the Haitian Revolution that ended with the former colony's independence.

HR - K1TR, K1XM, KQ1F, SM7IUN and W1UE will be active from Roatan Island (NA-057) on 20-30 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as HQ9X (QSL via KQ1F and LoTW); outside the contest they will operate CW, SSB and FT modes. [TNX The Daily DX]

HR - Gerard, F2JD will be active again as HR5/F2JD from Copan, Honduras from 23 November to 13 March 2023. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); logsearch on http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active again from Miyakojima (AS-079) between 17 November and 15 December. He will operate SSB and CW as JS6RRR (including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest), 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 both Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

JA - Look for Kenji, JA4GXS/2 to be QRV from Toshi Island (AS-206) on 19-20 November. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on various bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

KH8 - Bob, W7YAQ and Al, K7AR will be active as K8H from Pago Pago on Tutuila Island (OC-045), American Samoa from 18 November to 1 December They will be QRV with two stations on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as a M/S entry. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via W7YAQ. [TNX The Daily DX]

OX - Alex, OZ7AM as OX7AM and Mikkel OZ7AKT as OX7AKT will be active from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (NA-018) on 22-29 November and 24-29 November, respectively. Look for OX7AM to participate in the CQ WW CW Contest: he is going to attempt 2BSIQ (Two Bands Synchronized Interleaved QSOs), "so bear with me if I mess up", he says. QSLs OX7AM and OX7AKT via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB. [TNX DX

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P4 - John, W2GD will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 21-29 November. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX CW Contest, with some spare time operations on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM. [TNX NG3K]

PJ4 - Look for PJ4/K4BAI and PJ4/KU8E to be active from Bonaire (SA-006) on 23-30 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as PJ4A. QSL PJ4/K4BAI, PJ4/KU8E and PJ4A via K4BAI. [TNX NG3K]

SP - Celebrating the 95th anniversary of Polskie Radio Katowice, the largest regional station of Polish Radio, special callsigns 3Z95PRK, HF95PRK, SN95PRK, SO95PRK, SP95PRK and SQ95PRK will be QRV from 26 November to 11 December. QSL via operators' instructions.

T33 - Norbert, DF6FK and Judith, DL2ZAD have announced their plans to be active as T33BB and T33BA from Banaba Island (OC-018) on 12-24 January 2023. More information is expected in due course. [TNX DX World]

TK - A large team from Slovenia (S53BB, S53CC, S53F, S53MM, S53RM, S53WW, S53ZO, S55OO, S57AL, S57C, S57K, S57L and S57VW) will be active as TK/homecall from Corsica (EU-014) on 21-29 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as TK0C (M/2); outside the contest they will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-2 metres. QSL TK0C via LoTW, eQSL or via S50C. [TNX The Daily DX]

TY - Pekka OH2TA, Tapani OH5BM and Timo OH5LLR will be active as TY5AF from Benin on 21-29 November. Operating from Villa Karo, the Finnish-African cultural center located in the village of Grand-Popo, they will be QRV on 160-10 metres, with a focus on CW during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or direct to OH5LLR.

V4 - Bob, WX4G will be active as V48A from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 21 November to 1 December, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or WX4G.

V8 - V85NPV is the new callsign issued to Didier, F5NPV on 31 October. Over the past three months he was QRV as V85/F5NPV. He operates from Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital city of Brunei, and expects to remain in the country for a few years. QSL via eQSL and LoTW; paper cards will not be available.

VP2M - Dennis, VA3WB will be active as VP2MJA from Montserrat (NA-103) on 24-29 November. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX CW Contest; outside the contest he will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

VU - Datta, VU2DSI will be active once again as AU2JCB from 25 November to 13 December to commemorate the birthdate (30 November 1858) of Indian physicist and radio pioneer Jagadish Chandra Bose. He will operate SSB (3710, 7040, 7150, 14210, 14250, 14310, 21235, 21310, 21350, 28490, 28510 and 28545 kHz) and FM (29700, 50800 and 51500 kHz). QSL direct to home call. Also QRV are expected to be AU3JCB (operated by VU2EVU) and AU5JCB (operated by VU2XPN).

Z6 - Henning, OZ2I will be active again as Z68EE from Kosovo on 24-30 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

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3Y0J RADIO OPERATIONS: FLEXIBLE BAND PLAN ---> The initial band plan for the much anticipated January 2023 DXpedition to Bouvet Island is now available on https://www.3y0j.no/bandplan. "We will work closely together with our pilots and if we see that something is not working, we will do adjustments", the team stated on 10 November. A few hints and tips from the team include:

(1) We will always keep lowest 10 kHz on regular bands and lowest 5 kHz on WARC bands clear to allow regular DX traffic. So you will never hear us calling CQ in that portion of the band.
(2) CW split will be limited to 15 kHz spectrum.
(3) Phone split will be limited to 30 kHz spectrum.
Thus operator will choose a frequency within the spectrum and limit the split to max 15 kHz and 30 kHz respectively.

* 160m will be CW only and 80m will be CW/SSB, so no FT8 on 160/80m.
* Special permit up to 1500W on CW/SSB.
* CW/SSB will have priority over digital modes.
* RTTY will be on 1-2 bands, 14125 and 21125 kHz.
* 60m frequencies have been updated, potentially 60m for last few days. There is no promise for 60m, but we want to do it if we can.

FT8 operation
* FT8 will be F/H only, 4 stations aimed running 24/7 with 100W.
* We will NEVER transmit FT8 on regular FT8 frequencies. The 4 x FT8 stations can be controlled by one operator, or each FT8 station can be controlled individually by an operator running SSB/CW (SO2R) mode.
* FT8 will be on 40-10m running 100W, but focus on our 7 yagis 20-10m.
* We have chosen FT8/RTTY frequencies that gives us better in band separation, and also so to avoid the most public frequencies that might be occupied by others DX-peditions in F/H mode.
* We have agreed with Crozet that he runs FT8 on 10131 and Bouvet on 10140 kHz.

A35GC ---> An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.3 occurred in the Tonga Islands region at 10.49 UTC (11.48 p.m. local time) on 11 November. The government of Tonga called for an immediate evacuation inland as the earthquake triggered a tsunami warning, and A35GC was off the air for a few hours. The tsunami threat has now passed, and the operators (LZ1GC and LZ1PM) are safe and sound.

T33T ---> Team T33T (two operators: "Banaba is extremely hard place to stay

even for us", they say, and "we are doing our best to be active as much we can") has been QRV from Banaba since the early UTC hours on 5 November. They decided to use low power and concentrate on Asia (Japan) e the US West Coast during the first days, before running more power and turning the antennas towards Europe on the long path. "Internet here is extremely slow over satel-lite", they say, so logs and pictures will be uploaded when they return to Tarawa (T30). There is "is a chance we will have to stay on Banaba little longer due the vessel schedules", they add, "maybe till 24 November". Updates are posted to https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup.

+ SILENT KEYS + Ellen White, W1YL passed away on 6 November. She would have turned 96 next month. Licenced since 1946, she "devoted over 75 years of her life to ham radio, including more than 25 years on the headquarters staff for ARRL. She retired in 1978 as Deputy Communications Manager and became the editor of the column 'How's DX?' for ARRL's membership journal, QST". An accomplished CW operator who loved contesting and DXing, she joined FOC (the First Class CW Operators' Club) in 1966, and in 2019 was granted the Al Slater G3FXB Memorial Award. In the same year she was inducted into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame as "the grand dame of DXing", and was awarded the Russian E.T. Krenkel Medal "for outstanding global contributions to amateur radio". Her husband Bob White, W1CW (ARRL DXCC Manager from 1952 until 1976) passed away twenty years ago, followed in 2004 by their son Jim White, K4OJ (founder and first president of the Florida Contest Group).
On 8 November the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society reported the news of the passing of Ahmad Abdul-Jabbar Mansour Marafi, 9K2DZ. He was the "Last Voice from Kuwait", the amateur radio operator who risked his own life to handle health-and-welfare messages in and out of Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation (1990-1991). In 1992 he received the ARRL International Humanitarian Award, awarded to those who, by use of amateur radio skills, provide "extraordinary service for the benefit of others in times of crisis or disaster".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3DA0AQ, 5A1AL, 5N/KE5GUR, 7O/DL7ZM, A35JP, A 71XX, AH2R, CB4R, FR5DZ, FY5FY, HG1S, HV0A, ID9Y, IS0/OM2TW, OX3LX, OZ50DXG, P29LL, RI0IR (AS-059), RI0QQ (AS-082), S21SM, S79KW, SV5/PG5M, V31MA, VK0MQ, VK9NT, VO2NS, WH7T, XT2AW, Z66X, ZA/OE6TQG, ZL7/K5WE.

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