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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Ennio, IW1RBI and others will be active again as 3A/IW1RBI from Monaco on 20-23 April. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 (mainly F/H) on 80-10 metres. QL via LoTW, or via home call; logsearch and possibly OQRS on Club Log.

A6 - The Emirates Amateur Radio Society will take part in the celebrations of Kuwait National and Liberation Days as A60KWT (QSL via EA7FTR) and A60KWT/xx (see qrz.com for the QSL routes for the different suffix extensions) on 19-27 February. Also joining the celebrations will be the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as HZ1KWT on 19-25 February (QSL via HZ1SAR), and the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society as A91KWT on 20-26 February (QSL via EC6DX).

CE - Team CB7C will be active again form the lighthouse at Punta Corona on Chiloe Island (SA-018) during this year's American Lighthouses Weekend (17-19 February). They will operate SSB, FT8 and C4FM on various bands. QSL via LoTW, or direct to CE6TTL.

CY0 - Parks Canada has agreed to add one day to the length of stay on Sable Island for the CY0S DXpedition team. The start date is still 20 March, and the end date is now 30 March. Depending on weather conditions, however, their stay might be shortened, or even extended beyond the departure date. Plans are for an experienced team of nine operators (K4UEE, K4ZLE, K5YY, N2IEN, N2TU, W0GJ, W4DKS, WA4DAN and WW2DX) to be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and FT8 F/H; plans are also for activity to take place on 6 metres FT8 as well as on 2 metres EME and via satellite. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred for either direct and bureau cards), direct to WA4DAN, and LoTW. See https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/ for more information and updates.

EA - Commemorating the 43rd anniversary of the 1980 referendum for autonomy and representing the provinces of Andalusia, eight special callsigns will be activated on 22-28 February: AN43AL (Almeria), AN43CA (Cadiz), AN43CO (Cordoba), AN43GR (Granada), AN43HU (Huelva), AN43JA (Jaen), AN43MA (Malaga), AN43SE (Sevilla). In addition, AN43AND will be active on 28 February (Andalusia Day). QSL via LoTW and eQSL. See https://www.qrz.com/db/an43and for more information.

FT_ant - David, F4FKT [425DXN 1657] is now expected to be QRV as FT4YM from Dumont d'Urville Station (Ile des Petrels, AN-017) on 13-27 February, and as FT4YM/mm from the icebreaker "L'Astrolabe" from 28 February to 5 March. QSL via F5PFP. [TNX DX World]

J6 - Amateur radio operators from Saint Lucia (NA-108) are allowed to use the special prefix J644 on 19-25 February, in celebration of the 44th anniversary since their country gained full independence (22 February 1979). For instance, J69DS will be signing J644DS (QSL via EB7DX).

J7 - Laurent FM5BH as J79BH and Yuri VE3DZ as J79UKR will be active from Dominica (NA-101) on 20-26 February and 21-28 February, respectively. QSL J79BH via Club Log's OQRS or direct to FM5BH; QSL J79UKR via VE3DZ.

J8 - Sandro VE7NY, Allan VE7SZ and Rob N7QT will be active as J8NY from the main island of St Vincent (NA-109) from 24 February to 7 March, including a M/2 entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to VE7NY.

PJ7 - Tom, AA9A will be active again as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 3 March to 1 April. Usually he operates CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to AA9A.

T33 - Norbert, DF6FK and Judith, DL2ZAD will be travelling to Banaba Island (OC-018) on 17 February, and be active as T33BB and T33BA, respectively, for 11-12 days. They will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres with two stations. QSL via DF6FK, direct or bureau; they will not use Club Log or LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

T8 - Ichy, JH7IPR will be active again as T88UW from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 24 February to 2 March. He will operate mainly FT8, with CW and SSB if conditions are good. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call (direct or bureau). Also look for JF6CHA to be active as T88CH during the same time frame.

V3 - Walt, W0CP as V31DJ (CW) and his wife Mary Kay K0ZV as V31DK (SSB and FT8) are active from Placencia, Belize until 11 March. They can operate on 160-10 metres. QSL V31DJ via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via W0CP; QSL V31DK via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via K0ZV. [TNX The Daily DX]

V4 - Upcoming activities from St. Kitts (NA-104) include V4/K4KIU by Matt, K4KIU on 22 February-1 March (QSL via LoTW and Club Log), and V4/N4RF by Bob, N4RF on 19 March-1 April (QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call). [TNX The Daily DX]

VK - VI100MB is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity to start on 26 February until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

VK9N - Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ and Patrick VK2PN, along with guest operators Matt K0BBC and Tom VK3FTOM, will be active as VK9NT from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 17-31 March. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 metres and "some basic 6m" with up to three stations, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VJ9N. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

VU4 - Gopan, VU3HPF (M0XUU) and Ram, VU2JXN will be active holiday style as VU4T from Port Blair, South Andaman Island (AS-001) on 2-5 March. They will operate mainly CW and maybe some SSB on 40-10 metres, running 200 watts into an elevated vertical near the beach. They will also be active on QO-100 (CW and SSB). No QSL cards will be printed, but the log will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log, and the QO-100 DX Club's website.

YB - Look for Dave, YC5YC/7 and Arli, YC7UDD/p to be active from Teluk Harapan Beach on Maratua Island (OC-166) on 25-27 February. They will operate SSB, FT8 and RTTY "on all open bands", and will upload their logs to LoTW and Club Log. Also QRV are expected to be other ten operators (YB7UFO/p, YB7UK/p, YB7VAS/p, YB7VBD/p, YB7WKX/p,

YB7YD/p, YC7UPZ/p, YC7USF/p, YC7VBA/p, YD7VHO/p), who will concentrate on BOTA (Beaches On The Air) operations.

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3Y0J ---> Conditions on the island were extremely difficult and primitive. The team had just one tent, neither tables nor chairs, and limited heating. Read LA7GIA's short resume and watch a couple of self-explanatory videoes: https://www.facebook.com/groups/3093983840726129/permalink/4672091376248693

* "Pile-up was difficult as our signals were weak", LA7GIA says. "We had good reception and very often we called 3 to 5 times to log a QSO. We focused on fewer bands to maximize All Time New Ones".
* Two of the Norwegian team members made a few QSOs with their own personal 3Y callsigns: LA7GIA as 3Y7GIA on 10 February, and LA7THA as 3Y7THA (QSL via M0OXO) on 11 February.
* As for FT8, 3Y0J used WSJT-X F/H mode, so they (the Fox) had to transmit on the even cycle (00/30), while the chaser (the Hound) had to transmit on the odd cycle (15/45). The team on the island, however, "did not have any device to sync against, and our clock were 14 seconds off - which meant we at some time were TX odd, while we thought it was even".
* Operations continued until the fuel ran out, then 3Y0J closed down at 3 UTC on 14 February.
* The "Marama" set sail for Cape Town, South Africa on 16 February. Her estimated date of arrival is around 23 February.
* The logs are being uploaded to Club Log and M0OXO's OQRS: https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/logsearch.php?dxcallsign=3y0j
* Missing call checks for CW and SSB contacts should be reported to M0OXO by using the "Not in Log" form on his OQRS. "No digital QSOs will be changed whatsoever, absolutely no exception. Thus there is no need to contact the QSL manager about this".

7U7EE: CANCELLED ---> Henning, OZ2I has had to cancel his 15-22 February activity [425DXN 1657] as he was unable to get a visa in time. The operation has been postponed until further notice.

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 20th Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 19-26 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Special callsigns (QSL via operator's instructions) are expected to be aired during this year's AAW from Algeria (7T22ANT), Austria (OE20AAW, OE88WAP, OE89ANT, OE90AAW), Bulgaria (LZ20ANT), France (TM20AAW), Italy (IB2WAP, II2YLPS, II3MNA,II2ANT, II5ANT, IR1ANT, IR2A), Netherlands (PA6ANT, PF88ANT), Poland (SP0ANT), Spain (EH3ANT), USA (K4C). Complete information on the AAW can be found on http://www.waponline.it/.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metres, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (see https://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx for the rules). This year's event will be held on 18-19 February (CW) and 4-5 March (SSB). Give a look at the Announced Operations listings maintained by Bill, NG3K: https://www.ng3k.com/Contest/.

ZZ2MI: CANCELLED ---> Owing to lack of transportation, the 17-19 February operation from Ilha da Moela (SA-071) [425DXN 1658] has been cancelled.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AJT, 3W1T, 3X1A, 4J3DJ, 5R8BM, 5R8LH, 5R8PA, 5Z4PA, 5Z4VJ, A35GC, A42K, CN3A, E51BQ, ET3AA, EY7AD, FR5DZ, FS5GL, FT8WW, HP1IBF, HS0ZNR, J28MD, JD1BMH, JG8NQJ/JD1, JT1CO, K2ZR/4 (NA-062), LU7DLS, OM2XW, P40AA, PJ4RF, PP1KV, PY4BZ, PZ5MA, S21DX (AS-140), ST2NH, T77C, T88AQ, T88WA, TF2GT, TL8AA, TL8ZZ, TY5AF, TZ1CE, UN6LN, V31XX, VE2CSI, VP8/SQ1SGB, WP4WW, XE2X, YB0BAC, YB1AYO, YB7RV (OC-166), ZC4GR, ZD7MY,

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