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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3A - 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ were expected to be QRV from Monaco on 30 December-3 January [425DXN 1807]. Due to a medical emergency involving a close family member of MM0NDX, however, the operation has been postponed at the last minute. While the trip is currently on hold, the team still intends to be active during the low band season - likely in February - once the situation stabilizes. New dates will be announced as soon as possible.

4S - The Amateur Radio Civil Services Network (ARCSN) will activate 4S7RCS from Baththalangunduwa Island on 4-5 January. This will be a small-scale operation, primarily using digital modes. QSL direct. [TNX DX World]

9A - Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use 9A69AA to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call.

CN - Matt, SQ9NIS will be active as CN2NIS from Morocco from 31 December to 6 January. He operates SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log.

CX - Roberto, K6KM plans to be active as CX/K6KM from Isla Gorriti (SA-039) on 6 January starting around 14 UTC, with 7 January as an alternative date. He will operate CW only (10 watts), primarily on 15 metres, for 6-7 hours. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

DL - The DARC Team SES will be active as DH2026EM between 10 January and 10 February for the Men's European Handball Championship to be co-hosted by Denmark, Sweden and Norway. QSL via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook).

FO - Pascal, F6HCM is visiting French Polynesia from 28 December to 5 February. He is QRV as FO/F6HCM from IOTA group OC-046 until 10 January, and again on 1-5 February; from IOTA group OC-067 between 10 January and 1 February. He operates QRP CW around 21040 kHz. [TNX The Daily DX]

FO - Hiro, JI1JKW will be active holiday style as FO/JI1JKW from Tikehau Atoll (OC-066), French Polynesia on 2-6 January. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-6 metres, and "some QO-100". QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

G - GB50PUNK is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times between 1 January and 31 December to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891.

I - Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and

emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": II4GMRC (January), II4AJMR (February), II4AMRC (March), II4JDVS (April), II4ROSA (May), II4PRCE (June), II4JAFL (July), II4KEMP (August), II4PAGE (September), II4NTTI (October), II4GCLB (November), II4SLRI (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: http://www.arifidenza.it/.

KH8 - Darren, VK4MAP is active as KH8/VK4MAP from American Samoa for a couple of weeks. He started from Tutuila Island (OC-045), on 2 or 3 January he will move to the Manua Islands (OC-077). He operates SSB, mainly on 10 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX DX World]

LZ - Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ1426EN (January and February), LZ488AM (March and April), LZ370TL (May and June), LZ67PP (July and August), LZ936BA (September and October), LZ911TD (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at https://www.lz1kcp.com/.

P4 - Mathias, DL4MM will be active again as P40AA from Aruba (SA-036) on 11-29 January, CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest included. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

S2 - During 2026, the S21DX team will activate 17 grids via the QO-100 satellite. They plan to operate two stations from each grid for 2-3 days throughout the year, primarily using SSB with some CW. Grids to be activated are NL41-NL46, NL51-NL55, and NL60-NL65. Teams will vary by location and date. Operators mentioned are S21ACP, S21AM, S21FIA, S21HMX, S21MOB, S21RC, S21RED and S21YLJ; as they will use their personal callsigns, QSL management and LoTW availability may differ individually. However, the S21DX team will issue a "special paper QSL card" for the event, and an Online QSL Request System (OQRS) will be available soon. See https://s21dx.org/ for more information and updates.

T8 - Look for T88HS (QSL direct to JA6KYU), T88SM (QSL direct to JA6EGL) and T88XE (QSL via JH6OPP) to be active on various bands and modes from the Palau Radio Club on Koror Island (OC-009) on 7-15 January.

TY - Gerard, F5NVF will be active as TY5GG from Benin between 6 January and 6 April. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log (with Live Stream enabled); QSL via LoTW.

VE - The Daily DX reports that Mike, VE2XB expects to be QRV over the next coming weeks as follows:

VY0BRR	Coral Harbour (NA-007)	10-15 January
VY0ZOO/VE2	Umiujaq, Quebec	15-20 January
VY0ZOO/VE8	Yellowknife, NWT	21-26 January
VY0ZOO/VE2	Ivujivik, Quebec	27 January-6 February

In his spare time he operates CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSLs direct to VE2XB.

VU7 - The foreign team members have withdrawn from the 10-22 January AU7RS DXpedition to Agatti (AS-011), Lakshadweep Islands [425DXN 1806]. "Despite submitting applications in October and continuous follow-ups", Sarath (VU2RS) says, "the department has not issued licenses for VU calls, making it impossible for international team members to participate. With time running out, they've had to

cancel flight tickets, incurring significant losses. Additionally, our agent's application for Agatti permit for foreign hams was rejected by Lakshadweep authorities, impacting our plans.
The Indian team has applied for the Agatti permit and is moving forward with the DXpedition". See https://www.vu2rs.com/vu7r/ for more information.

W - Club station W2HRU will be QRV on 1-10 January to mark the 27th annual Ham Radio University educational conference. Look for SSB activity on 80, 40 and 20 metres, as well as FT8 on multiple bands. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, the W2 QSL Bureau, or direct to KA2D. Detailed information on https://hamradiouniversity.org/.

XT - Max, DK1MAX will be active as XT2MAX from Ouagadougou (IK92fh), Burkina Faso on 4-11 January. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (MSHV) on 20-6 metres ("lower bands if noise and space allows"). QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via EA5GL.

XU - Tom, DL7BO is active again as XU7O from Cambodia until 18 January. He will be active on 160-6 meters using FT8, CW and SSB, with a focus on the low bands. QSL via DL4WK, Club Log's OQRS, LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

YB - Jozef, ON6HX is active again as YB9/ON6HX from Mataram on Lombok Island (OC-150) until 11 March. His application for a regular YB9 callsign is being processed. He operates CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

Z6 - Gabriele, HB9TSW will be active again as Z68BG from Slatina Air Base near Pristina, Kosovo on 8-28 January. He will operate CW only in his spare time. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call.

ZK3 - Members of the Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) and the Western Washington DX Club (WWDXC) are organizing a DXpedition to the Tokelau Islands (OC-048), currently Club Log's #42 Most Wanted (#24 EU). The last DXpedition to Tokelau was ZK3A in 2019.
Written permission to enter the island is in-hand, and they are now working with the government of Tokelau on logistics. The government will coordinate travel to the island, operating location, sleeping and meal arrangements.
The team of experienced DXpedition and contest operators include K3EL, K5GS, KE4KY, KN2P, N7JP, N7QT, N9ADG, W1SRD, WA7CPA, WD5COV, HA0NAR, IK0FVC, and ZL3CW. The group will depart Apia (Samoa) in early November, arriving in Tokelau following a 30-hour ferry crossing. They intend to remain on the island for 14 days. Plans are to be QRV on 160-6 meters SSB, CW, and digital modes (RTTY and FT8) from five operating positions. The callsign will be announced at a later date. Bookmark https://tok-dx.com/ for more information and updates.

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CONWAY REEF ---> The Rebel DX Group reports that Conway Reef will soon be classified as a restricted-access zone. The new regulations will significantly complicate the process of obtaining landing permits. Although the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji continues to issue operating licenses, physical access to the reef will be strictly limited. Consequently, the Rebel DX Group is accelerating plans for an activation to take place before the implementation of these new restrictions.
Bookmark https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup for updates.

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2025 can be found at https://hamgallery.com/dx2025/. The large collection of clips (MP3 format) covers DXpeditions, rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 28 full years of sound clips available.

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8M, 3G5SM (SA-070), 4L1AX, 5R8TT, 5R8XX, A52AA, A52G, A60HQ, A71AT, AT2DX, C5PL, CO2XN, CT3KN, D2EB, D68Z, E44OM, EW1MM, EX0M, FR8TG, FW5K, J62K, JD1BMH, K9HEI/KH9, KP4AA, LW5DR, NP4VM, OJ0L, PJ6Y, PJ7K, PZ5JW, RI1ANC, S01WS, S21PL, SU1SN, SV1GA/A, TI7W, TZ4AM, WP3C, XE1UN, YB9AOS, YI1MB, ZD7VJ, ZW5W (SA-088).

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