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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B9 - Currently QRV as 3B8G from Mauritius Island (AF-049) until 30 March, Suvarna, VU3OPT (OM0GA) will be active as 3B9N from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) between 3 April and 20 May. He operates CW; he has been reported on 20, 15 and especially 10 metres so far. See https://www.9n7ga.com/ for more information.

3Y0/B - The 3Y0K team departed Cape Town on 21 February aboard the Argus, and arrived at Bouvet on 27 February at around 08:30 UTC after a somewhat bumpy voyage.
"The weather and sea state is still not favourable for us to start going onshore today", the team reports. "During our daily meeting today with the captain, pilots and expedition crew, we discussed the weather forecast.
During the last few days, we have stayed in an area with adverse weather and waves up to 8-10 meters, which is the reason for us slowing down the speed. The vessel is handling the sea very well and we are all satisfied with that.
We are now currently looking into a weather window on Saturday and Sunday, and as long as the conditions don't change, it is likely we will make an effort to go onshore this weekend. The pilots and crew are ready and confident in the machine, and we will now start our final preparations.
At this stage we cannot tell when we will be on the air. The main priority is to focus on the upcoming weather windows, get the gear and people onto the island and secure the camp with tents and provisions - before the radio/antenna installation starts. Our pilot James, KB2FMH will inform when we are QRV".

4X - Special event station 4Z01A will be active on 6-7 March from the archaeological site of the ancient city of Ashkelon (Holyland Square C19-AS, WWL KM71gp) QSL via 4X6ZM. This will be the first of four activations from the "Biblical cities from the David and Goliath period"; 4X01A (Ashod), 4X01E (Ekron) and 4X01G will follow (dates TBA).

5N - Bodo, DF8DX will be working at the Voice of Nigeria broadcasting station in Abuja, Nigeria, on 1-10 March. In his spare time he will be active as 5N7QBR on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, and FT8. He might also be QRV on QO-100. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.

9M2 - Mike, 9M2/KM9D has been casual operating from Teluk Kelubi Beach on Rebak Island (AS-058), West Malaysia since 13 February. Length of stay unknown. He operates CW low power (10 watts) on various bands. QSL via LoTW.

D4 - Claudio, HB9OAU will be active holiday style as D44OA from Boa Vista (AF-086), Cape Verde on 18-25 March. He will operate SSB, CW, FT8 (F/H) and RTTY on 40-6 metres. QSL via I8KHC; QSOs will be up-

loaded to Club Log, LoTW, eQSL, and QRZ.

HI - Flavio, IW2NEF will be active holiday style as HI7/IW2NEF from Bayahibe, Dominican Republic (NA-096) from 28 February to 7 March. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on 40-6 metres. QSL direct to IK2DUW.

HK - Renato, PY8WW will be active as HK4/PY8WW (tentative callsign) from the Tutumate Islands (SA-093) on 9-15 May. "CW and SSB remain my main focus", he says, with FT8 as "just a tool for those difficult moments when propagation doesn't cooperate". More information is expected in due course. This IOTA group was activated only once, by HK3JJH/4 back in 2002.

HR - Look for NG7E/HR9 and K6VHF/HR9 to be active from Roatan Island (NA-057), Honduras between 27 February and 4 March. They will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 with a focus on 6 metres and the low bands. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

J5 - Team J51A has been QRV from Bubaque Island (AF-020) since 23 February, and operations will continue until 15 March on multiple bands and modes. Updates are posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/J51A. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

J7 - Haluk, TA2LE will be active as J79H from Dominica (NA-101) on 10-26 March, and again periodically until March 2027. This will be a recurring activation based on his business travels. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 40-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. See https://j79h.ta2le.tr/ for more information and updates.

PJ7 - Tom, AA9A will be active again as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 8 March to 4 April. He will operate CW, FT8, FT4 and some SSB on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to AA9A. [TNX NG3K]

T31 - The Rebel DX Group will be active as T31TTT from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati for up to two weeks starting on 25 March. They will operate mainly FT8/FT4 (MSHV Super Fox and MSHV multistream) on various bands with multiple stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. See https://www.qrz.com/db/T31TTT for their band plan and other information.

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 10-18 March. He will operate SSB and FT8 on various bands. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON.

VP2E - Craig, K5AYO will be active holiday style as VP2EYO from Anguilla (NA-022) on 14-22 March. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres low power. QSL via home call ("no SASE required", he says); QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

VP9 - Darrell, AB2E will be active as AB2E/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) on 4-10 March. Main activity will be as VP9I during the ARRL DX SSB Contest. Before and after the contest he will operate CW, RTTY and FT8 with a focus on the low and WARC bands. QSL AB2E/VP9 via LotW, or direct to home call; QSL VP9I via WW3S. [TNX NG3K]

VE - Pierre, VK3KTB will be active again as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008) between 5 March and 1 April. He operates SSB, CW and FT8 on various bands when time permits. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

VU - The AU2M operation from Arnala Island (AS-169), which was cancelled last year due to heavy rains, has been rescheduled for 1-3 May. This IOTA group was activated back 2004 and 2006, and has been

silent ever since. More information is expected in due course.

ZC4 - A five-man team (GM2TT, GM2WW, GM3JIM, GM5YTT, and GM6DX) will be active as ZC4C and ZC4Z from the UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus on 4-11 March. They will run 2-3 stations on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8/FT4 (MSHV) and maybe even SSTV. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

CARIBBEAN TRIP ---> Stefan, HB9JAB will be active holiday style as FG/HB9JAB from Guadeloupe (NA-102) on 7-12 March and 20-27 March, and as J79C from Dominica (NA-101) on 13-20 March. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 20-10 metres. QSLs via LoTW and eQSL.

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3Y0K: THE BAND PLAN

(as published on https://3y0k.com/#bandplan)

Norwegian band plan and IARU Region 1 shall apply. The following band plan is contingent on frequency availability at the time we are QRV. We will have a strong focus on the human modes, but digital mode strategies are also being planned.

Band	CW	SSB	FT8 (kHz)	Band	Mode
160m	Free	N/A	1836	160m	CW/FT8
80m	Free	N/A	3567	80m	CW/FT8
60m	Free	N/A	5357	60m	CW/FT8
40m	Free	Free	7090	40m	All mode
30m	Free	Free	10131	30m	CW/FT8
20m	Free	Free	14090	20m	All mode
17m	Free	Free	18095	17m	All mode
15m	Free	Free	21090	15m	All mode
12m	Free	Free	24911	12m	All mode
10m	Free	Free	28090	10m	All mode
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Notes:
- "Free" means operator selects QRG
- "N/A" means no transmission planned
- Operating modes: CW, SSB, FT8
- No FT4 will be used
- RTTY may be offered late in the DXpedition
- 60m band may be operated on late in the DXpedition
- For FT8 mode use only the specified frequencies and F/H mode
- NO TX on lowest 10 kHz spectrum on regular bands to allow regular DX

traffic
- NO TX on lowest 5 kHz on WARC bands to allow regular DX traffic
- CW MAX 20 kHz split (operators choose QRG)
- SSB MAX 30 kHz split (operators choose QRG)
- Logs will be uploaded to M0OXO max once per day/second day

NO TX PORTION OF BANDS. We understand that there will be other DXers out there during our expedition, so to respect those other DXers we will not transmit in these portions of the bands:

Band	CW (kHz)
160m	1810-1815
80m	3500-3510
40m	7000-7010
30m	10100-10105
20m	14000-14010
17m	18068-18073
15m	21000-21010
12m	24890-24895
10m	28000-28010

DQRM STRATEGY. This strategy may only be implemented if the DQRM is very bad and slows down our QSO rate significantly.
Normal CW/SSB pileup handling is listening UP 1 kHz on CW and 5 kHz on SSB.
DQRM strategy is to work SIMPLEX on all bands within a 20 kHz bandwidth for CW and 30 kHz for SSB:

Band	CW (kHz)	SSB (kHz)
80m	3510-3530	N/A
40m	7010-7030	7120-7150
30m	10105-10125	N/A
20m	14010-14030	14160-14190
17m	18073-18088	18130-18160
15m	21010-21030	21160-21190
12m	24895-24910	24940-24970
10m	28010-28030	28320-28350

We will work simplex or "contest mode" within the 20 kHz window in CW. For example, operate SIMPLEX between 14010 and 14030 kHz.
In DQRM mode - we do S&P within a specified window like in any contest.
All stations are calling SIMPLEX. 3Y0K tunes across the simplex window and works stations SIMPLEX.

Bookmark https://www.facebook.com/groups/1787070508410564 for updates.

C3 QSL BUREAU: NEW MAILING ADDRESS ---> Per an agreement between the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles (URE) and the Unio de Radioaficionats Andorrans (URA), the URE QSL Bureau has officially taken over the management of QSL traffic for Andorra. Effective 18 February, all QSL cards for URA member stations (C3) should be sent to the following address:
URE - QSL Service
Avda. Monte Igueldo 102

28053 Madrid
Spain

DESECHEO 2026 ---> On 27 February, after 46 days of operation, KP5/NP3VI has reached a significant milestone: 100,000+ QSOs logged with nearly 19,500 unique callsigns.
"This achievement marks several important firsts in DXpedition history: (1) the first fully solar-powered major DXpedition to achieve 100,000 QSOs; (2) the first major DXpedition to reach 100,000 QSOs operating exclusively low power; (3) a rare entity activation conducted under strict U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service environmental regulations; (4) continuous operation of a Remote Deployment Unit powered entirely by solar energy and battery storage; (5) a focused operating strategy emphasizing All-Time New Ones (ATNOs).
This DXpedition demonstrates that high-impact results can be achieved with minimal environmental footprint": https://www.facebook.com/61585525894897.

WRTC.INFO ---> The World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) has assumed responsibility for WRTC.info (https://wrtc.info/), the long-standing community website dedicated to preserving the history of the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC). Over the years WRTC.info has become the most comprehensive publicly accessible record of WRTC events, documenting more than three decades of radiosport history through event descriptions, participant accounts, images, and statistics. WWROF is seeking a small group of volunteers willing to help sustain WRTC.info going forward:
https://wwrof.org/blog/wwrof-assumes-stewardship-for-wrtc-info/

YOTA CONTEST 2026 ---> Organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), the aim of the YOTA Contest is to increase youngsters activity on the air, strengthen the reputation of the YOTA programme, and demonstrate support for youngsters across the world. The three sessions of this year's YOTA Contest will be held on 15 March (10:00-22:00 UTC), 19 July (10:00-22:00 UTC), and 28 December (10:00-22:00 UTC), on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. See https://yotacontest.mrasz.org for the complete rules.

+ SILENT KEY + Lada Prajsner, OK2PAY passed away on 21 February. "Lada was truly one of the giants of our hobby", Mark Wohlschlegel, WC3W says. "A remarkable operator and competitor, he achieved what few ever will - becoming a ten-time World Winner of the DX Marathon CW category, while also earning numerous world-class CW championship honors throughout his distinguished amateur radio career. His skill, dedication, and consistency set a standard admired across the global DX community. Yet beyond the extraordinary achievements and scores was something even more meaningful. Lada represented the very spirit of DXing - patience, excellence in CW operation, fairness, and a lifelong passion for connecting people across borders through radio":
https://dxmarathon.com/news/2026/lada_prajsner_ok2pay/

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG, 3G9S (SA-050), 5K0UA, 7Z1AO, 9L8MD, 9L9L (AF-037), AP5ARS, FK8IK, FS/DL8DYL, FS/DL9DRA, HI6M, HP1AVS, J38WG, P40AA, PJ4KV, V85NPV, VP2MAA, VP2MPN, VP2MRL, VP2MYL, VP9/WE9G, WE9G/KC4, XU7RRC (AS-133), YI3AA, Z68TT, Z68ZZ, ZD9BV, ZL7IO.

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