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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3B - Alex, SQ9UM will be active as 3B8/SQ9UM from Mauritius (AF-049) on 14-17 and 21-27 August, and as 3B9/SQ9UM from Rodrigues (AF-017) on 18-20 August. He will operate FT8/FT4 and CW with some SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call. All direct requests "will be uploaded quickly to LoTW".
- 9M - Celebrating National Day (31 August) and Malaysia Day (16 September), several special event stations located in various Malaysian states and federal territories are expected to be activated between 22 August and 30 September. Active from East Malaysia will be 9M26MS (Sabah) and 9M26MQ (Sarawak). Active from West Malaysia will be 9M26MA, 9M26MB, 9M26MC, 9M26MD, 9M26MJ, 9M26MK, 9M26MN, 9M26MP, 9M26MR, 9M26MW, and possibly 9M26MM and 9M26MT. QSL via operators' instructions.
- CE0Z - Moises, CE3VTZ and Felipe, XQ7IR will be active as XR0Z from Alexander Selkirk Island (SA-101) for approximately 10 days in October. They will operate FT8 (MSHV), CW and SSB on 160-10 metres with two stations. The team will establish their shack at a shelter located 1,057 meters (3,468 feet) above sea level. Reaching the site is a tough physical and logistical undertaking. Getting there involves a four-hour, seven-kilometre hike from the village to the mountain summit. To transport all necessary equipment each operator will carry a 15 kg backpack, with additional support provided by local fishermen. Bookmark <https://www.xr0z.net/> for more information and updates. QSL via M0URX's OQRS.
- F - Fabien, F4GYM will be active as F4GYM/p from Ile du Pilier (EU-064) on 19-22 August. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/F4GYM/P> for more information.
- I - Members of ARI Ravenna will be active as IQ4RA from the lighthouse at Marina di Ravenna on 15-16 August. They will operate SSB and CW on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via eQSL.
- I - Luca, IW2LUY will be active holiday style as IW2LUY/IA5 from Elba Island (EU-028) on 20-24 August. He will operate SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 40-10 metres, possibly also on 6 and 2 metres. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log; paper QSLs will not be provided.
- I - Members of ARI Taranto (IQ7TA) will be active as II7MGXX from 21 August to 3 September during the XX Mediterranean Games. Several other special callsigns will be operated by members of ARI branches located across Puglia: II7MGBA, II7MGBR, II7MGBT, II7MGFG, II7MGLE, II7MGML, II7MGMU, IR7MGGC. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud/awards>.
- I - Members of ARI Savona will be active as II1LH from the lighthouse at Capo Vado on 22 August between 7 and 16 UTC. They will operate SSB and digital modes on the HF bands, 6 and 2 metres. All QSOs

will be confirmed via eQSL, paper cards will not be provided. A certificate will be available at <https://www.mapforham.com/>.

- RI1F - The RI1FJL team departed Murmansk on 12 August. The voyage to Heiss Island (EU-019), Franz Josef Land is expected to take 6-7 days. Currently, the yacht "Mariya" is encountering very rough seas. When seasickness allows, the team is active as RI1FJL/mm. Once they reach their destination, the team plans to be QRV on various bands CW, SSB and FT8 (MSHV) with high-power stations for a couple of weeks: <https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.
- V5 - Gunter, DK2WH will be active again as V51WH and V55Y (contest call-sign) from Namibia between 25 August and 10 October. He will operate SSB, FT8, RTTY, and some CW on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]
- VE - Mark, WB20IL will be active as WB20IL/VY0 from Broughton Island (Qikiqtarjuaq, NA-130) between 16 August and 1 September. He is part of a scuba diving research team, and will operate FT8, SSB, and CW on 40-10 metres as time permits (mainly around 23 to 1 UTC).
- VU - Commemorating the 80th Independence Day of India, Subbu, VU2NSL will be active as AT80IND on 14-16 August. QSL via LoTW.
- W - Members of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society will be QRV as N4EAR from the Boca Grande Lighthouse on Gasparilla Island (NA-069) on 15 August between 13 and 23 UTC.
- XE - Once again special callsign 4A2MAX will be activated on 1-31 August in remembrance of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe. Activity will be on various bands and modes. Born in 1894, Father Kolbe (SP3RN) was killed on 14 August 1941 at Auschwitz. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, QRZ, Club Log's OQRS, or via EA5GL. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/4a2max> for more information.
Also active on 12-16 August will be special event stations HF85MK (QSL via the bureau, or direct to SQ2WKJ) from Poland and K1M (QSL direct to KC2POL) from the United States.

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SEANET CONTEST ---> This year's SEANET Contest will be held on 12-13 September (24 hours). In a major move to encourage next-generation participation, the organizers have announced that the highest-performing participants in the newly established Youth Category (ages 19-25) will not only receive special equipment prizes, but will also be considered for a sponsored position in the international team for the VU4 DXpedition in December 2026:

<https://www.dxindia.in/seanet-contest-2026.html>

TOKELAU 2026 ---> Members of the Tokelau DXpedition team are assembling stations and preparing them for shipment. Team transportation to and from Apia

(Samoa) to Tokelau has been arranged by the government's transport office. A customs broker in Apia will receive the equipment shipment and forward to Tokelau on a cargo ferry. Team members will meet in Apia and depart on 17 November for the one-day voyage to Fakaofo Atoll [425DXN 1839].

The year 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of the New Zealand/Tokelau relationship. To commemorate this milestone the callsign ZK3ZL was requested.

A humanitarian project designed to improve computer knowledge will be presented to the Council of Elders. Twenty Lenovo laptops configured with Windows 11 and Microsoft Office 2021 are the cornerstone of the project. The objective is to create a computer lab for the locals and help the Council better manage their day-to-day activities and processes. The team will be conducting basic computer instruction and training classes while on the island. The cost of the computer lab was borne by the team. They also plan to encourage several of the locals to get involved with amateur radio.

Donations to help cover shipping and the humanitarian project are being accepted at <https://tok-dx.com/>. [TNX K5GS]

VK9XY ---> The Northern California DX Foundation has announced a grant supporting the VK9XY Youth DXpedition (<https://vk9xy2026.com>) to Christmas Island, scheduled for November 2026 [425DXN 1838]. In addition to eight youth operators on the island, the DXpedition team will include 30-40 remote youth operators from around the world utilizing two NexGenRiB2 stations funded by NCDXF. [TNX AA7A]

VP0SG 2027 ---> The 2027 South Georgia DXpedition has officially secured its Regulated Activity Permit (RAP) from the Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands after more than 18 months of careful preparation and dialogue. Now authorized to operate from Husvik in March 2027, the team has closely collaborated with the Government to develop an expedition that minimises its environmental footprint while still allowing meaningful amateur radio activity.

The VP0SG team is committed to making the most of this opportunity, maximizing the number of unique contacts, providing strong CW, SSB and FT8 coverage, giving small and modest stations a genuine opportunity to work South Georgia. Following the securement of the expedition vessel MV "Meridian", organizers are calling on the global DX community to support substantial upfront logistical and equipment costs to make the activation a reality. See <https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3G0Z, 5H1KB (AF-032), 5W1SA, 9M2HUS, 9M6BOB, A61CK, BW2/JP1RIW, C91CCY, CV5A (SA-030), EA6UE, FS/F4EQE, HB0/DL2SBY, OE8DDX, OX3LX, S09S, S21WD (AS-140), TF3HQ, TF5B, TJ1GD, TJ1GD/p, TK/F4FTV, TL8GD, TN1GD, TT1GD, VJ2L (OC-004), XX9TXN, XX9W.

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