CE

- Cezar, VE3LYC and Johan, PA3EXX will use CE9/VE3LYC and CE9/PA3EXX during their very challenging expedition to the Wollaston Islands (SA-031) and Diego Ramirez Islands (SA-097, IOTA new one) between 7 and 22 January [425DXN 1018]. The plan is to operate for four days from each group. QSL for both callsigns via VE3LYC. Further information, including details on how contribute to this difficult and expensive project, can be found at http://ce9iota.weebly.com/ [TNX VE3LYC]

CX

- A large group of operators from Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela will be active as CW5R from Lobos Island (SA-039) on 8-13 December. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 80-6 metres. QSL direct to CX2ABC. Further information at www.cw5r.net [TNX NG3K]

DU

- Peter, DK2PR will be active as DU9/DK2PR from Mindanao Island (OC-130) between 5 December and 3 January, possibly with side trips to other IOTA groups. QSL via home call, direct ot bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

E5

- Andy, AB7FS is active as E51AND from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands until 1 January. He runs 100 watts into a vertical and/or long wire. "I'm on the air to have fun", hes says, "not to score the maximum number of contacts in the shortest time". QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

HK

- Celebrating the Bicentenary of Colombian Independence, special event station 5K3B will be active on 8 December starting around 14 UTC. Activity will take place on various bands and modes from the traditional district of La Candelaria in Bogota. QSL via HK3O.

I

- ARI Taranto members will operate will be active using special event callsigns II7IASM and II7IADU through the end of the year. QSL for both via IK7WDS.

- Special stations II2IGTO (QSL via IQ2MI) from the submarine "Toti" at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Milan, and II7IGPR (QSL via IZ7AUH) from the submarine "Prini" at the Italian Navy base in Taranto will be active on 7-8 December. Expect activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes. [TNX IZ7AUH]

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- Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy, three special callsigns will be used throughout 2011 by members of ARI Torino (II1ITA), ARI Firenze (II5ITA) and ARI Rome (II0ITA). All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Details on the event and the special edition of the Diploma dell'Unità d'Italia (Italian Unification Award) can be found at www.dui150.it [TNX IW1FGZ]

KH0

- Kaz, JE7DMH and Teri, JN7GLC will be active as WHO/WH7C from the Mariana Islands until 6 December, with planned activity on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and FM. QSL via JE7DMH plus LoTW and eQSL. [TNX NG3K]
LU - Jean-Pierre, F5AHO will be active as LU/F5AHO from Redonda Island (SA-049) between about 15 UTC on 4 December and 19 UTC on the 5th. He will operate SSB on 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

S2 - Zorro, JH1AJT (S21Z) and other five operators (namely A51HI, DS4EOI, JJ1LIB, JP1TRJ and KL2A) will be active as S21FGC from Dhaka, Bangladesh on 16-21 December. They plan to be QRV on 160-10 metres CW and SSB, with and emphasis on the 160, 80 and 40 metres CW. The operation has the support of Dr. Zahudul Haque Shipon, S21VA, Vice President of the Bangladesh Amateur Radio League. QSL via JH1AJT. [TNX JA1TRC]

TA - Special event station TC2LSV will be active from Ankara on 4-5 December to support LOSEV, the Foundation for Children with Leukemia. The station will be active on the HF, VHF and UHF bands, APRS, Echolink and satellites. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX TA1HZ]

V7 - Tim, NL8F (he has had to change his call from V73CF to V73TM) and Yuri, N3QQ (V73QQ) expected to leave Majuro (OC-029) on 2 December. Their updated tentative schedule (subject to change due to local circumstances and weather) is as follows:

2-4 December V73TM/mm and V73QQ/mm during the voyage to Enewetak
5-7 December V73TM and V73QQ from Enewetak Atoll (OC-087)
8-11 December V73RRC from Ujelang Atoll (OC-278)
12-16 December V73TM and V73QQ from Enewetak Atoll (OC-087)

Activity will be on 160-6 metres CW and SSB with two transceivers, two amplifiers, full size vertical dipoles for 20, 15 and 10m, and a 1/4 wave vertical for 30, 40, 80 and 160m. QSL V73RRC and V73QQ via N7RO; QSL V73TM via K8NA. Updates and live GPS tracking at http://www.oc-278.ucoz.com [TNX UA9OBA]

VK - Craig, VK4LDX will be active as VK4LDX/p from Magnetic Island (OC-171) on 10-12 December. He will operate mainly SSB, possibly with some RTTY and PSK31, with a 40m dipole, a full size aluminium vertical dipole for 15m and the HF9V multiband vertical for 10, 15, 20 and 40m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Craig's detailed operating schedule is at http://vk4ldxoc171.blogspot.com/ [TNX9OBA]

W - John, K8LJG will be active as K8LJG/4 from Amelia Island (NA-138) from 4 December through 4 January 2011. He will operate SSB and CW on or around the IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call. [TNX NE8Z]

INTERNATIONAL NAVAL CONTEST --- This year's International Naval Contest will be organized by Marinefunkerrunde (MF), the German Naval Society. Complete details on the event, that will be held on 11-12 December, can be found on www.marinefunker.de

TOP LISTS --- The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html . QSOs confirmed
through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow[@]fastwebnet.it)

ZL8X ---> The following update was issued by DL1MGB on 3 December:
* 160m operation update
With over 3,500 QSOs already in our log one might think that pile-ups are getting smaller on Top Band. But there are still a lot of stations who want to get their chance to make it in our 160m log. In the last days we observed bad behaviours of cluster users which makes our and the caller's life very hard. We have following advice for all of you:
- Do not spot our split frequency! Those who hear us also can copy our split frequency, those who do not hear us should also not call us!
- Do not spot us if we are already spotted! It just produces more QRM!
- Do not spot us if we have to move our TX frequency to avoid additional QRM!
- Tell us in the cluster when we are jammed on our TX frequency! We will read the cluster spots and can move immediately to another frequency.
- We will only work SSB when there is no pile-up on CW. So please do not ask for SSB when there is a CW pile-up!

We are very sorry but last night our beverage to North America was broken. So it was very hard to copy NA stations in the S9 noise of the ground plane. We will repair it during daytime today.
* RTTY operation update
You already might observed that we extended our RTTY operation to more bands than originally planned. This is due to the decreasing pile-ups on the bands. So if the pile-ups in CW or in SSB are not too high we also offer RTTY operation on that band. Because the demand for a CW QSO on 80m is still high we will definitely not offer RTTY operation there.

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