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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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6O - The Intrepid-DX Group has announced that their next DXpedition will take place from Hargeisa, Somaliland (Somalia) on 6-14 November. Twelve operators (namely AH6HY, E70A, JH4RHF, K1LZ, K3LP, K3VN, K6MM, N2WB, N6OX, N6PSE, RA9USU and YT1AD) will be active as 6O3A on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with five stations at the same time on different bands and modes. Their "primary objective is to activate Somaliland with a goal of providing as many DXers as possible a 'new one' with this rare DXCC entity and, as a secondary objective, to give as many band-slots as possible". QSL via W3HNK (direct and bureau) and LoTW. Further information, band/mode survey, log search and OQRS can be found at www.intrepid-dx.com/6o3a/ [TNX N6PSE]

8Q - Alex, UT5UY will be active holiday style as 8Q7UY from the Maldives (AS-013) on 12-21 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX UT5UY]

9M - Vic, R6AF plans to operate as 9M2/R6AF/p from Palau Besar (AS-097), West Malaysia from 31 March to 5-6 April, and as 9M2/R6AF/6 from Sabah, Borneo (OC-088), East Malaysia on 8-11 April. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres CW with some SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

A6 - Special event station A60DWC will be active from 31 March to 2 April for the Dubai World Cup, "the world's richest horse race". Look for activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via NI5DX. [TNX The Daily DX]

C6 - Gabriele, I2VGW will be active as C6AGW from the Bahamas between 26 April and 6 May. Plans are to operate holiday style on 80-10 metres RTTY, PSK31 and SSB from New Providence (NA 001), the Bimini Islands (NA-048), the Berry Islands (NA-054) and Long Island (NA-001). QSL via I2VGW, direct or bureau. Log search and further information can be found at www.mdxc.org/c6agw [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

CN - Once again Richard, F8FGU will be active as CN2RN from the Middle Atlas range on 3-30 April. He will operate SSB and CW on the HF bands. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX F8REF]

CY0 - Alan, VE1AWW will be back to Sable Island for another three months, between April and June. He will be active as CY0/VE1AWW in his spare time. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

D6 - Fabrizio IW3SQY, Paolo IV3DSH, Antonello IT9YVO,Franco IZ8GCE, Giorgio IZ4AKS, Les SP3DOI and Salvador C31CT/EA3QS will be active on all bands and modes as D64K from the Comoro Islands (AF-007) in August. QSL via IV3DSH. Further information is expected in due course. A website is under construction at www.d64k.com. [TNX DX Coffee]

F - Look for F/IZ2RLJ and F/IK1RGI to be active from the Mer de Glace

glacier (Mont Blanc massif) on 31 March, weather permitting. Battery powered activity is expected from 14 to 19 UTC, on 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB. [TNX IK2QPK]

F - Special callsign TM95BA will be active during the weekends between 7 April and 8 May to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Battle of Arras during the First World War. QSL via F6IEO. [TNX F8REF]

F - Ivano I2RFJ, Alberto IV3BSY, Tony IZ2ESV and Andrea IZ2LSC will be active as TM1F from Ratonneau Island (EU-095) on 21-25 April. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres with three stations. QSL via IK2DUW, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Log search and further information can be found at www.timpy.it/tm1f/

GI - Special event station GI100MGY will be active in April to commemorate the Titanic Centenary. The memorial station will be based in Belfast, the city where the ill-fated ship was built and launched. QSL via GI4FUE, direct or bureau.

GM - The Camb-Hams (http://dx.camb-hams.com) will be active as GS3PYE/p from the Isle of Mull (EU-008) between 28 April and 5 May. A large group of operators will be QRV on 160-10 metres with five stations, as well as on 6m, 4m, 2m and 3cm. A side-trip to Lunga, Treshnish Isles (EU-108) is planned on 29-30 April, when five operators (G3ZAY, G4HUN, M0BLF, M0MJH and M1ACB) will be active as GS6PYE/p. QSL for both callsigns via G3PYE (bureau) or M0VFC (direct). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GU - A group of operators from the Telford and District Amateur Society will be active as GP3ZME/p from Guernsey (EU-114) on 22-27 June. They will be QRV on 160-10 metres, as well as on VHF (6m will be a priority), UHF and SHF. QSL via G3ZME (bureau) or M0PNN (direct). Further information can be found at qr.com under GP3ZME. [TNX M0PNN]

JD1_oga- Once again Makoto, JI5RPT (www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/) will be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 29 April to 5 May. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

LZ - The Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs will activate special callsign LZ1WARD between 1 and 30 April to celebrate the 87th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and World Amateur Radio Day (18 April).

OZ - Francois, ON4LO will be active as 5P4LO from Romo Island (EU-125) on 15-20 April. He plans to operate SSB, RTTY and PSK on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

UA - Igor UA9KDF, Valery RG8K, Artyom UA9KAM and others will be active as RT9K/p from Zhuravlinyy Island (AS-109) on 1-5 April. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Direct cards should be sent to RX9KM. Log search on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

W - Mark, AA1AC will be active from Aquidneck Island (NA-031) beginning at 11 UTC on 31 March. QSL direct, bureau and LOTW. [TNX AA1AC]

W - Look for Jerry, N1QLL/p to be active from Great Wass Island (NA-055) on 1 April, starting around 17 UTC. He will be QRV on 40 and 20 metres SSB (and CW, "if the phone bands are hopelessly crowded"). QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

W - Joe, K5KUA will be active again as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 5-8 April. He plans to be QRV on 80-10 metres SSB, with some CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

XE - 6D0LM is a special callsign issued to the Federacion Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores (FMRE) to celebrate the 80th anniversary since its foundation. It will be used throughout the year by FMRE state societies and affiliated radioclubs. During the weekend on 31 March-1 April look for 6D0LM to be operated from the Iztaccihuatl volcano by four stations active on SSB, CW and RTTY. [TNX DX World]

XV - JA7LU will be active as XV2LU from Vung Tau, Vietnam on 5-8 April. He plans to operate SSB and RTTY on 20-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct only.

YV - The Grupo DX Caracas will be active as YX5P from Isla de Patos (SA-048) on 19-22 April. They plan to be QRV on all bands and modes. QSL via DM4TI.

ZL9 - The Hellenic Amateur Radio of Association of Australia (HARAOA) is organising a DXpedition to take place from Campbell Island (OC-037) between 17 and 30 November. The ZL9HR team will consist of a total of nine members. Tommy, VK2IR (Team Leader) and John, VK3YP (Team Co-Leader) are "inviting any experienced operators who would like to attend this DXpedition to email Tommy vk2ir[@]vk2ir.com for more information". They have a blog at www.zl9hr.com [TNX VK3YP]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> In April Hrane, YT1AD will visit and be active from American Samoa, Samoa and Rotuma in preparation of the September DXpedition to Conway Reef (3D2C):

7-9 April	KH8/N9YU	Tutuila Island (OC-045)
9-11 April	5W7A	Upolu Island (OC-097)
13-20 April	3D2R	Rotuma (OC-060)

While on Rotuma, he will help students at the local High School ARC (3D2RI) with new donations.

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DX UNIVERSITY ---> The first session of DX University (DXU) will be held on 20 April at the Holiday Inn in Visalia, California [425DXN 1086]. "Over 120 'Students' have already reserved their place so we have increased the room-size. Instead of shutting out late-comers, everyone is now welcome to book their seat at this ground-breaking event, the first of its kind. But pre-registration is required and there's only three weeks to go!" Reservations can be made at www.dxuniversity.com. Please contact Wayne, N7NG (n7ng[@]bresnan.net) or Roger, G3SXW (g3sxw[@]btinternet.com) with any queries. [TNX G3SXW]

LOTW & CQ AWARDS ---> The announced target date for beginning LoTW support for the CQ WPX Award (1 April 2012) [425DXN 1082] is being pushed back to

mid-April. This delay has been made necessary by the ARRL's "decision to launch its new DXCC fee structure on April 2 and online DXCC applications on April 3. There have been no reported technical problems with the software needed to use LoTW for WPX, and beta testing of the system is planned for early April. Additional CQ awards will be added later, one at a time". Further updates will be provided when more information is available. [TNX CQ Newsroom]

PIRATE ---> The station signing TO4E "from Europa Island" over the past weekend was - of course - a pirate. The genuine TO4E operation dates back to 2003, and it was the last duly authorized activity from Europa. Should any legal operation took place nowadays, it would be under the FT5E prefix block.

PY0S ---> Cesar, PY2YP is collecting the logs for past operations from St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks. He uploads them to LoTW and to the log search on the dedicated page at www.py2yp.com. So far Cesar has added ZY0SW, ZY0SS & ZY0SY (May 1989); ZY0SK & ZY0SP (February 1994); ZY0SK & ZY0SG (February 1997); PS0S (August 2000).

UK POSTAL RATES ---> Postal rates in the United Kingdom will increase on 30 April. The new rates for standard airmail letters will be as follows:

	Europe	Rest of the world
up to 10 grams	GBP 0.87	GBP 0.87
up to 20 grams	GBP 0.87	GBP 1.28

A Price Finder on-line tool is provided by Royal Mail (www.royalmail.com)

+ SILENT KEYS + CQ Contest Hall of Famer John H. Thompson (W1BIH/PJ9JT) passed away on 8 March at 97 years of age. He was a contester and DXer for over 70 years, competing - and often winning - from either his home QTH or in Curacao.
Also Edward R. Hawkins (K6ZO) became a Silent Key on 8 March. He was 96 years old, and had an amazing total of 394 DXCC Entities confirmed.
Other recently reported Silent Keys include Marcel Pouchoux (F9MD), Charles V. Kelley (HS0ZCX/W3IAO), Paolo Eduardo Junqueira de Moraes (PY2ZZ) and Victor V. Filippov (RU0ZX).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3D2R, 3XY1D, 4L1FL, 4S7AB, 4W0VB, 5H0PD, 5H3EE, 5M2TT, 5W0OU, 5W0RE, 5W1SA, 5Z4HW, 7P8GF, 7Z7AA (AS-191), 8P9AA, 8Q7DV, 8R1EA, 9G5ZZ, 9J3A, 9M6JC, 9N7DX, 9N7MD, 9V1YC, A31IO, A41OO, A52DL, AP2IA, BX100, C21HA, C21YY, C31BO, C37N, CE4A (SA-095), CE9/VE3LYC (SA-031 and SA-097), CN2R, CO6LC, CP4BT, CX5TR, D2AK, D2CQ, E51MAN, E51NOU, E74KC, EA9EU, EK6TA, EK7DX, EL2A, ET3AA, ET3JA, ET3TK, EU1A, EY7AD, FG/DK9PY, FG/DL1CW, FK8CP, FO/N6JA, FP/G3ZAY, FP/W6HGF, FR/DJ7RJ, FR4NT, FR5FD, FW5RE, FY5FY, GJ6UW, H40FK, H40KJ, HC1HC, HK0/DL5YWM, HV0A, HV50VR, HV5PUL, HZ1MD/p, J6M, J8/JA7SGV, JG8NQJ/JD1, JW5X, JY4NE, K6VVA/KL7, KH2/N2NL, KH4/W5FJG, KH7Y, KL7RRC, LA/DL7URH (EU-036), OA4TT, OY1CT, PJ2T, PJ4/K5WE, PJ4/WA1Z, PJ4A, PJ4C, PJ4T, PJ5/SP6EQZ, PJ5/SP6IXF, PJ7/W4BUW, PP5/KH0WF, PW2M (SA-071), PZ5T, R1ANF, S21DX (AS-127), ST0R, SU9VB, T32C, T6TL, T88XC, T8CC, T8XX, TG7/N6HD, TG9ANF, TG9NX, TL0CW, TN2T, TO3J, TS7TI, TS8P, TU2T, TX3T, TX5A, TX6T,

TX6T/p, TX7M, V25RV, V31JZ (NA-180), V31RU, V63DX, V85TX, VP2MDG, VP2MTL, VP2MWG, VP2V/N3DXX, VP5/W5CW, VP6T, VP8DNT, VR2XMT, XE2X, Z21BB, Z21BC, ZA1G, ZB2EO, ZD7XF, ZD8F, ZF2AH, ZK2V, ZP5AA, ZV5AJT.

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