5B - A team of nine operators from the Nicosia Amateur Radio Club will be active as C4MG from Agios Georgios (AS-120) on 23–24 June. They hope to be on the air by 6 UTC on Saturday and operate through Sunday at 14 UTC with three stations. Look for them on 80–10 metres SSB plus some CW, and on 6 metres. QSL via 5B4KH. [TNX 5B4AHJ]

9A - Feri, HA4BF will be active holiday style as 9A/HA4BF/p from Vir Island (EU-170) on 8-21 July. He will operate SSB only. QSL to home call (direct), LoTW and e QSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

E5_sc - Once again Andy, AB7FS will be active holiday style as E51AND from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks between 2 July and 25 August. Usually he operates straight key slow CW and also he often check into the ANZA net (05.15 UTC on 14183 kHz). QSL via AB7FS.

F - The Association des RadioAmateurs de la Cote d'Emeraude (F4KIR) will operate special event station TM0TSR from Saint-Malo on 2-8 July for the Tall Ship Race 2012. QSL via F4FJH.

F - F5SKJ, F6FAI, F4EJW, F4ELJ, F0GWK and F0GXK will be active as TM9LF from the lighthouse on Ile Noire, in the Bay of Morlaix, on 21-22 July. QSL via F0GWK (bureau only) and eQSL. [TNX F4ELJ]

FP - Mike, VE2XB will be active as FP/VE2XB from St. Pierre et Miquelon (NA-032) on 10-20 August. He will operate SSB and CW on all bands, with a special effort on 6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information at http://fp-ve2xb.jimdo.com/ [TNX VE2XB]

GM - GM0EGI, GM0ELP, GM0LIR, GM0QV, GM4ZNC, MM0BQI and MM0GPZ will be active as GB5SI from the Shiant Islands (EU-112) on 15-22 July. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL via MM0BQI and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

GU - A group of operators from the Hamtests Club will be active as MU0HTJ from Guernsey (EU-114) on 26-31 July, including an entry in the IOTA Contest. QSL via 2E0SQL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

I - Simon, IZ7ATN reports he will be active as IZ7ATN/p from Scoglio Portonuovo di Fuori (not IOTA, IIA FG-015) on 22-23 June.

ISO - Claudio, IZ0KRC will be active holiday style as ISO/IZ0KRC from the main island of Sardinia (EU-024) from 23 June to 15 July. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

KH8 - Dick, N7RO and Yuri, N3QQ [425DXN 1099] will be active as KH8PPG and/or KH8RRC from Tutuila (OC-045), American Samoa from 27 June to 3 July. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres with two stations. QSL via N7RO. [TNX DX World]

KP4 - Special event station K40 will be active on 30 June and 1 July from the headquarters of the Puerto Rico Olympic Committe in San Juan to celebrate the Flag Bearing of the Puerto Rico delegation
to the Olympic Games in London. QSL via NP3O. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

LA - Glenn, LA8XRA and Trond, LA9VDA will be active as LA6Q from Jonsholmen Island (EU-079) on 10–13 August and from Sandoya (EU-056) on 13–17 August. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80–10 metres. QSL via LA9VDA, direct or bureau (email requests for bureau cards can be sent to la9vda[@]gmail.com). [TNX LA9VDA]

OZ - Ric, DL2VFR will be active as OZ0FR/p from Vendsyssel-Thy (EU-171) on 7–20 July. He will operate mostly CW. QSL via DL2VFR, direct or bureau. [TNX rsqbiota.org]

TY - Pat, LA0HF will be active again as TY2BP from Cotonou, Benin starting on 28 June. He plans to be QRV on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via IK1IQD. [TNX IK2IQD]

VE - Look for KC0VEU/VY0 to be active in his spare time from Eureka, Ellesmere Island (NA-008) between 22 June and 5 July. He recently passed his Extra class exam and is expecting a new call sign in the AO0 block, but will still sign /VY0. He might also try to be QRV from the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory, located in the rare ER grid (ER60) for those who chase the CQ Grid Fields Award, and the rare ITU Zone 75. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX WC6DX]

VP2M - Gordon, G3USR will be active as VP2MSR from Montserrat (NA-103) from 29 June to 9 July. He plans to concentrate on 20–6 metres, SSB only. QSL via G3USR, direct only.

W - The following stations will be active during the "Original 13 Colonies Special Event", which will be held on 1–5 July: K2A (New York), K2B (Virginia), K2C (Rhode Island), K2D (Connecticut), K2E (Delaware), K2F (Maryland), K2G (Georgia), K2H (Massachusetts), K2I (New Jersey), K2J (North Carolina), K2K (New Hampshire), K2L (South Carolina) and K2M (Pennsylvania). Further information on the event and the relevant certificate can be found at www.13colonies.info

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DXCC NEWS ---> TL8ES (Central African Republic, 2011 operation) and TT8ES (Chad, 2012 operation have been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

HEARD ISLAND 2014 ---> The initial operators for the 2014 expedition to Heard Island (www.heardisland.org) include KK6EK, ON6TT, DL1MGB, N6MZ, DJ9ZB, NP4IW, AD6E, N4GRN, DJ5IW, N6PSE, W3WL, W0GJ and AA7XT. The next round of team members will be announced on 15 August.

IOTA EU-117 & EU-133 GROUPS ---> This is an abridged version of the official announcement dated 16 June that can be found on the RSGB IOTA's website.

Following the decision by the ARRL to delete Malyy Vysotskiy Island (MVI) from the current DXCC list as of 17 February 2012, the IOTA Committee has considered action to be taken with regard to the future of EU-117. A
Consultation conducted by an enlarged IOTA management group produced a clear majority in favour of splitting EU-133 to form two groups within the Gulf of Finland, North and South. The dividing line has been set at 60 degrees, 15 minutes north. The islands now constituting the two groups can be seen via the Search facility on www.rsgbiota.org. The change has an effective date backdated to 17 February 2012. Past credits for MVI will continue to stand and new opportunities are created for contacting EU-117. Record-holders need take no action regarding existing credits as they will not be deleted as a consequence of this change, nor in the case of EU-133 credits need they be transferred unless requested.

OH10X/MM ---> Kristina Cruises Ltd with Radio Arcala, OH8X of Finland, are in the process of testing whether a permanent Amateur Radio station will suit the maritime environment and serve DXers in their leisure time, whether cruising in the Mediterranean or off West Africa or just doing island-hopping in the Caribbean. The onboard station will be active at the peak propagation hours to various continents on 14267 kHz on 20-24 June. The test cruise will take the ship to Estonia (ES), Gotland, Sweden (SM1), Aland Islands (OH0), and back to Finland. The objective for the first run is to look at potential interference issues both ways - from the Amateur Radio station to the ship's navigation system and from the ship's advanced PC networks to the reception of Amateur Radio transmissions.

YASME AWARDS ---> The Yasme Foundation has for many years offered two Yasme Awards, available at no cost to qualifying applicants. The first Yasme Award, in the form of a handsome plaque, is offered to those amateurs who submit proof of 30 QSOs with Yasme officials and DXpeditions that have at least one Yasme official as a participant. The second, the Yasme Supreme Award, is in the form of a representation of the YASME boat used by Danny Well in his around-the-world DXpedition and is available to those who submit proof of 60 QSOs with Yasme officials and DXpeditions with a Yasme official as a participant. After a year-long evaluation of the rules for qualifying call signs, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the rules for qualifying call signs have been revised. As a result, many call signs have been added to the list. The revised list of call signs eligible for both awards is available at http://www.yasme.org/DXpeditions.html

+ SILENT KEYS + Sayed Abdel Samei (SU1SA) passed away on 13 June. He was the President of the Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society for Development (ERASD) and succeeded SU1GS, who died in January.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8DB, 3C0E, 3C6A, 3D2R, 3W2BB, 4L2M, 4S7NE, 5H1DF, 5H3EE, 5N7M, 5V7V, 6H61ARU, 600CW, 603A, 9L0W, 9M0L, 9M2ESM, 9N7JO, A35Y2, A43DI (AS-112), A1F, AT2DW (AS-175), C31CT, CSA, CE2WQ, CP4BT, CR3L, CS9L, CT3/DJ6QT, CT9L, DJ60I/p (EU-128), E51BKV OC-159), EJ0PL (EU-103), EK6TA, ET3JA, ET3SID, FG5FR, FK/F4BKV (OC-033), FS/F8PDR, FW0NAR, FW0NAR/p (OC-118), HB0/DL2SBY, HG15IPA, HK0NA, HR5/F2JD, J672F, J79DS, J79IU, J79WTA, J8/N2IEN, JD1BMH, JX50, KG4WV, KH8/N9YU, KT3Q/6 (NA-066), MU0FAL, NP4A, OD5NH, OD5NJ, PJ2/N4RV, PJ4A, PJ7/IK2QPR,
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