Croatia is set to become the 28th member state of the European Union on 1 July. To celebrate the accession, the Radio Club Grada Zaboka has been active as 9A28EU for about three months and will continue until the end of the year. Also, Croatian amateurs can apply for "28" to be added to their ordinary prefixes, and use these special prefixed callsigns (9A280AAA-9A289ZZZ) between 1 July and 31 December: for instance, 9A2AA will become 9A282AA.

Mike, WU2D has received his reciprocal licenses for Chilean mainland (CE1/WU2D) and San Felix (CE0X/WU2D). He expects to go to the island on 8 July and to be working there for five days. If he gets permission from the Navy, he will be QRV in his spare time most likely on 15, 17, 20 and 40 metres SSB and some CW.

Antonio, EA5RM will be working on a non-governmental organization's project in Bolivia on 3-19 July. He will be busy installing solar-powered HF equipment for medical and emergency use at communities on the Maniqui River and in the Amazon jungle. The project is being developed by Radioaficionados Sin Fronteras (www.rsf-rwf.org) and Solidaridad Medica Espana (www.solidaridadmedicacanaria.com). He plans to be QRV as CP1XRM in his limited spare time with a 100-watt solar-powered station and a vertical antenna.

Jan-Henrik, DG8HJ will be active from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 6-21 July. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

According to the information posted by JN6RZM on his blog, Sadao JA1PBV might be active as either DU9/JA1PBV or DU9/WK1S from the Sarangani Islands (OC-175) during the weekend. On 28 June he was in the city of General Santos (southern Mindanao Island).

Andy, E51AND will be on the air from Mangaia (OC-159), South Cook Islands on 15-19 July. This is not a DXpedition, as he is going with his wife who will be working with teachers in the schools. He plans to operate SSB and QRS CW (< 10 wpm) running 100 watts to a 14m vertical antenna with radials and mounted near the lagoon. His wife Kat, E51KC might operate a bit on 20 metres SSB.

Vadym, UT6UD will be active as FO/UT6UD from Hiva Oa, Marquesas (OC-027) on 7-13 July and from Rurutu (OC-050), Austral Islands on 14-22 July. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 30-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct (see qrz.com for his PayPal account) or bureau.

Once again Eric, KVIJ will be active as FP/KVIJ from Miquelon Island (NA-032) on 6-16 July. Plans are to operate mainly SSB and RTTY with some CW and PSK31 on 160-10 metres ("generally on the highest frequency band open"), plus 6m if there are "indications of openings". He will also take part in the IARU HF World
Championship (13-14 July). QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and eQSL. Further information can be found at http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July13.html

G - Subject to prior authorisation, amateur radio operators in the United Kingdom may use special prefixes from 23 UTC on 4 July to 23 UTC on the 31st to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). The second letter in the existing call sign (D, I, J, M, U, W, etc, plus E for Intermediate licences) may be replaced by the letter "V"; where no second letter exists, the letter "V" may be added. For instance, GD0XXX (Isle of Man), GI0XXX (Northern Ireland), GJ0XXX (Jersey), GM0XXX (Scotland), GU0XXX (Guernsey), GW0XXX (Wales) and GO0XXX (England) may all be amended to GV0XXX. Alan, 5B4AHJ is constructing a page "to help clarify which special calls are QRV from which DXCC entity": go to http://clublog.freshdesk.com/support/solutions and search for "UK Special Event Callsigns".

HH - Tom, KC0W plans to be active as HH5/KC0W "from the extreme northern tip of Haiti on 6-25 July. He will operate CW only on 160-6 metres using vertical antennas placed directly over salt water. QSL via KC0W, direct only. [TNX NG3K]

I - ARI La Spezia will participate in the IOTA Contest as IP1T from Tino Island (EU-083). QSL via I25JLF. [TNX I25JLF]

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active on 40-6 metres SSB and CW as JI3DST/JI1 from Shikine Island (AS-008) on 26-29 July. During the IOTA Contest he expects to be signing JI3DST/1. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX JI3DST]

OJ0 - ON4CCP, ON4LEM, ON5JT, ON6QO and ON8VP will be active as OJ0V from Market Reef (EU-053) on 1-6 July. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via ON4CCP. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

PJ5 - Frank, K3TRM (www.k3trm.com) is active as PJ5/K3TRM from St. Eustatius (NA-145) until 6 July. He operates SSB, CW and RTTY on the HF bands and with a special focus on 6 metres. QSL via home call (OQRS for direct and bureau cards on Club Log) and LoTW.

PJ7 - Kjerstin, AF6KJ and Travis, AF6WU will be active as PJ7/AF6KJ and PJ7/AF6WU from Sint Maarten on 5-9 July, and as FS/AF6KJ and FS/AF6WU from Saint Martin on 10-14 July. QSL all calls via AF6WU. [TNX The Daily DX]

S2 - The website for the 19-29 November DXpedition to Bangladesh [425DXN 1155] is now up and running at www.mdxc.org/bangladesh2013/ A large multi-national team of operators from the Mediterraneo DX Club will be active on 160-6m with six stations. Callsign TBA. QSL via IK2VUC, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Further information, including logsearch and OQRS in due course, can be found on the website.

SM - Eric, SM1TDE from Gotland Island (EU-020) will operate CW only as SJ1SOP for the Sea Of Peace Award (information at www.mydarc.de/d10sop/) on 1-31 July. He will also participate in the IOTA Contest as SA1A. QSL via SM1TDE, bureau preferred. [TNX SM1TDE]

SM - Anders, SM5EFX will be QRV holiday style as SF2X/p from Ledskar Island (EU-135) on 5-31 July. He will concentrate his activity during the IOTA Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX
UA - According to the schedule published on [http://robinsons.ru](http://robinsons.ru), planned IOTA expeditions under the Russian Robinson Club's 20th anniversary special callsign include R20RRC/1 from Morzhovets Island (EU-119) on 24-26 July and R20RRC/8 from Zhuravlinyy Island (AS-109) on 9-14 August. QSL via R23EC.

VE - Peter, VE3JPP will use the special callsign CF3X from 4 July until 3 August to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Operation Husky during World War II. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

W - The following stations will be active during the "Original 13 Colonies Special Event", which will be held on from 13 UTC on 1 July through 4 UTC on the 7th: 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](http://www.13colonies.info).

W - Lou, W0FK will be active as W0FK/4 from Longboat Key (NA-034) on 3-7 July. He hopes to be QRV on 6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - A team of 25 operators will be active as YB9Y from Pulau Brassi (OC-276, new one for IOTA) on 15-21 October. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres. QSL via YB1GJS, direct and bureau. The website for the expedition is up and running at [http://yb9y.com/](http://yb9y.com/)

CARIBBEAN ---> Phil, G3SWH will be active as 8P9PW from Barbados until 1 July, and as 6Y5/G3SWH from Jamaica on 2-9 July. This is a business trip, and he operates (CW only on 80-10 metres) during his leisure time. QSL via G3SWH, OQRS preferred (www.g3swh.org.uk). He will upload his logs to LoTW as soon as possible after he returns home. [TNX G3SWH]

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H44IOTA ---> "Some issues have arisen about the current H44IOTA operations that need to be addressed before decisions can be taken about acceptance for IOTA. As this may take a little time to resolve, it may make sense to hold off sending your QSLs for the time being". [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

IOTA NEWS ---> The following operations in the period May-June 2013 have provided acceptable validation and are therefore approved for IOTA credit: HQ3W (NA-160), YB8P (OC-208), YB8RW/P (OC-236), H44AJ (OC-285) and H44S (OC-285). OC-285 (Stewart Islands/Sikaiana Atoll) is now confirmed as a valid IOTA group. [TNX G3KMA]

K9W ---> The Wake Atoll Commemorative team's operation is progressing nicely. Most of the equipment has been received and is being pre-tested prior to shipment to the staging areas in California and Hawaii. The two
week "on air" dates are anticipated to start the last week of September or first week of October. However, this is entirely dependent on the military flight schedule into and out of Wake Atoll and this has yet to be determined. Visit www.wake2013.org for updates and information on how to contribute to this expensive project. [TNX W8GEX]

YB0D ---> The website for the current DXpedition to Damar Besar Island (OC-177) [425DXN 1155] is up and running at www.damarbesardxpedition.com with detailed information and logsearch. Activity is expected to end at 3 UTC on 1 July. QSL via YB0JZS (direct only and postmarked not later than 31 December 2013) and LoTW (after six months). [TNX YF1AR]

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