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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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A6 - A team from the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) is active as A63DI from Dalma Island (AS-021) until 10 December. They operate CW, SSB and RTTY with three stations (one of them for "outside Europe only"). QSL via IZ8CLM. [TNC Mediterraneo DX Club]

C6 - Saturady 6 December will be C6ATS' last operating day from from South Bimini (NA-048) [425DXN 1230]. He hopes to be QRV by 14 UTC, probably on 10 or 17 metres depending on band conditions. QSL via NI5DX (direct) and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. John will be touring the through the end of April 2015, with planned activity from IOTA groups NA-001, NA-113 and NA-054. Bookmark http://kk4oyj.wordpress.com/ for updates.

CP - Antonio, EA5RM will be active again as CP1XRM from San Ignacio de Moxos, Bolivia on 8-12 December. He will operate SSB and RTTY in his limited spare time. QSL via home call. [TNX EA5RM]

D4 - Harald, DF2WO will be active holiday style as D44TWO from Sao Tiago (AF-086), Cape Verde from 12 December to 8 January. He will operate SSB and CW on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via M0OXO (OQRS preferred: www.m0oxo.com). [TNX The Daily DX]

EA8 - Andrea, IK1PMR and Claudia, PA3LEO will be active as EA8/IK1PMR and EA8/PA3LEO from Tenerife, Canary Islands (AF-004) from 9 December to 8 January 2015. They will operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 160-6 metres. QSL via HB9FKK (direct or bureau) or home calls (bureau only), and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

F - To promote QRP activity (max 5 watts) on CW, Dom F5SJB will be active as TM5CW on the 5th day of the first five months of 2015. QSL via home call (direct). [TNX F5SJB]

FM - Gerard, F2VX and Bernard, F9IE will be active as FM/homecall from Martinique (NA-107) from 11 December to 8 January. They will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands from FM5WD's station. A side trip to St. Lucia (J6) might be possible. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

KH2 - Kan, JJ2RCJ will be active as AH2/AB2RF from Guam (OC-026) on 27-30 December. He will focus on RTTY on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via JJ2RCJ (direct preferred), eQSL and LoTW; log search on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

KP1 - The KP1-5 Project and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service have been working together on preparations for their joint 14-day visit to Navassa Island [425DXN 1226]. Although the actual dates may still vary, it now appears transport to the island will begin during the last week of January 2015. A team of fifteen operators will be QRV as K1N with eight stations active 24/7, dedicated to giving out as many contacts as possible over the two week period.
For safety reasons, the USFWS uses helicopter transport to the island and K1N will too. Consequently the costs of this DXpedition

are quite high, and the particulars require more "up front" payments than most DXpeditions. "We have a 'cash flow timing' situation that needs to be addressed", the team reported on 4 December, as "the helicopter contractual agreement requires all charter costs to be paid prior to the conclusion of the project". Donations are still being sought and gratefully accepted: "if you plan to help support the DXpedition, we ask that you do so now, not later" (please visit www.navassadx.com for details). [TNX W0GJ]

P4 - Tom, K8CX will be active as P40CX from Aruba (SA-036) on 9-16 December. He will be QRV on 160-6 metres and participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (http://www.arrl.org/10-meter) as a mixed-mode entrant. QSL via home call, direct or burea. [TNX K8CX]

UA - Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Radio Club of Ufa, special callsigns R90WGM, R90WJV, R90WO, R90WXK, RM90WF, RU90WZ, RV90WB, RW90WC, RZ90W, RZ90WU and UF90W will be in use on 5-25 December. Information on the relevant award at www.qrz.com/db/RM90WF.

VK9N - Nobuaki, JA0JHQ (http://pandasan.jimdo.com/) will be active as JA0JHQ/VK9 from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 20-22 December. He will operate mainly on 17 and 15 metres SSB (12 and 10m depending on conditions), with some CW on 30 metres. QSL via home call, direct o bureau.

VU - The West Bengal Radio Club (VU2MQT, http://wbradioclub.in/) will be active as 8T5MQT from Sagar Island (AS-153) on 9-16 January 2015 during the annual Gangasagar Mela. Expect main activity to take place on 14260 kHz. QSL via VU2NRO.

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 12-14 December. Usually he operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - Sean, KX9X will operate QRP as KX9X/4 from Cudjoe Key (NA-062) and possibly some nearby smaller islets on 13-18 December. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

YB - Look for Imam, YB4IR/8 to be active from Banda Neira Island (OC-157) on 22-27 December. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call (see qrz.com for the link to Club Log's OQRS). [TNX DX World]

AFRICAN TOUR ---> Nick, G3RWF will be active holiday style as 7P8NH from Lesotho on 11-14 December, as ZS1/G3RWF from South Africa between 18 December and 5 January 2015, and as V5/G3RWF from Namibia on 6-13 January. He will operate CW only on the higher bands. QSL via G3RWF. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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EP6T ---> "The Rockall DX Group has been very busy the past few weeks and by the looks of it you have been too!", the EP6T Team reported on 29 November. "The individual sponsorlist is growing longer each day, that made

us decide to send a direct QSL card for contacts made with EP6T to all individual contributors without any cost. Meanwhile, Dr. Azim Fard, General Director of Radio Frequency Planning and Licensing of the C.R.A in the Islamic Republic of Iran has given this project a real boost. Sixty students have already passed their hamradio exams with flying colors and will be able to receive an EP call in the near future".
EP6T has been granted special permission to be active on 160 and 30 metres (but not on 6 metres). The team is concerned about the difficult path and the expected short openings towards North America; in order to try and "get a fair continental balance", they will "prepare a plan and share this with the DX community so everyone knows in advance what the appropriate time is to contact us"(and to stand-by while EP6T is working other continents). See www.Rockall.be for further information and updates.

IOTA BASH ---> The 11th annual IOTA Bash will be held on 27-28 February in Boerne, Texas. The agenda includes presentations by Krish W4VKU (VU4CB), Cesar VE3LYC (TX4A and VK6ISL) and Imam YB4IR (Indonesian IOTA expeditions). Information for attending the Bash can be found on the IREF website (www.islandradio.org). [TNX AB5EB]

IOTA NEWS: WITHDRAWAL OF DINO ISLAND FROM EU-144 ---> The IOTA Committee have been made aware that Dino Island no longer meets the requirements laid down for qualification for IOTA and have decided that it should be withdrawn from EU-144 with effect from 1 January 2015. The distance separating the island from the mainland has reduced as the beach area gradually encroached into the channel and is now significantly less than the required 200 metres. Credit will continue to be given for contacts with Dino made before 1 January 2015. The Committee has agreed to regard the following additional islets as counting for EU-144: Isca Maggiore, Isca Minore, Furmiculi Rocks, Godano and Mantineo - see the Italian Islands Award (IIA) list at http://www.ari.it for the exact locations. [TNX G3KMA]

VP8SGK ---> Due to the weather it was not possible for the James Clark Ross to get alongside the wharf at King Edward Point, South Georgia on 3 December [425DXN 1230]. She did it on the 4th, for ten and a half hours only, and Mike, GM0HCQ/VP8CMH was able to get ashore and operate as VP8SGK for a very short time. He made 35 QSOs on 15 metres SSB; "it is a shame that the ship did not stay for the two overnights that were scheduled", he says, "otherwise I am sure that I would have managed to work a lot more stations". QSL via GM0HCQ (direct only), LoTW and eQSL.

QSL VIA F5NQL ---> Maurice, F5NQL is the QSL manager for FH/FM5CD, FH/F5ROP and FH/F4AJQ, who were active from Mayotte before going to Tromelin (FT4TA). The QSL cards are being printed, and all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

QSL VP5/G3SWH ---> "I am sorry to report that, apart from a very small number of 'advance' cards, the first batch of cards have been lost in the mail between the printers in the Ukraine and the UK", Phil G3SWH says. "The second, replacement batch has yet to arrive. I will be travelling for most of December and, assuming the cards arrive whilst I am away, will do my utmost to answer all direct cards over the Xmas holidays with a view to mailing them in early January, in time for the annual IOTA update. Please

accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused due to circumstances beyond my control". VP5/G3SWH was operated by DK7LX and G3SWH from Grand Turk Island (NA-003) on 1-9 October.

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/7 from Montana and W1AW/9 from Indiana to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 10 December until 23.59 UTC on the 16th. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

WRTC2018: TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA ---> The WRTC2018 Organizing Committee has announced the Team Selection Criteria for the World Radiosport Team Championship to be held in Germany in July 2018. There will be 49 Team Leaders selected through 32 qualifying events (30 for DL, 28 for the rest of Europe and 26 for the rest of the world) between February 2015 and November 2016. Team Leaders will be selected on the basis of their 12 best scores compared to others in their Selection Area. The first qualifying event will be the ARRL International DX Contest CW 2015. In addition, there will be up to 14 Special Teams, including the defending champions (N6MJ and KL9A), three Youth Teams (for applicants born after 14 July 1993), up to five Sponsored Teams and up to five Wild Card Teams. The selection criteria are detailed at http://wrtc2018.de/en/qualifying

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/HB9ARY, 3B9FR, 4L8A, 4O4A, 4W/G3ZEM, 4W/PE7T, 4X1OM, 5R8UI, 5W0XH, 8P6SH, 8Q7KB, 8R1AE, 9A8VB, BP0A (AS-103), CE0Y/DK5VP, CE7/UA4WHX (SA-064), CE8/UA4WHX (SA-091), CE9/UA4WHX (SA-050), CO8LY, CY0C, E30FB, E51AND (OC-013, OC-083 and OC-159), E51NOU, E7/UA4WHX, EA1SB, EA2EEK/7 (EU-143), EA6NB, ED5EJ, EJ0PL (EU-007), EJ1Y (EU-007), EK3SA, EX/UA4WHX, FK8CE, FO/F4EBT (OC-067), FR/DJ2CW, FR/F5UOW, HK0/UA4WHX (NA-033 and NA-049), HL1VAU/2 (AS-122), HP1AVS, HQ4W (NA-060), HS0ZJF/9 (AS-126), JI3DST/5 (AS-200), JI3DST/6 (AS-049), JW2US (EU-027), JW9JKA (EU-027), KC4AAA, KC4USV (AN-011), KT3Q/6 (NA-066), MX0INT (EU-109), P29NI (OC-240 and OC-258), P29NI (OC-240 and OC-258), P29NO, P29VCX (OC-008 and OC-115), PJ5/OL8R, PJ7/K5WE, PJ7PK (NA-247), PZ5AA, R7AL/1 (EU-119), RI0K (AS-061), RI0X (AS-064), RI20ANT, RI44ANT (AN-010), S79KB, T30D, TA0/DF8DX (AS-201), TK/DL2SBY, TX7G, TY1AA , UK/UA4WHX, V63GW, VK7FLI (OC-195), VP5/W5CW, VP9/ND8L, VR2/IV3TAN, VX9MOSKVA (NA-068), WP2/WQ6X, XR0ZR, XV0VR (AS-128), XW1IC, XX9TYT (AS-075), YB3MM (OC-197, OC-209, OC-217, OC-219, OC-262), YB4IR (OC-143), YB4IR/5 (OC-107), YB4IR/8 (OC-076, OC-109, OC-222), YB8RW/P (OC-209, OC-210, OC-213, OC-236), YB8RXA/p (OC-145), YB8V (OC-157), YB9/HA3JB (OC-022), YB9YFT, YD1DPM, YP0F (EU-191), YW5D (SA-044), Z63MED, ZA1G, ZD8X, ZF2DO, ZF2DX.

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