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3W - Yuri, RM0F will be active holiday style as 3W9FU from Nha Trang, Vietnam on 1-10 May. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. He might be QRV as 3W9FU/p from IOTA group AS-157 for 2-3 days during that time frame. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau).

4X - 4X69 and 4Z69 are special prefixes for local operators to use between 19 April and 10 May to celebrate the 69th anniversary of the establishment of State of Israel. Active on the bands over the past couple of days were Amir, 4X6TT as 4X69TT (QSL via LoTW) and Ros, 4Z5LA as 4Z69LA (QSL via home call).

5A - Dima, RA9USU has been active as 5A5A from Tripoli, Libya since 18 April and will remain there until the 23rd. QSL via UA3DX.

8Q - Mike, UA1QV will be active holiday style as 8Q7QV from the Maldives (AS-013) on 20-25 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10m. He will upload his log to Club Log on a daily basis, and to LoTW as soon as possible after the operation. [TNX DX World]

8Q - Jim, G3VDB will be active holiday style as 8Q7EJ from the Maldives (AS-013) between 24 April and 7 May. He will operate mainly CW with some PSK, RTTY and SSB on 17, 20 and possibly 30 metres. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

9M2 - Luca, IK2PFL will be active holiday style as 9M2/IK2PFL from Perhentian Besar (AS-073) on 1-4 May, and from Langkawi Island (AS-058) on 6-8 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

CE - A team of seven operators (CA5GRF, CE1DY, CE2MVF, CE3OP, CE5PRD, CE7KF and XQ4NUA) will be active as XR4S on 24-30 April from the mining town of Sewell, a UNESCO World Heritage Site situated at 2,000m a.s.l. in the Andes. QSL via XQ4NUA, direct or bureau.

CN - Carlos CT1QP, Helder CT1CDP and Antonio CT1CDU will be active again as CN2CL and CN2DP from Morocco from 21 April to 5 May. Until 25 April they will be QRV on 40 and 20 metres only (aroun 7070 kHz and 14175 kHz), while touring the Sahara desert. QSL CN2DP via CT1CDP, QSL CN2CL via CT1QP. [TNX Southgate ARC]

DL - Mike, DG5LAC will be active as DG5LAC/p from Hooge Island (EU-042) on 29-30 July for the IOTA Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL or via DG5LAC (direct or bureau). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

DU - Dindo, DU1UD will be active as DU1UD/8 from Jolo Sulu (OC-119) starting on 21 April. Operations will be limited to his spare time. At the moment there is no QRT date, and he might remain on the island "for several weeks possibly a month". QSL via M0OXO's OQRS; traditional cards via M0OXO direct only. [TNX M0OXO]

E4 - Janusz, SP9FIH now expects to be active as E44WE from Palestine [425DXN 1353] on 16-30 May. During this trip activity will be limited to 17, 10, 6 and maybe 20m, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club

Log's OQRS or via SP9FIH. [TNX The Daily DX]

E5_nc - Cezar, VE3LYC is scheduled to arrive in Rarotonga on 10 May and fly to Pukapuka (OC-098) [425DXN 1351] on 11 May at 16 UTC. Hopefully by then he will have been preceded by the "Lady Moana", a boat which is expected to "deliver a lot of cargo" including part of Cezar's equipment. He will be QRV as E51LYC on 40-10 metres SSB and CW. "I have researched and tabled the propagation openings forecasted for the time of this operation, using a solar flux SFI = 80", he says. "I will check these projections against actual propagation conditions once on the atoll, and will adjust the projected openings based on changes in the solar flux". QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via VE3LYC (direct or bureau). Bookmark http://e51lyc.weebly.com/ for updates.

E5_sc - Doug, W6HB as E51DLD and Bruce, AD7MM as E51BAS will be active holiday style from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands from 30 April to 12 May. QSL via home calls (E51BAS also via LoTW).

EL - A team of five operators is planning to be active for 3-4 days from Baiyah Island (AF-111, new one for IOTA), Liberia later this year. "A reconnaissance trip has been completed with vital information on this little known island being collated". Dates, callsign and a dedicated website will be announced in due course. [TNX DX World]

FS - Once again John, K9EL will be active as FS/K9EL from St. Martin (NA-105) on 1-15 May. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW or via home call. Follow his activities on Twitter (@FSK9EL).

G - ON3UN, ON4ACA (DD2CW), ON6LY and ON6UQ will be active as GB9IOW from the Isle of Wight (EU-120) from 28 July to 3 August. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the IOTA Contest. QSL via ON3UN, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GM - Elaine 2E1BVS, John G3WFK, Glenn G6HFF and Val G6MML will be active as GB4SRO from the Isle of South Ronaldsay, Orkney Islands (EU-009) between 22 April and 5 May. They will operate mainly on 40 and 20 metres SSB and PSK31. QSL via G6MML, direct or bureau.

GW - Mark G0GQT, Keith M0KJA and Nigel G0GDA will be active as MC0VRC from Ynys Gybi (Holy Island, EU-124) from 30 April to 6 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes. No paper cards will be available; the logs will be uploaded to eQSL and maybe Club Log.

HK0 - Thomas, OZ1AA will operate SSB and CW as HK0/OZ1AA from San Andres (NA-033) and/or Providencia (NA-049) on 20-23 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via OZ1ACB. [TNX DX World]

I - Italian stations participating in this year's International Marconi Day (22 April) include IY0GA (from Sardinia), IY0IMD, IY0ORP, IY0TC, IY1MR, IY1SP, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM and IY7M. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX IS0JMA]

IS0 - Giuseppe IZ1GCL, Gian Nicola IS0GOZ and Filippo IS0QQA will be active as IM0/hc from Asinara Island (EU-165) on 21-23 April. They will operate on various HF bands. QSL via home calls.

LX - Marc, ON7SS will be active as LX/OO9O from Luxembourg on 24-27 April. He will focus on 30 metres CW and PSK. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct link on http://www.on7ss.be/logsearch.html) and eQSL, or via home call (direct ot bureau). He no longers uses LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

S7 - Ivan, LZ1PJ will be active holiday style as S79J from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles on 2-10 May. He will operate CW only, and "will be QRV for SKCC (Straight Key Century Club) calls from those needing a new country". QSL via home call (direct or bureau), and possibly LOTW.

SV9 - Seppo, OH1VR will be active as SV9/OH1VR from Crete (EU-015) from 27 April to 3 May. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX NG3K]

TG - Tom, KC0W has been active as TG7/KC0W from Guatemala since 18 April, and will remain there until 8 May. He operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via KC0W (direct only) and logsearch on Club Log. He does not use LoTW.

VE - The NA128 Contest Group (http://www.qsl.net/na128cg/), for the tenth year in a row, will be active from IOTA group NA-128 for the IOTA Contest. This year they will be signing CG2I from Ile-aux-Coudres on 27-30 July. QSL direct via VE2EBK; the log will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW a few days after the contest. [TNX NG3K]

VK - Craig, VK5CE will be active as VK5CE/7 from Bruny Island (OC-233) [425DXN 1345] on 22-23 April, from 6 UTC on Saturday until 22 UTC on Sunday. "Based on current band conditions", he says, "I will spending most of my time on 40m SSB which is a very effective band from VK7. I will also spend some time on 20m SSB, 17m SSB and 30m PSK63". See https://oc233.wordpress.com/ for his planned operating Schedule. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards via VK5CE, direct or bureau.

VK - "There could be a chance later in the year to get permission for a longer stay", but for the time being Craig, VK5CE has been authorized to operate from Ashmore Reef (OC-216) [425DXN 1348] from dawn to dusk, i.e. from 21 UTC to 10 UTC. He plans to be active as VK5CE/9 for four days beween 6 and 12 November, and to operate SSB and "very slow CW" on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. He anticipates working only Europe and North America between 21.00-00.00 UTC and 07.00-10.00 UTC. Propagation forecasts have been published on https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com/.

On 12-16 October he will be active as VK5CE/8 from North Island (OC-198) [425DXN 1339], and that DXpedition will provide "a practice run" for him to "use the same bands and times of day to see what conditions will be like" for OC-216. "Everything is going to plan" for OC-198, he says, "and this is the DXpedition where sponsorship is wanted the most at present". More information can be found at https://oc198.wordpress.com/.

VP9 - Mario, CX4CR and Bert, CX3AN will be active as VP9/CX4CR and VP9/CX3AN from the Bermuda Islands (NA-005) on 10-15 May. They will operate holiday style with a focus on 12 metres, if the band opens. QSL via EB7DX. [TNX CX3AN]

VQ9 - Jeremy, N1ZZZ will be active again as VQ9ZZ from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Islands indicatively between late April and mid-June. He will have to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. He will be QRV on 20 and 17 metres SSB and "various low power digital modes". When on the ship, he will be signing VQ9ZZ/mm. QSL via N1ZZZ and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) from 28 July to 1 August. He will operate CW only and will participate in the IOTA Contest. QSL via home call, bureau or direct; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

ZF - Al, KZ3AB will be active as ZF2AB from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 29 April to 6 May. QSL via WA3EOP.

CARIBBEAN TRIP ---> Frank, PH2M will be active holiday style as PJ7/PH2M from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 19-24 May, as PJ6/PH2M from Saba (NA-145) on 24-29 May and as PJ5/PH2M from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) from 29 May to 4 June. He will operate SSB and WSPR on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

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INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group (www.intrepid-dx.com) has announced that Sebastien "Seb" Poulenard, F5UFX is the recipient of the annual Intrepid Spirit Award, made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Afghanistan on 27 April 2011). The award - presented at the International DX Convention (Visalia) on 21 April - recognizes Sebastien's "outstanding efforts" and "unselfish acts" - as well as his "pursuit of operating excellence in assembling the best operators available" - to activate the "challenging and much needed entities" of Juan de Nova Island (FT4JA) and Tromelin Island (FT4TA) "on behalf of a grateful Global DX Community". [TNX N6PSE]

OQRS ENABLED ---> Club Log's OQRS has been enabled for A35JP/p (Niuafo'ou Island, OC-123) and R71RRC (Arakamchechen Island, AS-071). See https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/A35JP/P (it includes past operations from OC-191 in 2014 and OC-064 in 2015), and https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/R71RRC (if you have questions please contact UA3AKO at r71rrc[@]gmail.com after 21 April).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/G3TXF, 3XY3D (AF-051), 4I7COW, 4O/KC0W, 4X4WN, 5A1AL, 5T5TI (AF-050), 9G5X, 9H3YY, 9H6A, 9N7EI, A5A, C37NL, EJ0L, EJ7NET, EK6RL, EP2C, ER4A, FS/DK5ON, FY5FY, H40FN (OC-100), II9P, J6/KI8IR, JD1/JG8NQJ, JD1BMH, JT1DN, KL7/VE7ACN (NA-041), OK1FFU, T30MA, T30VE, TL8TT, TU5MH, TX5T (OC-114), VK5CE/3 (OC-196), W5GIX/5 (NA-168), XR5M (SA-061), XR7T (SA-043), YV1UA, YV2CAR/1 (SA-089), YV4CAR/2 (SA-058), ZZ8P (SA-072).

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