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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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A3 - Hiro, JA6WFM has been active as A31MM from Nuku'alofa (OC-049), Tonga since January 2016, and will QRT at the end of the year. This weekend's CQ WW DX CW will be the last contest for him; after that he will be QRV on 15 metres only. QSL via LoTW or direct to EA5GL.

C5 - Andre, ON7YK has been active again as C5YK since 17 November, and will remain in The Gambia until 30 January 2018. He operates digital modes (especially FT8) and some CW on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau). Logsearch on http://www.on7yk.eu/. [TNX The Daily DX]

C6 - Tomi HA7RY, George AA7JV and Michael KN4EEI have been active as C6AGU from Water Cay (NA-001), Bahamas since 19 November and will remain there until 3 December, including activity during the CQ WW DX CW Contest and the ARRL 160 Meter Contest. While operating mainly CW and some SSB on 160-10 metres, they will test some new antennas (a 43-foot vertical for 160/80/40m, a 2-element yagi vertical for 20-10m, and a 4-square RX antenna) for the 2018 DXpedition to Baker Island (KH1). QSL via HA7RY; neither Club Log nor LoTW will be used. [TNX DX World]

H40 - Cezar, VE3LYC plans to be active from Taumako Island (OC-179), Temotu for at least five days in early May 2018. This Most Wanted IOTA group was activated only once, by H44MS (DL2GCA) back in March 1993. Complete information is expected in due course. [TNX DX News]

HC8 - HC8LUT (not HC8LU as previously announced) is the callsign issued for the Argentine team [425DXN 1377] to use during their activity from San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands (SA-004) between 29 November and 8 December. They will operate SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres. QSL via IK2DUW and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log. See https://hc8lu.blogspot.com/ for more information.

HL - Celebrating the XXIII Olympic Winter Games that will be held next year in PyeongChang (https://www.pyeongchang2018.com/en), special event station HL0WOP is active until 25 February 2018. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or via HL4CCM (direct or bureau).

HS - Look for E20WXA/p, HS2AAW/p and HS2JQC/p to be active from Koh Lan (AS-107) on 25-26 November. QSL via E20WXA. [TNX The Daily DX]

JT - Khos, JT1CD is active as JT1CD/0 until 29 November from the city of Olgii, located in the extreme west of Mongolia. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX JT1CD]

OH - As tradition dictates, OH9SCL will be active again in December from the heart of Santa Claus Land, in the Lapland region of Finland. Activity will be mostly on the HF bands on all modes. QSL via OH9AB, direct or bureau. See http://oh9scl.fi for additional information.

V8 - Tom, KC0W will be active as V85/KC0W from Brunei from 24 November to 10 December. QSL via home call (direct only) and logsearch on

Club Log. He does not use LoTW. Tom expected to be active as 3W9CW from Con Son Island (AS-130), Vietnam until 28 November [425DXN 1385], but "technical reasons" made him go QRT on 15 November with just 69 QSOs in his log. He then moved to Cambodia, and operated as XU7XXX on 19-21 November (874 QSOs).

VE - Mikhail, VE7ACN will be active as VE7ACN/7 from Galiano Island (NA-075) on 24-27 November, including activity during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call. [TNX DX News]

VQ9 - Jim, ND9M is active again as VQ917JC from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos ISlands. His operating hours are still limited to 13-16 UTC, as he has to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. Usually he operates mainly CW on 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call.

ZA - ZA1WW is the callsign for a Multi-Multi entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest and a subsequent 160/80m activity hosted by the Kosovo Amateur Radio Association (SHRAK) and the National Association Radioamateurs of Albania (NARA) from the coastal area of Durres. On the low bands they will use vertical radiators next to salt water, matched by appropriate RX antennas. Dedicated low-band frequencies after the contest will be 1816.5 kHz and 3526 kHz, both +/- QRM. Co-led by Z62FB and ZA1F, the team will include local operators such as ZA1EM (YL) and Z61DX, as well as invited guests (OG2M, OH1MA, OH2BH, OH2TA and OH3JR). QSL ZA1WW via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via OH2TA. [TNX W6SZN]

ZL - Pisti, HA5OJ celebrates his 60th birthday by touring New Zeland until late January 2018. He will be active holiday style as ZL/HA5OJ from Waiheke Island (OC-201) on 22-26 November, from North Island (OC-036) between 27 November and 20 January, and finally from South Island (OC-134) on 21-29 January. He operates CW only on 30-6 metres. QSLs via the Hungarian bureau. [TNX HA5BA]

CQ WW DX CW CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (25-26 November):

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	COUNTRY	QSL VIA
02	VE2IM	SOAB HP	Canada	LoTW/VE3DZ
05	VE3RZ/VP9	SOAB LP	Bermuda	LoTW/M0URX
07	HQ9X	M/2	Honduras	KQ1F
07	TI7W	SOAB HP	Costa Rica	W4FS
07	V34AO	SOAB LP	Belize	DL7VOA
07	YN2CC	SOAB LP	Nicaragua	LoTW/AJ9C
08	6Y0W	M/2	Jamaica	LZ1NK
08	6Y3M	M/2	Jamaica	VE3NE
08	8P50B	SOSB 20m LP	Barbados	LoTW/KU9C
08	C6AGU		Bahamas	HA7RY
08	FG/F6ARC	SOSB 15m	Guadeloupe	LoTW/FE11DX
08	J68GD		St. Lucia	LoTW/K9AW
08	NP2X	M/?	US Virgin Islands	LoTW/K5WW
08	TO2SP	M/?	St. Barthelemy	LoTW/SP6IXF
08	TO5W	SO	Martinique	LoTW/KO8SCA
08	V26FF	SO	Antigua & Barbuda	LoTW/N2FF
08	V26K	SOAB LP	Antigua & Barbuda	LoTW/AA3B

08	V47T	M/2	St Kitts & Nevis	W2RQ
08	VP5M	M/?	Turks & Caicos Isls	LoTW/K4QPL
08	ZF2MJ	SOAB	Cayman Isls	LoTW/N6MJ
08	ZF9CW	SO	Cayman Isls	LoTW/K5GO
09	8R1/AG6UT	SO	Guyana	LotW/DJ9RR
09	9Y4/VE3EY	SOAB HP	Trinidad & Tobago	VE3EY
09	FY5FY	SOSB 20m LP	French Guiana	FY5FY
09	P40C	SO	Aruba	LoTW
09	P40L	M/2	Aruba	LoTW/WA3FRP
09	P40W	SOAB	Aruba	LoTW/N2MM
09	PJ4A	SOSB 15m	Bonaire	LoTW/K4BAI
09	PJ4E	SOSB 80m	Bonaire	LoTW/K9ES
09	PJ4I	SOSB 20m	Bonaire	LoTW/AD4ES
09	PJ4Y	M/S	Bonaire	DL5CW
09	PZ5V	M/2	Suriname	LoTW/M0URX
10	HC0E	M/2	Ecuador	HC1QRC
11	PS0F	M/S LP	Fernando de Noronha	PY7RP
11	PX0F	SO	Fernando de Noronha	PP5BZ
11	ZP9MCE	SOAB LP	Paraguay	EA5ZD
12	XR2K	SO	Chile	W4/CX1EK
12	XR6F	SOSB	Chile	XQ4CW
14	4U1ITU		ITU HQ	4U1ITU
14	CR2M	SOSB 15m HP	Azores	LoTW
14	CR5SSB	M/S	Portugal	CT1EOU
14	CR6K	SOAB HP	Portugal	CT1CJJ
14	CU4DX	SOSB 40m HP	Azores	LoTW
14	GJ2A	SOSB 20m	Jersey	LoTW
14	GU3HFN	SOAB LP	Guernsey	GU3HFN
14	GU4CHY	SOSB 20m HP	Guernsey	GU4CHY
14	GU4YOX	SOSB 15m LP	Guernsey	LoTW/GU4YOX
14	HB0A		Liechtenstein	LoTW
14	SI9AM	M/?	Sweden	SM3TIR
14	TM1A	M/S HP	France	LoTW/F5GSJ
14	ZB2TT	M/S	Gibraltar	LoTW/M0URX
14	ZB2X	SOSB	Gibraltar	LoTW/OH2KI
15	4O7CC	SOAB	Montenegro	LoTW/UA4CC
15	4U1A	M/S	UN Vienna Int Center	UA3DX
15	9H6A	M/?	Malta	LoTW/9H1BT
15	ES9C	M/2	Estonia	ES5RY
15	LY4A	M/?	Lithuania	LotW
15	OF5Z	M/M	Finland	LotW
15	SN6O	SOSB 40m	Poland	SP6PAZ
15	SO4M	M/S	Poland	LoTW/SP4MPG
15	SO9M	SOAB LP	Poland	SQ9UM
15	TK0C	M/2	Corsica	LoTW/S50C
15	Z60WW	SO	Kosovo	OH2BH
15	ZA1WW	M/M	Albania	LoTW/OH2TA
17	UN4L	SOSB 80m	Kazakhstan	UA9AB
18	RW0A	M/2	Russia (AS)	LotW/RA0ALM
21	4L2M	SOSB 20m	Georgia	EA7FTR
21	9K2K	SOAB	Kuwait	LotW
21	A44A	M/M	Oman	A47RS
24	B1Z	M/?	China	EA7FTR

24	B7Q	M/?	China	BA1DU
24	VR2XAN	SOSB 160m HP	Hong Kong	VR2XAN
26	HS0ZAR	M/2	Thailand	K3ZO
26	HS0ZIA	M/?	Thailand	LoTW
27	AH0K	M/2	Mariana Islands	LoTW/OH6GDX
27	AH2R	M/S	Guam	LoTW
27	DU9/R4WAA		Philippines	R4WAA
27	DU9/RZ3FW		Philippines	RZ3FW
27	V6A	SOAB	Micronesia	JA7HMZ
28	9M6NA	SOAB HP	East Malaysia	LoTW/JE1JKL
28	YC1ZAZ	M/S LP	Indonesia	LoTW
28	YE2C	M/2	Indonesia	LoTW
29	VK6LW	SOAB	Australia	VK6LW
31	KH7M	SOAB	Hawaii	KH6ZM
32	A31MM	SOSB 15m	Tonga	LoTW/EA5GL
32	FK/JR3RIU	SO	New Caledonia	LoTW
32	ZM4T	M/2	New Zealand	LotW/ZL3IO
33	3V8SS	SOAB LP	Tunisia	LoTW/LX1NO
33	CR3OO	SOAB	Madeira	LoTW/W3HNK
33	CT9/OK6RA	SOSB 40m LP	Madeira	OK6RA
33	CT9/R7KW	M/S	Madeira	K2PF
33	ED8R	M/S	Canary Isls	LoTW/LZ1JZ
33	ED8X	M/S	Canary Isls	LoTW/RN3RQ
34	SU9JG	SOSB 15m LP	Egypt	LoTW/EA5GL
35	3XY3D		Guinea	F5OZC
35	6W1SU	SOAB HP	Senegal	LoTW/M0URX
35	9G5W		Ghana	S59ZZ
35	D4P	SO	Cape Verde	LoTW
37	5X1NH	SOSB	Uganda	LoTW/G3RWF
37	5X8B	SO	Uganda	LoTW/DL3YM
39	3B9HA	SOAB	Rodrigues Island	LoTW/M0OXO
39	S79K	SOAB	Seychelles	LoTW/G3NKC
40	TF3JB	SOSB 20m HP	Iceland	LoTW/TF3JB

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqc2017.html - good contest to you all!

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3Y0Z: BOUVET 2018 ---> While "the sea container should now be between the ports of San Antonio, Chile and its destination, Punta Arenas, Chile", the Team posted on 22 November, "the most recent propagation predictions continue to support the patterns shown in the videos on our propagation page (http://www.bouvetdx.org/propagation/)". The band plan has been published, and it includes FT8. It will not be a primary mode for 3Y0Z, but it will be

used only "when we cannot use the standard, higher rate modes", i.e. "when the band dies, or before it opens". Detailed guidelines are available at http://www.bouvetdx.org/band-plan-frequencies/ ("Ten Steps on How to Work 3Y0Z (Bouvet) With FT8").

FT3YL ---> Francois, FT3YL (F4HLT) is now QRT and will be leaving Antarctica soon. During his stay at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017) he made some 1200 QSOs, logged between 15 February and 29 October. Most contacts were with JA, VK and ZL, with a few US stations and very few Europeans. Limited spare time combined to "high winds, rigs breakdown and solar blackout" made his operating "a very hard challenge". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via F6KPQ (direct or bureau). [TNX F5RAB and F5PHW]

IOTA NEWS ---> Record-holders who have made IOTA contacts in an IOTA contest after 2003, can claim credit for them without submitting QSLs, provided that the contact details match. Go to https://iota-world.org/, log in, select "Add Contest QSOs" under the "My IOTA" tab, and then upload your .cbr or .log file(s). The logs for the IOTA Contest 2017 island stations (490,394 QSOs) have now been added to the IOTA database and are available for QSO matching.

YOTA MONTH ---> The Youngsters On The Air group will be active again during the entire month of December. The idea for this event is to show the amateur radio hobby to youth and to encourage youngsters to be active on the ham radio waves. Announced participating stations include 3V8YOTA, 6V1YOTA, 9A0YOTA, 9A17YOTA, DQ17YOTA, DR0YOTA, E71YOTA, EG2YOTA, ET3AA, GB17YOTA, HB9YOTA, II2YOTA, II5YOTA, LZ17YOTA, OF2YOTA, OL17YOTA, OM9YOTA, ON4YOTA, PD6YOTA, R17YOTA, SH9YOTA, YO0YOTA, YT17YOTA, Z60YOTA and ZS9YOTA. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS or direct to M0SDV. See https://events.ham-yota.com/ for information on the event and the award.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B9FR	M0OXO	DU1/JA3FJE	JN3VQM	KH0AM	JE1CKA
3D2TS	FK1TS	DU1/SP5APW	SP5APW	KH2F	JA2TBS
3V8CB	LX1NO	DU1KA	NR6M	LX0RL	LX1KQ
3XY3D	F5OZC	DU3LA	W3HNK	LZ50BD	LZ1PM
4X0B	4X6ZM	DU9/R4WAA	R4WAA	NP4G	NP3O
5B4AJC	UA3DX	DU9/RZ3FW	RZ3FW	OH0PM	OH2PM
5H3EE	DL4ME	EA8/IZ2DPX	IK2DUW	OY1OF	M0URX
5K0T	LU1FM	EG1ET	EA1ET	OZ/KH6DXX	DF3XX
5K1B	EA3BT	EI11WAW	EI6AL	P40L	WA3FRP
5N7Q	DF8DX	EI22WAW	EI6AL	P40W	N2MM
5T1A	A92AA	EI33WAW	EI6AL	PG400TH	PA3ETC
5T1R	A92AA	EI44WAA	EI6AL	PJ4/KU8E	K4BAI

5V1JE	N9MDH	EI55WAW	EI6AL	PZ5V	M0URX
5X1NH	G3RWF	EI66WAW	EI6AL	R200SB	RZ4AWB
5X1S	OZ2HC	EI77WAW	EI6AL	R75URAN	UA4AJD
5X8B	DL3YM	EI88WAW	EI6AL	SP660K	SP4PKM
6Y0AE	LZ4AE	EI99WAW	EI6AL	T2AT	N7SMI
6Y0BE	LZ2BE	EK8ZZ	EK7DX	T88DT	JH1OLB
6Y0HM	LZ2HM	ET3AA	N2OO	TF3WK	OZ1OM
6Y0W	LZ1NK	EV135KK	EU1EU	TI7W	W4FS
8P2K	KU9C	FG/F6ARC	FE11DX	TM8OMC	F8KGN
8R1/AG6UT	DJ9RR	FR/F4HQZ	F4DXW	TO2SP	SP6IXF
9A/IZ2DPX	IK2DUW	H44MS	DL2GAC	TO5W	KO8SCA
9G5W	S59ZZ	HB600NVF	HB9JOE	TR8CA	F6CBC
9H3AK	NI5DX	HF7CKF	SP7VC	TT8FC	EA3GWK
9M6NA	JE1JKL	HF7EX	SP7VC	V26FF	N2FF
9N1AA	N4GNR	HF7HB	SP7VC	V26K	AA3B
9X2AW	M0OXO	HF7LW	SP7VC	V34AO	DL7VOA
9X9PJ	N4GNR	HF7NJX	SP7VC	V63PSK	JA1FMN
A47RSN	A47RS	HH2AA	NR6M	VE2IM	VE3DZ
AH0K	OH6GDX	HK0HF	N4GNR	VE3RZ/VP9	M0URX
AU2JCB	VU2DSI	HK3TK	F5CWU	VQ917JC	ND9M
BV0J	BM2JCC	HL0WOP	HL4CCM	VQ9KA	JO1GWT
C31CT	EA3QS	HZ1FI	DL1RTL	YJ0JA	JA1VND
C5YK	ON7YK	IK2SGL/OA8	IK2AQZ	YN2CC	AJ9C
C6AGU	HA7RY	IY5PIS	IW5AOT	Z21MH	IZ0EGA
CR3OO	W3HNK	J5T	I2YSB	Z81D	OM3JW
CT9/R7KW	K2PF	J68GD	K9AW	ZA/IK2RLM	IZ2LSP
CT9/YL3JM	K2PF	KC4AAA	K1IED	ZF2MJ	N6MJ

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