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3B7 - 3B7A is the callsign issued to the April 2018 DXpedition to the Saint Brandon Islands (AF-015) [425DXN 1382], the team announced in their latest Press Release dated 28 November. Eight experienced operators will be active for two weeks with seven stations on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. See http://www.saintbrandondx.com for more information.

3D2/R - 3D2AG, DJ9RR, DK2AMM, DL6JGN and PA3EWP will be active as 3D2EU [425DXN 1378] from Rotuma (OC-060) from 23 February to 16 March (http://www.rotuma2018.de/). Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes with two stations from two different operating locations. If they have reliable access to the Internet, they will upload their logs to Club Log on a daily basis. Otherwise the complete log will be uploaded upon their return home. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via DK2AMM (direct or bureau). [TNX PA3EWP]

4X - Seven special callsigns are expected to be QRV on 22-24 December from different locations: 4X0XMAS from Shivta, 4X2XMAS from Mount Tabor, 4X3XMAS from Caesarea, 4X4XMAS from Nazareth, 4X6XMAS from Arbel, 4X7XMAS from Be'er Sheva and 4X9XMAS from Nitzana. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. See qrz.com for information about the "Holyland Christianity On The Air" award. [TNX 4Z4DX]

5H - The Tanzania Amateur Radio Club will be active as 5H3ARC on 3 December for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Look for activity on SSB on 20, 15 and 10 metres, and possibly other bands. QSL via the bureau or direct to TARC, P.O. Box 90391, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. [TNX The Daily DX]

5W - Katsu, JA1DXA will be active as 5W0DXA from Apia, Samoa (OC-097) on 2-6 December. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bans. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to JA1DXA. [TNX DX World]

6W - The annual 6V1A expedition to the island of Goree (AF-045) will be conducted on 15-17 December. Tafa 6W1KI, Ouzin 6W1PZ, Jul 6W1QL and John 6W7JX will operate SSB and CW on various bands with two stations. QSL via operator's instructions.

6W - Jacques, F6HMJ will be active as 6W7/F6HMJ from Senegal from 21 December to 15 January. He will operate CW and some SSB on 20-10 metres; activity on the lower bands will depend on local conditions. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

A3 - Naomi, JM6EBU will be active holiday style as A31NM from Tongatapu (OC-049), Tonga on 5-7 December. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

CE0Y - A large German team (DH8WR, DJ9KH, DL2AWG, DL2RNS, DL4SVA, DL5CW, DL7JOM, DL7VEE, DM2AUJ and DM3BJ) will be active as XR0YD from Easter Island (SA-001) on 2-15 March. They will run three stations on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS,

via DL4SVA (direct or bureau) and eventually LoTW. See http://xr0yd.mydx.de for more information.

HP - HP1DRK, HP1MAC, HP1RIS and HP1YLS will be active again as H91IT from Taboga Island (NA-072), Panama on 6-9 January 2018. They will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to HP1RCP. [TNX NG3K]

PA - The 11 Cities Marathon will be held during all of next year to celebrate the city of Leeuwarden, a European Capital of Culture for 2018. Eleven special callsigns will be active from Leeuwarden and the other cities in the Dutch province of Friesland from January to November as follows: PF2018LWD from Leeuwarden (January), PF2018SNK from Sneek (February), PF2018YLS from IJlst (March), PF2018SLO from Sloten (April), PF2018BOL from Bolsward (May), PF2018HIN from Hindeloopen (June), PF2018FRA from Franeker (July), PF2018HAR from Harlingen (August), PF2018DOK from Dokkum (September), PF2018WOR from Workum (October) and PF2018STA from Stavoren (November). On December all of the cities will be QRV. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via PA0MBD. In addition, Frisian amateurs will be allowed to replace the digit in their callsign with 2018 (e.g. PA0ZZ would become PA2018ZZ). A number of awards will be available - complete information can be found on http://hamecc2018.eu/.

PJ4 - Mike, NA9Q will be active again as PJ4/NA9Q from Bonaire (SA-006) on 2-10 December. He will operate SSB, FT8 and CW on 40-10 metres, and will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

UA_ssh - Alex, UA1OJL will be active as RI50ANO from Kinge George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) between 1 January and 31 March. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes in his spare time. The special callsign celebrates the 50th anniversary of Bellingshausen Station, established on 22 February 1968. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via RN1ON (direct or bureau).

VP5 - John, N9EAJ will be active as VP5/N9EAJ from Grand Turk (NA-003) from 27 December to 4 February. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres, possibly also on 80 metres. He will post his log to LoTW and Club Log.

VP6 - The Perseverance DX Group (http://pdxg.net/) has announced that landing permission, visas and radio license have been issued for a DXpedition to Ducie Island (OC-182), currently Club Log's #27 most wanted DXCC Entity. A team of 14 operators (DJ9RR, HA0NAR, HA5AO, K3EL, K5GS, N6HC, N6HD, N6WM, N6XG, PY2PT, W1SRD, W2LK, WA6O and ZL3CW) will be active as VP6D with seven stations on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes including FT8. They will depart from Mangareva, French Polynesia aboard the "Braveheart" and will be on Ducie for up to 14 days between 20 October and 3 November 2018. See http://vp6d.com/ for more information (including logsearch and OQRS in due course) and updates. [TNX K5GS]

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CLUB LOG'S MOST WANTED LIST ---> The latest Most Wanted List, generated on 1 December is available at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 460.6 million log entries available for analysis) and, to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked. The most wanted charts are rebuilt once per month, on average.

INORC CONTEST ---> The 37th INORC Contest, organized by the Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club, will be held on 2-3 December (12 UTC to 11.59 UTC) on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Complete rules can be found at http://www.inorc.it/wp/contest-i-no-r-c/. [TNX IK1YBL]

XF2L ---> The XF2L operation from Isla de Lobos (NA-221) [425DXN 1385] has been cancelled. Six operators were expected to be active from 30 November to 3 December, but they have been were given permission to be on the island for only ten hours a day, which does not make the effort worthwhile. This was to be the last operation for the XF2L team, who was active from Isla de Lobos (NA-221) on 28 December 2016 and again on 29-31 May, from Isla de Sacrificios (NA-224) on 17-19 February, and from Isla de Enmedio (NA-224) on 28-30 July.

+ SILENT KEY + Jean Touzot, F8IL, the oldest amateur radio operator in France and possibly in the world, passed away on 1 December aged 109. Up until a few years ago he was still having daily QSOs with French stations on 80m CW. He was a member of the Reseau des Emetteurs Francais (REF) since 1951 and of the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT). [TNX F5NQL]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9FR, 4J5A, 4S7AB, 4S7AYG, 4U1WB, 5E4E, 5N7Q, 9N1AA, 9Q6BB, A25BE, A25BI, A5A, A70X (AS-088), AL3/AA7CH (NA-042), AT7M (AS-096), D2EB, D44TUK (AF-086), E20HHK/p (AS-145), E6AG, ER3KS, FK8HC, FP/M0BLF, FR4PV, HS3NBR/p (AS-145), HS7AT/p (AS-125), HV0A, JK3ZXK/5 (AS-200), JT5DX, JW5E, N1LI (NA-137), NL6/AA7CH (NA-157), OG5A (EU-140), R24RRC (AS-044 and AS-114), R71RRC (AS-071), RI0C (AS-069), RI0LI (AS-022), S01WS, S500R, SV2ASP/A, TM72REF, TU7C, TX5EG, VE3OP/VE2 (NA-038), VK5CE/8 (OC-198), VK9MAV (OC-267), VK9MAV/4 (OC-160), VU2GSM.

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