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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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>>> 3Y0Z: BOUVET ISLAND <<<

"We are happy to report that we are on schedule for a January 13 departure to Bouvet Island, the World's most isolated island and the number two most wanted DX entity", the 3Y0Z Team announced on 29 December. "All team members will meet in Punta Arenas, Chile no later than January 10. We will attend a one and one-half day marine safety course, purchase last minute supplies and then fly across the Drake Passage to King George Island in the South Shetlands. There, we will board the newly refurbished Chilean vessel M/V Betanzos, and begin our 9 to 11-day voyage to Bouvet".
Their plans remain unchanged: "we will have two stations on every open band whenever humanly possible, gain and directional antennas where possible, high power stations and a propagation-driven operation. The primary modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY. FT8 will be utilized if it is the only productive mode. Anyone preparing to utilize FT8 must read the 3Y0Z FT8 protocol on the Band Plan page of the DXpedition website (www.bouvetdx.org)".
QSL via Club Log's OQRS (https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/3Y0Z) for either direct or bureau requests; traditional cards go via N2OO, direct (Bob Schenck, P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton NJ 08087-0345, USA) or bureau. You may include a donation with your OQRS QSL request on Club Log (via PayPal), or you may include additional funds with your direct mailed QSL card. As for LoTW, "we will be uploading to LOTW for everyone who requests a direct QSL card. These will be done in batches during our QSL card processing, as time allows. A full LOTW upload will be made about 6 months after the end of the DXpedition".

3B7 - 5-17 April are the dates for the 3B7A DXpedition to the Saint Brandon Islands (AF-015) [425DXN 1387]. Eight experienced operators will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with five stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via F5CWU (direct or bureau). See http://www.saintbrandondx.com for more information.

5W - Atsu, 5W1SA has been active from Samoa (OC-097) since 1998 (100,000 QSOs so far), and has received special callsign 5W20SAMOA for him to use throughout 2018 to celebrate his 20th anniversary. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; paper QSLs "maybe available later" through Club Log's OQRS if he finds a sponsor.

6Y - JA3AVO, JA3HJI, JA3UJR, JH3LSS and JI3DNN will be active as 6Y6J from Jamaica (NA-097) on 11-22 January. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres from the QTH of Josh, 6Y5WJ. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via JA3AVO.

C9 - Russian Robinson Club's members Vasily R7AL, Vasily RA1ZZ, Al RZ3K and Vlad RK8A will be active as C96RRC from Mozambique Island (AF-088) from 29 April to 3 May, and as C98RRC from Inhaca Island

(AF-066) on 5-9 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres with three stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via R7AL. See https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/mozambique for more information. [TNX RA1ZZ]

DU - Brian, DU1MS and a large group of operators will be active as DU0DM from Corregidor Island (OC-244) on 13-14 January. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40, 20, 15 and 10m. QSL via DU1MS (direct). [TNX The Daily DX]

HL - To promote and support the PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games, all authorized amateur radio stations in the Republic of Korea are allowed to change the call area number in their callsign to "23" until 28 February. For example, HL0HQ can be operated as HL23HQ, HL1VAU as HL23VAU, DS4NYE as DS23NYE/4, D70LW as D723LW. Special callsigns HL0WOP and DT23WOP will not change. [TNX HL1VAU]

HP - Will, AA4NC will be active holiday style as HP1/AA4NC from Panama on 10-24 January. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands and 6m. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

HS - John, ZB2JK has been active again as HS0ZIQ from Phuket Island (AS-053) since 18 December. He will remain there until 10 January. QSL via home call, direct only.

LZ - Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special callsigns throughout 2018 to honour as many different Bulgarian saints: LZ1883PSS (January), LZ250MT (February), LZ40MS (March), LZ362ME (April), LZ110SAE (May), LZ430PPW (June), LZ380PM (July), LZ1146SPS (August), LZ920MLC (September), LZ1545POA (October), LZ33MM (November) and LZ532PSO (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2018" award can be found at http://www.lz1kcp.com/.

PJ2 - Joeke, PA0VDV will be active again as PJ2/PA0VDV from Curacao (SA-099) between 16 January and 8 February. He will operate only CW, with a focus on 80 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [TNX PA0VDV]

V3 - Jim , W2JHP has been active again as V31TA from the Turneffe Islands (NA-123), Belize since 4 January, and will remain there until the 10th. QSL via EA5GL (direct only).

VQ9 - Jim, ND9M (VQ9JC) is now active from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Islands [425DXN 1386] with his new special callsign: VQ920JC. 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.

YJ - Chris, VK2YUS will be active again as YJ0CA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 14-21 January. He will operate SSB on 40 and 20 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active again as ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 13-21 January. He will operate SSB on the HF bands, with holiday style activity except during the North American QSO Party (from 18 UTC on 20 January to 6 UTC on the 21st). QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

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ARRL INTERNATIONAL GRID CHASE ---> The Leader Board is now up and running at https://igc.arrl.org/index.php. The event started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will run through 23.59 UTC on 31 December. It is open to all amateurs, regardless of location or license class. Any operating mode is eligible as well as every band, except 60 metres. The objective is to work stations in as many different Maidenhead grid squares as possible, and then upload your log data to LoTW. See http://www.arrl.org/aigc2018 for complete details.

CLUB LOG'S MOST WANTED LIST ---> The latest Most Wanted List, generated on 31 December is available at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 467.7 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.

CQ DX MARATHON ---> The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2018 edition started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. The deadline for log submission for the 2017 DX Marathon is 10 January at 2359Z. Complete details can be found at http://www.dxmarathon.com/.

CX3AL ON LOTW ---> Leo, CX3AL has uploaded to LoTW his handwritten logs covering the period from 28 April 2006 to present (some 19,000 QSOs). This year he will upload the logs from 2001 onwards. His paper logs collection goes back to 1970. If anyone cannot match a QSO, or wants a LoTW confirmation for an old contact, can write to Leo (leocorreag[@]gmail.com). [TNX CX3AL]

DAYTON TOPBAND AND CONTEST DINNERS ---> The 29th Top Band Dinner will be held on 18 May, followed by the 26th Contest Dinner on the 19th. Both the events will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton, Ohio. See https://www.topbanddinner.com/ and https://www.contestdinner.com/ for tickets and other information.

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2017 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2017/. The collection of 118 clips (MP3 format) covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 20 full years of sound clips available.

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group is seeking nominations for the individual or group that most displayed their "Intrepid Spirit" in 2017, "by expressing an unshakable commitment to the Amateur Radio DX Community". The award (http://www.intrepid-dx.com/awards.php) is made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul Afghanistan, on 27

April 2011). Intrepid Spirits for purposes of this award are defined as being "bold, courageous, dedicated, innovative, fearless, generous, resolute and visionary in their approach to Amateur Radio". Nominations may be submitted via email to intrepiddxgroup[@]gmail.com and must be received by 15 January. The Board of Directors of the Intrepid-DX Group will evaluate the nominations and the award will be presented at the International DX Convention in Visalia on 21 April. [TNX N6PSE]

IOTA DXPEDITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD ---> The inaugural Island Radio Expedition Foundation's (IREF) "IOTA DXpeditioner of the Year" Award will be presented at the 2019 Dayton DX Dinner. The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has agreed to present the award at their annual DX Dinner, which - in the words of IREF President Mike Crownover AD5A - "will add prestige and visibility to the award and will provide the appropriate recognition for IOTA Expeditioners". The new award from IREF will join the list of awards presented annually at SWODXA DX Dinner including DXpedition of the Year, DXpeditioner of the Year (DXCC) and the presentation of the CQ DX Hall of Fame inductees. Details on the "IOTA DXpeditioner of the Year" award can be found at https://irefradio.com/activator-award/.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 15,340 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-16), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1970), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3DA0AQ	EA5GL	A60MBZ	A61BK	JD1BMH	JD1BMH [b]
3V8CQ	EI9FBB	A70X	M0OXO	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ [d]
3V8SS	LX1NO	C56RU	ON7RU	OD5/EA1CYK	EA7LS
3Z0R	SP9SX	C56VC	SP7VC	OD5ZF	IZ8CLM
3Z0YL	SP9SX	CX7CO	EA5GL	OD5ZZ	NI5DX
3Z18HNY	SP6IEQ	D4Z	HB9DUR [d]	OF3077F	OH3JF
4K9W	DL6KVA	D4Z	IK2NCJ [b]	OT65MLB	ON4MLB
4L1MA	ON4RU	DK200MARX	DK5PZ	OU0POLIO	OZ1ACB
4L4ZA	DJ1CW	DL0FFF	DL2RPS	P49MR	VE3MR
4L5P	UT7QF	DL1250BRET	DF9IK	P49X	W0YK
4L6QL	RW6HS	DM900ZWI	DM5JBN	PF2018LWD	PA0MBD

4L7AA	IW7EGQ	DP0GVN	DL5EBE	PJ2C	EA5AHA
4L8A	K1BV	DQ800HRO	DL5KVV	PJ2ND	K8ND
4T18PAX	OA4O	DR18WRD	M0SDV	RI1ANA	RN1ON
4U1A	UA3DX	DU1/JA3FJE	JN3VQM	RI50ANO	RN1ON
4U1GSC	9A2AA	EI50AOM	EI2KA	SN20UM	SQ9UM
4U24OCT	9A2AA	ER4DX	ER1FF	SU1SK	SM5AQD
5P9Z/p	DL7UZO	ES17EU	ES2TI	TI2VLM	EA5ZD
5Q0PI	OZ6PI	FG8OJ	F4AVX	TY2AC	DL9USA
5Z4FV	N3ZS	HC5DX	W3HNK	TZ4AM	W0SA
6O6O	M0OXO	HG60KCI	HA8KCI	UN7ECA	DL7EDH
7S75AA	SK5AA [b]	HH2AA	NR6M	UN7TE	RW6HS
7S75AA	SM5FUG [d]	HH70A	W3HNK	V31PS	M0SDV
8J1RL	8J1RL [b]	HK3TK	F5CWU	V31TA	EA5GL
8J1RL	JG2MLI [d]	HL23CEL	HL4CEL	V5/ZS1AO	DJ2HD
8P2K	KU9C	HL23IWD	HL1IWD	VI70HI	M0OXO
8Q7HB	HB9VQQ	HL23VAU	HL1VAU	VP2ETE	W3HNK
9A161NT	9A7R	HL23VXK	HL2VXK	VQ920JC	ND9M
9G1SD	AB0GC	HP1LAC	HP1MAC	W2HRU	N2MUN
9H3AY	G3SDG	HS0ZIA	EA5GL	YR100R	YO3KAA
9M4RM	9W2XIO	HS0ZIQ	ZB2JK	ZX8NO	PT2GTI
A52PD	NR6M	II4MXW	IQ4FE	ZX8TI	PT2GTI

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