3D2_cr - The Rebel DX Group says they are going to Conway Reef (OC-112) this coming week (see https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/). They will be active as 3D2CR. See. A few weeks ago they had also announced plans for a reactivation of T31T from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043) [425DXN 1403].

A2 - Dave, VE7VR will be active holiday style as A25VR from Botswana between 24 May and 3 June. He will be QRV on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

EI - EI6FR, EI7DSB, EI5IQ, HB9DGV, GM3YEH and GM7WCO will be active as EJ7NET from Inisheer Island (EU-006) on 19-23 May. They will operate "all modes" on the HF bands and 6m. QSL via operators' instructions. [TNX DX World]

FR - Thomas, F4HPX will be active as FR/F4HPX from Reunion Island (AF-016) on from 25 May to 15 June. He will operate SSB, digital modes and maybe CW on 40-15 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]

FS/PJ7 - Nao, JN1RVS and Zorro, JH1AJT will be active from both St. Martin and Sint Maarten on 20-27 May. Callsigns mentioned are PJ8RV, PJ8Z and FS/KH8Z. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL PJ8RV via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via JA1HGY; QSL FS/KH8Z and PJ8Z via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via JH1AJT. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - ARI Trento and Radio Club Valsugana are active as II3ANA until 25 May for the 91st National Reunion of the Italian Army’s Alpine troops. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau; direct cards to Sezione ARI di Trento, Via E. Conci 68/A, 38122 Trento TN, Italy. On 11-13 May Salvatore Bonomolo, IZ1BWB will operate IZ1CCK, the callsign issued to the Alpine Brigade "Taurinense".

PA - Roland, DL1EAL will be active as PA/DL1EAL from Texel Island (EU-038) on 12-24 May. He will be QRV holiday style on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau), eQSL and LoTW. [TNX DX Newsletter]

TA - The landing of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk at Samsun (19 May 1919) marked the beginning of the Turkish War of Independence and heralded the establishment of the republic in 1923. Special callsign TC19M will be activated on 18-20 May to commemorate that event. Look for activity on SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8 on the HF bands. See qrz.com for QSL information.

VK - Craig, VK5CE has added a fifth island to his IOTA Tour [425DXN 1400], and now expects to be active as follows:
- 04-07 June VK5CE/6 East Lewis Island OC-199
- 08-11 June VK5CE/6 Direction Island OC-140
- 15-18 June VK5CE/6 Cheyne Island OC-193
- 20-23 June VK5CE/6 Woody Island OC-170
26-28 June  VK5CE/p  St Peter Island    OC-220
He will operate SSB and some RTTY and PSK63 on 40-15 metres, plus 80m ("just a bit") from OC-170 and OC-140. He will not be doing any CW or FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS for direct cards only (look for VK5CE/6_OC140, VK5CE/6_OC170, VK5CE/6_OC193, VK5CE/6_OC199 and VK5CE/P_OC220, or via VK5CE (direct or bureau). Bookmark https://vkiota.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6/ for more information and updates.

YB - Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be active as YB9/JJ1DQR from Bali (OC-022) on 18-21 May. He will operate SSB on the HF bands. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

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3Y0I ---> The Rebel DX Group has secured more than a half of their DXpedition's budget of USD 225,000, and is applying for grants from DX foundations to cover the missing amount. An initial contract with the ship's owner has been signed. A bigger ship stands for a bigger team to go to Bouvet Island [425DXN 1409]. Read the latest news, dated 10 May, on https://bouvetoya.org/.

IARU REGION III 50TH ANNIVERSARY ---> HL50IARU from Korea (1 May-31 October) and VI50IARU3 from Australia (1 April-31 August), as well as YB50IARU from Indonesia, are special callsigns celebrating the 50th anniversary of IARU Region 3, established Sidney on 12 April 1968. See http://awards-iaru-r3.org for information on the awards issued free of charge for working these and other commemorative special callsigns.

LEBANON ON 6 METRES ---> IARU Region 1 reports that Lebanese amateur radio operators have been granted permission to use the 6 metres band. The Ministry of Telecommunications has approved operations to take place between 50.000 MHz and 51.975 MHz.

QSL HK3C ---> M0URX is the new QSL manager for John, HK3C. Tim will also be looking after John's older callsigns of HK3AK and HK3OZ. The logs have been uploaded to M0URX's OQRS (https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php) and are live. A new QSL card will be designed shortly.

ROYAL WEDDING SPECIAL PREFIXES ---> Subject to prior authorisation, amateur radio operators in the United Kingdom may use special prefixes starting at 23 UTC on 18 May through 21 May to signify the marriage of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Wales to Ms Meghan Markle. The Regional Secondary Locator (D, I, J, M, U and W, plus E for Intermediate licences) in the existing call sign may be replaced by the letter 'R'; where no Secondary Locator exists, the letter 'R' may be inserted as a Secondary Locator. For instance, MD0ABC (Isle of
Man), MI0ABC (Northern Ireland), MJOABC (Jersey), MMOABC (Scotland), MU0ABC (Guernsey), MW0ABC (Wales) and M0ABC (England) may all be amended to MR0ABC. Alan, 5B4AHJ is maintaining a Club Log Helpdesk article to help clarify which special calls are QRV from which DXCC Entity. The list does NOT include stations operating from England (Club Log does not need an exception for them): https://clublog.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/folders/98233 and select "2R, GR & MR prefixes – Royal Wedding, 2018".

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