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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3Y0 - The MV "Atlantic Tuna" departed Cape Town around 6 UTC on 19 March, destination Bouvet Island (AN-002). Look for E51DOM/mm to be QRV during the voyage. "If everything goes well", the 3Y0I team says, "we should reach Bouvet around 26 March". Once there, they "will wait as long as necessary for a suitable 'weather window' to proceed with landing on the island. So far, predictions are positive, especially for the end of March". Their camp "will be located some on the glacier at 100 ft next to their landing area in the south-east corner of the island with open view to EU/JA but mountains to the NW (USA) at a distance of 8 kilometers. They will be running 1.3 KW with each of four stations, CW, SSB, FT8 plus one for a CW/FT8 combo". The team "plans to stay at the island at least for 2 weeks, with an option to extend the stay to 3-4 weeks, if weather and other factors permit". Visit https://bouvetoya.org/ and read the latest updates:
- "Welcome Roaring Forties!"
- "The 3Y0I DXxpedition Has Begun" (it includes the direct link to the SPOT tracker to follow the DXpedition's progress)
- "Low Bands at 3Y0I"

8Q - Darek, SP3DX will be active as 8Q7DM from the Maldives (AS-013) on 1-7 April. He will operate FT8 and SSB on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

A3 - A35JT is the actual callsign issued to the 23 September-6 October DXpedition to Tongatapu (OC-049), Tonga [425DXN 1453]. Plans are for VK5GR, VK5XDX and VK5AKH to operate SSB, CW, FT8 and RTTY on 80-10 metres ("160m is planned, but will be intermittent") with two stations. They will participate in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest and in the Oceania DX SSB Contest. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, plus Club Log for IOTA matching; traditional bureau cards should go via VK5GR. See http://vk5gr-iota.net/ for more information and updates.

F - Charente DX Groupe's (http://www.charentedxgroupe.fr/) members F4GBD, F5LOW, F5MNK, F5NBQ, F6HKA and ON4ZD will be active as TM4G from Groix Island (EU-048) on 13-20 April. They will perate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via via ON4ZD. [TNX ON4ZD]

F - F4ELI, F4ELK, F5UOW, F5VCR, F6DXE and ON7ZM will be active as TM5BZH from Ouessant Island (EU-065) from 25 May to 1 June. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via F4ELK, direct or bureau.

GM - Six operators from the Tynemouth Amateur Radio Club (namely 2E0EFP, G0SBN, GM3WOJ, M0GAE, M0KLO and M0MCX) will be active as GS0NWM from the Isle of Mull (EU-008) on 17-24 May. QSL via M0URX's QORS; all QSOs will be uploaded also to Club Log.

HB0 - The PI4RAZ Radio Club will conduct their annual expedition to

Steg, Liechtenstein on 6-13 April. Look for HB0/PA2HGJ, HB0/PA2RDK, HB0/PA3CNO, HB0/PA3HK, HB0/PE0MGB and HB0/PE1FLO to be active on 160-10 metres using CW, FT8 and some SSB. QSL via PE1FLO.

J5 - Livio, IZ3BUR is active again as J52EC from Father Gianfranco's (J52OFM) mission at Cumura, Guinea-Bissau until 15 April. QSL direct to IZ3BUR.

KH2 - Aki, JR3QFB (W3JH) and other operators will be active from Guam from 29 March to 1 April, including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as KH2KY (QSL via JA1MFR, Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

ON - Special callsign OT40THN will be active on 1-30 April to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Thuin UBA section (ON6TN). QSL via the bureau.

PJ4 - John, KK9A will be active again as PJ4/KK9A from Bonaire (SA-006) on 24-31 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as PJ4R. QSLs via WD9DZV. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

PY - Tony, PY1AX and Ronaldo, PS8RV will be active as ZV1FF from the Tijuca National Park on 28-31 March, including activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via PS8RV and LoTW. [TNX PY1AX]

SM - Jef DD2CW, Nida HS1NIV, Dirk ON3UN and Francis ON6LY will be active from SI9AM (the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society, http://www.si9am.com/) in Ragunda, Sweden from 26 March to 1 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL for this activity via ON3UN, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

V3 - Rich, K8NDS will be active as V31RF from Placencia, Belize from 21 March to 19 April. He will be QRV on 40 and 20m SSB. QSL direct to home call.

V3 - Victor, WB0TEV will be active again as V31VP from central Belize from 28 March to 2 April, including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. Outside the contest he will operate SSB, FT8, RTTY and some slow CW, with a focus on 160 and 80 metres FT8 between 00 and 07 UTC. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via WB0TEV (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 1-22 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 160-6m. QSL via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

VK9N - Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Patrick VK2PN and David VK3BDX will be active as VI9NI from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 1-14 April. They will operate FT8, CW and SSB on 160-17 metres with two stations. QSL via operators' instructions; logsearch on Club Log. Updates will be posted to https://www.facebook.com/VI9NI/. [TNX DX World]

VP8_so - The Perseverance DX Group (https://www.pdxg.net/) is organizing a DXpedition to the South Orkney Islands (AN-008, currently #16 in Club Log's most wanted listing and last activated in 2011 by VP8ORK) from approximately 21 February to 5 March 2020. Current team members include DJ9RR, HA0NAR, K3EL, K5GS, N6XG, N7QT, PY2PT, UT6UD, W1SRD, W2LK, W7XU and WA6O; plans are to sail from Punta Arenas (Chile) aboard the RV "Braveheart" and to be QRV from Signy Island with seven stations on 160-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. The callsign will be announced in due course. QSL via M0URX and LoTW. This activation "will be an expensive project with an

estimated budget of approximately USD 325,000. As with all DXpeditions into the Southern Ocean, the most expensive line item is the ship charter followed by freight". Please visit https://sorkney.com/ and consider making a donation.

VP9 - Look for VP9/KG8CO, VP9/W8KA, VP9/KB8TXZ, VP9/N8LJ and VP9/AC8W to operate CW, SSB and FT8 from Bermuda (NA-005) between 28 March and 2 April. QSL via LOTW, eQSL or via operators' instructions for paper QSLs. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP9I (QSL via LoTW or WW3S). [TNX AC8W]

Z6 - YOTA (Youngsters On The Air) operators TA7AOF, TA7AZC, Z63CAB, Z63DBB and Z63DBM will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as Z66Y from Kosovo. QSL via Z62FB. [TNX NG3K]

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J20DX ---> Permission has been granted for the J20DX team to overnight and stay up to 72 hours Kadda Dabali Island (AF-059) [425DXN 1449]. "Although not an ideal island in terms of some paths being blocked", the team says, "we do not yet know if it's possible to stay on another island and will only find out once we meet our boatman". As for the activity from IOTA group AF-053, their plans "remain unchanged". The team (MM0NDX, MM0OKG and EA3NT) will be signing J20DX from AF-059, J20DX/mm while at sea and J20DX/p from AF-053. On 14 April and possibly also on the 20th they will be QRV from the mainland (callsign pending). QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW; direct cards via M0SDV. See https://j20dx.com/ for updates and more information, including propagation prediction charts for each IOTA group. [TNX DX World]

T31EU ---> The final logs have been uploaded to Club Log and the OQRS has been enabled, the team reported on 18 March. T31EU made 39,161 QSOs with 11,832 unique callsigns (30.21%) between 17 February and 5 March.

Breakdown by continents

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| AS | 18185 | 46.4% |
| NA | 12029 | 30.7% |
| EU | 6656 | 17.0% |
| OC | 1559 | 4.0% |
| SA | 646 | 1.6% |
| AF | 84 | 0.2% |
| AN | 2 | 0.0% |

Breakdown by modes

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| CW | 16976 | 43.35% |
| FT8 | 15071 | 38.48% |
| SSB | 5426 | 13.86% |
| RTTY | 1688 | 4.31% |

The most productive bands were 40m with 8812 QSOs (22.5%), 20m with 7716 QSOs (19.7%) and 30m with 7221 QSOs (18.4%), followed by 80m/4611, 17m/4473, 15m/3588, 160m/1859, 12m/878 and 10m/3. "It was a long exhausting journey to the South Pacific with a great logistical effort and many imponderables, but finally we made it", the team says. "We enjoyed warm hospitality of the very friendly residents of the island and are richer by another adventure".

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9FR, 5R8UM, 5T2AI, 8P9AE, 9K2YM, 9Z4A, A35EU, A52IC, E51WL, EA9ACD, ET3AA, HD8M, LX1JX, MJ5Z, OA1F, OH10X (EU-192), PU0FDN, RI0B (AS-054, AS-087, AS-104 and AS-121), RI1ANW, S01WS, SN100POL, SV2ASP/A, TR8CR, V31YN, V73NS, VP8LP, VP9GE, VU2CPL, XT2SZZ, Z23MD, Z81D, ZY6C (SA-023).

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