6O     - Ali, EP3CQ has been back in Mogadishu, Somalia since 22 October for four weeks. In his spare time he will be active as 6O100 on 80-6 metres SSB and FT8. QSL direct to Ali Solhjoo, Schnackenburgstr. 3, 12159 Berlin, Germany.

CO     - Special event station CO0CB will be active on 26-29 October from Cayo Bariay, where Christopher Columbus made landfall in Cuba on 28 October 1492. Activity will be on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, or direct to CO8NDZ.

CY0    - Alan, VE1AWW was briefly active as VE1AWW/CY0 from Sable Island (NA-063) on 24 October. He plans to be again QRV at "irregular times" until 29 or 30 October, mainly on 20 and 40 metres SSB. QSL via home call.

F      - Celebrating the 30th anniversary since the UN General assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (20 November 1989), French special callsign TM30CDR will be active on 26-27 October, between 16-24 November, 30 November, 1 December and 2-5 January 2020. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via F6KUQ.

FK     - Thomas, F4HPX will be active holiday style as FK/F4HPX from Noumea, New Caledonia (OC-032) starting on 3 November. He plans to use "quite extensively FT4 for the first time", as well as SSB and "maybe a bit of automated CW". A side trip to Ile des Pins (OC-033) is also being planned. QSL via F4HPX (direct or bureau), Club Log, LoTW and eQSL.

FO     - Didier, F6BCW will be active as FO/F6BCW from Huahine (OC-067), French Polynesia on 25-30 October. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres. He will then move to Hiva Oa (Marquesas Islands), where he expects to be QRV on 40 and 20 metres again as FO/F6BCW on 4-5 November and on 19-25 November. In between, he will be one of the TX7T DXpedition operators. QSL FO/F6BCW direct to Didier Cadot, 180 rue du Moulin de la Coudre, 71440 Tronchy, France.

H40    - Grant K1ZW (H40KT) and Rob N7QT (H40TT) will be active from Pigeon Island (OC-065), Temotu Province on 14-28 November. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres with two stations and a focus on the low bands "following the sun". They hope to use H40TT from both stations, and - if time permits - to use H40KT during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. Planned frequencies are:

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QSL via M0URX's OQRS (direct or bureau), or direct only to Tim Beaumont, 83 Limbrick Avenue, Coventry, CV4 9EX, United Kingdom.
[TNX K5GS]

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active again as HC1MD/2 from the lighthouse at Capay on Hill, in the Santa Elena province of Ecuador, from 27 October to 9 November. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40, 30, 20 and 17m. QSL via LoTW, or direct to K8LJG.

I - The 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club will be active as 4U25B from 24 October until 31 August 2020 to mark the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base (since 2010 known as UN Global Service Center) in Brindisi DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA.

I - Members of the Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club (INORC) will operate CW only as II0IGB from 28 October to 8 November. A certificate will be available; full information can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/ii0igb. The special callsign memorializes Giuseppe Biagi, the radioman whose distress calls played a pivotal role in rescuing the survivors the airship "Italia". Born in 1897, Biagi passed away on 1 November 1965.

I - Once again special callsign IR3MD will be in use by ARI Rovereto on 1-30 November. The suffix stands for Maria Dolens, the mighty bell casted after World War I to commemorate the fallen in all wars. QSL via IN3MDR; information on the award can be found on qrz.com.

PA - Marcel, PD5MVH has been active as PD5MVH/p from Ameland Island (EU-038) since 19 October, and will remain there until 2 November. He operates QRP, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as PD38EU. QSLs via PD5MVH, direct or bureau.

PA - Celebrating the 33rd anniversary of the European DX Foundation, special callsigns PA33EUDXF, PB33EUDXF, PC33EUDXF, PD33EUDXF, PE33EUDXF, PF33EUDXF, PG33EUDXF, PH33EUDXF and PI33EUDXF will be activated during the month of November by EUDXF Dutch members. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via PA1AW. See http://www.eudxf.eu/ for information about the "33 EUDXF Award". Also taking part in the celebrations will be DL33EUDXF from Germany, LA33EUDXF from Norway, TM33EUDX from France (2-17 November) and possibly other special callsigns.

VE - Eric, VA2IDX will be active as VA2IDX/p from Anticosti Island (NA-077) on 2-6 November. He will operate CW QRP and possibly SSB on 40 and 20 metres around 20-02 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

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Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at [https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2019.html](https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2019.html) - good contest to you all!

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Access to the main functions of www.425dxn.org is provided by the 425DXN App for Android. It is available on Google Play - free of charge, no ads. Enjoy!
ARRL NEW ONLINE FORUMS ---> Three new online forums, hosted by Groups.io, have been opened where all radio amateurs - ARRL members and non-members alike - can discuss issues and topics in two-way conversation with ARRL leadership. "Aimed at enhancing communication among ARRL leadership, staff, members, and prospective members, in a manner that enables timely updates and collegial discussion", the new groups are:

* ARRL-Contesting moderated by Dennis Egan, W1UE, ARRL Contest Advisory Committee Chairman
* ARRL-Awards moderated by Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, ARRL Radiosport and Field Services Manager
* ARRL-IARU moderated by Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, IARU Secretary

For more information see "ARRL Creates New Online Groups for Members to Communicate with Leadership" on [http://www.arrl.org/news](http://www.arrl.org/news).

CLUB LOG GATEWAY ---> There is a new Club Log tool available for users (DXpedition teams and single operators alike) of Win-Test, N1MM and DXLog to upload to Club Log efficiently and reliably in real-time. The Club Log Gateway is a small command-line tool that is designed to run on a Windows, Mac or Linux computer. It stores a record of the QSO (including handling edits and deletes) in a database file that is sent periodically to Club Log. This is achieved in near real-time, including via slow connections such as satellite phones, using an extremely efficient and lightweight protocol that saves over 90% of the normal overheads of ADIF uploads. This means that real-time uploads are realistic, and not too hard to achieve. The payload is about 500 bytes for 35 QSOs. Using the gateway, you can push QSOs into Club Log within a few seconds. Full details and download links are here: [https://clublog.freshdesk.com/a/solutions/articles/3000093504](https://clublog.freshdesk.com/a/solutions/articles/3000093504)

IARU: TWO NEW MEMBER SOCIETIES ---> The IARU member-societies have voted to admit The Saudi Amateur Radio Society (SARS) and the Seychelles Amateur Radio Association (SARA) to membership. SARS (https://arsr.sa/en/) was founded on 25 June 2018 and is legally registered/recognized to represent the the amateurs of Saudi Arabia. As of January 2019 there were 66 members out of a total of 479 licensed radio amateurs in the country. SARA was founded in December 2018 and was registered with the Seychelles government on 31 December. SARA has six members, two of whom are licensed. It is believed that there are four licensed amateurs in Seychelles, a number that SARA hopes to increase. Saudi Arabia and Seychelles are located in ITU Region 1 which also corresponds to IARU Region 1. Their IARU membership became effective on 9 October 2019 upon completion of the voting procedure set out in the IARU Constitution. [Source: iaru.org]

NCDXF & CLUB LOG ---> The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) has awarded a grant of $4,000 to Club Log to support their capital needs for important IT system upgrades to move their system into the future. Michael, G7VJR, recently reached out to NCDXF with an inquiry for interest in support that triggered an immediate and overwhelming response from every NCDXF Director.

Following NCDXF's action, Michael is quoted: "For some time now, I've been anxious to provide a more resilient way to run Club Log. With 70,000 active users, and most significant expeditions depending upon it, it's vital to keep Club Log working around the clock - but until now the expense has been
prohibitive. Club Log depends on donations for its running costs, but to fund a capital project like this takes the financial backing of a foundation that takes the lead and supports expeditions and DX-related projects at a really high level. NCDXF has made an extraordinary grant to Club Log, giving me an opportunity to unlock all the work that I need to do in this area. Many thanks to the foundation and its members for this tremendous boost to Club Log. The newly-upgraded servers will launch in early 2020. NCDXF fully supports the Club Log mission and its dedicated team of volunteers that is creating an invaluable service to the DXing community. [TNX AA7A]

QSL VIA K7MT ---> Effective 18 October 2019, Bill Erhardt (K7MT) is the QSL Manager for KC4AAA (Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station), KC4AAC (Palmer Station on Anvers Island, AN-012) and KC4USV (McMurdo Station on Ross Island, AN-011). The former QSL manager (Larry Skilton, K1IED) passed away on 2 June 2018. N2OO, W1GD and the QSL Manager's Society were able to recover the logs and blank cards from Larry's family, and to pass them along to K7MT. More information, including the dates of activities for which logs are available, can be found on the QRZ pages for each Antarctic call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

SABLE ISLAND 2020 ---> On 20 October Murray, WA4DAN went on a reconnaissance trip to Sable Island to meet with the on-island Parks Canada staff to work out details for the 2020 DXpedition [425DXN 1463]. He also set up a station and worked 200 stations in 31 countries in a brief propagation test as CY0/WA4DAN on 14200 kHz. The day after he met with the Parks Canada Sable Island manager in Halifax to determine the size of the DXpedition team and the exact dates for the operation. Details will be published on a CY0 website to be launched soon.

VP6R ---> As of 01.00 UTC on 25 October, the VP6R DXpedition to Pitcairn Island had approximately 47,000 contacts in the log. "Late yesterday we were hit with a tropical storm with torrential rain and gale force plus winds", the team reported on 25 October. "We had several antennas come down, but they are repairable and will be back up when it is safe to go outside". They "have been working a lot of FT8 on all the bands (except 160m so far) and find that this 'weak' signal mode is putting a lot of new and unique callsigns into the log, proving that this mode is valuable for a great many". VP6R operates FT8 "Fox & Hound" mode, which means that you
1. MUST use WSJT-X version 2.1.0 (any other version is incompatibile!)
2. MUST be in F/H mode
3. MUST be in SPLIT mode (in WSJT-X program, not your radio)
4. MUST set your transmit frequency above 1000 Hz
"When conditions are good and everyone has FT8 set up properly", the team says, "we have seen peak rates over 1000 contacts/hour and often sustained rates of 400 contacts/hour from a single station! And, yes, it is possible for one person to operate two stations at once. We do it often.
We will be on 160m (1.836 MHz) with FT8 F/H starting 00.00 UTC on 29 October. Depending upon success, we might spend additional time in that mode on 160m".
VP6R will shut down temporarily at about 22 UTC on 25 October to prepare for the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. They will be in the Multi/Multi category on all bands. After the contest they will be back in "DXpedition mode" until 31
October.

As for QSLing, the QSL manager for the VP6R is Craig, K9CT, and the address for direct mail QSLing is: The Pitcairn Island DXpedition, P.O. Box 73, Elmwood IL 61529, USA. The preferred method of QSLing, however, is via Club Log's OQRS, which will be activated only when the final log has been uploaded. Donors will get early LoTW upload.

WRC-19 --> The World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 is due to open in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on 28 October. The meeting, which lasts four weeks, will be attended by three thousand delegates from most of the countries around the world, and will discuss and agree changes to the ITU Radio Regulations.

IARU and its member-societies will be there, representing the amateur and amateur satellite services with a team of 14 people from 10 countries. Of particular interest to IARU are the positions on five Agenda Items (AI):

- AI 1.1, to allocate spectrum in the 50-54 MHz Region in Region 1 to the amateur service
- AI 1.13, to consider new spectrum of International Mobile Telecommunications, which potentially might impact amateur spectrum at around 47 GHz
- AI 1.16, which could impact the 5 GHz amateur spectrum
- AI 9.1.6 on Wireless Power Transmission, where harmonics of WPT systems can impact the MF/HF radio spectrum
- AI 10, where it is possible that future agenda items at WRC-23 could impact the amateur service, including the 1240-1300 MHz band.

This meeting is the culmination of four years' work by IARU in ITU and regional telecommunications organizations to protect and enhance amateur service frequency allocations. The IARU team will provide updates as the Conference progresses. The WRC has a wide-ranging agenda of which the amateur issues are but a small part. [Source: iaru.org]

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