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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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Owing to the ongoing and fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation globally, announced activities might be postponed or cancelled at any time and without notice.

4X - Celebrating Chanukah, 4X0NER (the suffix stands for "candle" in Hebrew) and other eight special callsigns whose suffixes spell the word "Chanukah" (4X1C, 4X2H, 4Z3A, 4X4N, 4X5U, 4X6K, 4Z7A and 4X8H) will be active from 14 UTC on 10 December until 21.59 UTC on 19 December: https://www.iarc.org/iarc/Content/docs/Chanukah.pdf. QSL via LoTW, or via 4Z5MU. A "Chanukah-2020" certificate will be made available for download on the IARC website.

8Q - Marko, N5ZO (8Q7ZO) and Oliver, W6NV (8Q7NV) have been active from the Maldives (AS-013) since 22 November, and will remain there until 2 December. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as 8Q7ZO as a Multi-Op entry. QSL 8Q7ZO via LoTW or direct to OH0XX; QSL 8Q7NV direct to W6NV. [TNX NG3K]

C6 - AA7JV, W6IZT, W8HC and KN4EEI have been active as C6AGU from Wood Cay (OC-001), Bahamas since 24 November. They "are testing a newly developed DXpedition system", and should like to get honest signal reports. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via HA7RY. [TNX The Daily DX]

CT - Valdemar, CT7AQD will be active as CQ750RSI throughout 2021 to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth of Aragon (1271-1336), queen consort of Portugal and patron saint of the city of Coimbra. QSL via home call. [TNX CT7AQD]

EA - Special callsign EF42C will be active from 28 November to 13 December to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of the promulgation of the Spanish Constitution of 1978, which marked the culmination of the transition of Spain to democracy. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to EB5R.

EA - EA5BJ/p, EA5EL/p, EA5RM/p and EA5BCQ/p will be active from Tabarca Island (EU-093) on 2-6 December. They will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]

F - TM63SC ("Santa Claus") is a special callsign for Jean-Pierre, F8DZU to use between 30 November and 30 December to celebrate this year's Christmas Holiday Season. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F8REF]

F - Special event station TM13TLT will be activated on 4-5 December for the annual French Telethon, the fund-raising event encouraging support for research on genetic diseases. QSL via eQSL, or direct to F5RIJ.

F - Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, the Radio Club du Val d'Issole (F8KGH) will be active as TM20XMAS and TM21HNY. QSL via eQSL.

G - During the month of December, the Welland Valley Amateur Radio Society will be running special callsigns GB1XMS (from the shack of G1IVG), GB2XMS (from the shack of G4ISN), GB5XMS (from the shack of G4XEX) and GB9XMS (from the shack of G0SFJ) to celebrate Christmas and say farewell to 2020. QSL via eQSL and LoTW.

HL_ssh - Lee, DS4NMJ is a member of the 34th overwintering team at the King Sejong Station on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). The icebreaker "Araon" is expected to reach first the Jang Bogo Station in Terra Nova Bay (Antarctica) around 4 December, and then King George Island by mid-January 2021. Lee will be QRV as DT8A through the end of the year. QSL via DS5TOS. The log will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

I - II1DCC ("Drake & Collins Collectors") is the special callsign for a "vintage activity" to be conducted from 1 December 2020 until 31 December 2021. Marco, IK1RAE and other operators will use exclusively Drake and Collins pieces of equipment, and will be QRV on the HF bands (30, 17 and 12 metres excluded) SSB, CW and maybe AM. QSL via the bureau to IK1RAE. A certificate will be available; see https://www.qrz.com/db/II1DCC for information. [TNX IK1RAE]

I - The Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club's station IQ1NM will be activated during the 40th edition of the INORC Contest (5-6 December). It will also commemorate the 10th anniversary of the death of Nicola Mastroviti, IT9XNM (1912-2010), who founded INORC back in October 1976. See https://www.qrz.com/db/iq1nm for complete information. [TNX IN3MDR]

I - ARI Grosseto (IQ5GR) will be active as IO5CNPP on 6-20 December in remembrance of the Heroes of Chernobyl, the "liquidators" - whose Memorial Day Ukraine observes on 14 December - who were called upon to deal with consequences of the 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster. A certificate will be available, complete details can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/IQ5GR. [TNX IV3KKW]

LU - Hernan, LU7EHR will be active as LU7EHR/E from Isla Martin Garcia (SA-055) on 5-8 December. He will operate FT8 on 80-2 metres, and SSB on 80, 60 and 40 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call; logsearch on Club Log.

LZ - The radio club located at the elementary school "Aleko Konstantinov" in Dimitrovgrad will be active as LZ1XMAS on 1-31 December "to promote the hobby among young people and to share our Christmas spirit". Look for main activity to take place on 40 and 20 metres SSB between 12 and 14 UTC. "The operators will be students aged between 10 and 13, without much experience, so we ask for your patience and understanding". QSL via LZ1KAK.

PA - Special callsigns PA20XMAS, PB20CLAUS and PD20SANTA will be active on 1-31 December. QSL cards will not be issued, but a certificate will be available for download (https://www.qrz.com/db/PA20XMAS).

S5 - Special event station S521PMC will be active from 4 December to 3 January 2021 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 2-3

January (see http://www.s59dcd.si/ for complete information).

YB - Ten operators, including a few newcomers, will be active as 7C9B from Sumbawa Island (OC-150) on 1-10 December. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via DL3KZA. [TNX DX World]

YI - Giorgio, IU5HWS (previously active as YI/IU5HWS and YI9/IU5HWS) has received his licence [425DXN 1539] and has been active as YI9WS since 25 November. He expects to remain in Iraq and be QRV in his spare time until around 20 January. QSL direct to Giorgio Toma, Via Settembrini 5, 57128 Livorno LI, Italy; the YI9WS log will be uploaded to LoTW.

CQ WW DX CW CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (28-29 November):

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	COUNTRY	QSL VIA
02	VE2IM	SOAB HP	Canada	LoTW/VE3DZ
02	VE2NCG	SOSB 15m	Canada	LoTW
05	VP9I	SOAB LP	Bermuda	LoTW/WW3S
07	TI7W	SOAB HP	Costa Rica	M0URX
08	8P1W	SOAB	Barbados	KU9C
08	J8/UR5BCP	SO LP	Saint Vincent	KD7WPJ
08	KP2B	SOSB 20m	Virgin Isls	EB7DX
08	KP3DX	SOAB	Puerto Rico	N4AO
08	NP2J	SOSB 160m	Virgin Isls	LoTW/K8RF
08	NP3X	SO LP	Puerto Rico	EB7DX
08	VP5M	SO	Turks & Caicos Isls	LoTW/K4QPL
08	WP3C	M/S	Puerto Rico	W3HNK
08	ZF1A	SOAB HP	Cayman Isls	LoTW/K7ZO
09	P40W	SOAB	Aruba	LoTW/N2MM
09	PJ4/DL6KR	SOSB	Bonaire	DL6KR
09	PJ4/KU8E	SO HP	Bonaire	K4BAI
09	PJ4A	SOSB 40m	Bonaire	LoTW/K4BAI
11	PQ3B		Brazil	PP5BZ
11	ZP9MCE	SOAB	Paraguay	LoTW/EA5ZD
14	CR2X	SOSB 15m	Azores	OH2BH
14	EA6FO	SOAB HP	Balearic Isls	LoTW
14	GU4CHY	SOSB 20m	Guernsey	GU4CHY
14	GU4YOX	SOSB 40m	Guernsey	LoTW/GU4YOX
14	HB9CC	M/S	Switzerland	LotW/HB9KNY
14	LN8W	M/M	Norway	LoTW/LA6YEA
14	OY1CT	SOAB	Faroe Isls	LoTW
14	OZ5E	M/S	Denmark	OZ1ACB
14	SI9AM	M/?	Sweden	SM3FJF
15	OH5Z	M/2	Finland	LoTW
15	OH0R	SOSB 80m	Aland Isls	OH2PM
15	OH0Z	M/S	Aland Isls	W0MM
15	YT5A	M/M	Serbia	YT1AD
21	4L8A	SOSB 20m	Georgia	LoTW/M0OXO
21	9K2K	SOAB	Kuwait	LoTW/EC6DX
22	8Q7ZO	M/?	Maldives	LotW/OH0XX
25	D73A		Korea	EA5GL
28	9M6NA	SOAB LP	East Malaysia	LoTW

28	YB0ECT	SOSB 20m	Indonesia	W2FB
28	YB2DX	SOAB	Indonesia	LoTW/YB2DX
30	VK2IA	M/S	Australia	DK2BJ
31	KH7M	SOAB	Hawaii	I0MWI/KH6ZM
31	KH7Q		Hawaii	LoTW
32	ZL3X	M/S	New Zealand	LoTW
32	ZM1A	SO	New Zealand	LoTW/ZL3CW
32	ZM4T	M/2	New Zealand	LoTW
33	3V8SS	SOAB LP	Tunisia	Lotw/LX1NO
33	CR3W	M/?	Madeira Isls	LoTW/DL5AXX
33	EA8RM	SOAB	Canary Isls	LoTW/EB7DX
33	IH9YMC	SOSB	African Italy	LoTW
35	5T3WW		Mauritania	
40	JW7GIA	SO	Svalbard	M0OXO
40	TF3W	SOSB 20m	Iceland	LoTW/TF3MH

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqc2020.html - good contest to you all!

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T6AA: LOW BAND ACTIVITY ---> "Unfortunately, I have to report that the QRM from many different sources at my QTH now makes 160m operation next to impossible", Robert S53R (T6AA and T6A) posted to qrz.com on 20 November. "While it was already very bad during the last season, it has now gone beyond repair. I have installed three different RX systems, to no avail. The last nail in the coffin was the installation of an array of large LED flood lights. The whole spectrum is affected, but 160 at the bottom and 10 & 6m at the other end, are worst off. I will continue trying, although I'm afraid the best times for these bands, for as much as they were, are gone".

YOTA MONTH ---> The Youngsters On The Air group will be active again during the entire month of December. The idea for this event is to show the amateur radio hobby to youth and to encourage youngsters to be active on the ham radio waves. Announced participating stations include 7X2YOTA, 7X3YOTA, 9A0YOTA, 9A20YOTA, AP20YOTA, CN8YOTA, DB0YOTA, E71YOTA, EI0YOTA, ES9YOTA, GB20YOTA, HA6YOTA, HG0YOTA, HL0YOTA, II1YOTA, II9YOTA, K8A, K8O, K8T, K8Y, LY5YOTA, LZ0YOTA, OD5YOTA, OH2YOTA, OL20YOTA, OM20YOTA, ON4YOTA, PA6YOTA, PB6YOTA, SH9YOTA, TC20YOTA, TF3YOTA, TM20YOTA, YL20YOTA, YT20YOTA, Z30YOTA and Z39YOTA. QSLs via LoTW. Paper cards via Club Log's OQRS (direct only) or via M0SDV (direct only). Information about the event and the awards can be found on https://events.ham-yota.com/.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2TS, 4U25B, 5Z4PA, 6O1OO, 7V9A, 7X2HF, CQ3W, E51JD, ET3AA, ID9OSC (EU-017), J35X, LA9PJA/p (EU-033), LA9VFA, MD0CCE, MD2C, OD5VB, PI75ZUT, R207RRC (AS-207), S79VU, TL0A, TO9W, TT8SN, VP5/AA5UK, VP5P, WL7CG, XF3LL (NA-090), YB9YKI (OC-147), YS1AG, ZB2R, ZF2MJ.

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