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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 cut short, postponed, cancelled or even extended at any time and without notice.

5N - 5N9JLH is the callsign issued to Jean-Louis Haye, ZS6AAG, who was recently active as 5N7MSF [425DXN 1568]. He works for Medecins Sans Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders), and will be QRV during his spare time and the weekends until 15 September. [TNX The Daily DX]

A3 - Masa, JA0RQV left Japan on 14 April. His final destination is Tonga, where he expects to remain through October and be active as A35JP [425DXN 1565]. He is still stuck in Fiji, though: he spent two weeks in Managed Isolation and Quarantine, then flights to Tonga were suspended until the Covid-19 situation in Fiji improves. "I will update as soon as new schedule decided", he posted to his blog (https://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv) on 27 May.

C6 - Look for C6AHA to be active from the Bimini Islands (NA-048), Bahamas on 14-21 July. A large team (AC6ZM, K4KSW, KK4PHD, KN4CV, KN4KJC, N4QBS, N4RRR, NN2T and WA8Y) will operate SSB, CW and FT8 with up to five stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via K4KSW.

EA - Georgette ON6AK/EA5HZC, Jean ON5JV/EA5HZB and Paco ON6LP/EA5GVJ will be active as EH5SUB during the Museum Ships Weekend (5-6 June). Activity will take place from the "Delfin", a submarine formerly in service with the Spanish Navy, and now moored in Torre-vieja. QSL via EA5GVJ. [TNX ON5JV]

F - Commemorating the 77th anniversary of the D-Day landings, members of the Association des Radioamateurs de l'Orne will operate special event station TM6UB from a bunker at Saint-Martin-de-Varreville (Utah Beach) on 5-6 June. QSL via operator's instructions.

F - TM5PH will be activated from Pierre-sur-Haute (1634 metres a.s.l.) in the Parc Regional du Livradois-Forez on 5-6 June during the Championnat de France THF (from 144 MHz to 47 GHz). Part of the team, however, will be QRV on the HF bands. QSL via F5RQQ. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

F - Special callsign TM1PAR (the suffix stands for "parachute") will be active on 5-19 June to memorialize the 80th anniversary of the first of thousands of airdrops of supplies and arms to resistance groups in occupied France during WWII. QSL via the bureau to F5RRZ. [TNX F6AJA]

G - GB0UTA, GB1UTA and GB5UTA will be active between 1 and 28 June promoting Amateur Radio among the 450,000 strong University of the Third Age (U3A), an organisation that aims to help people learn, stay active and have fun in later life. QSL GB0UTA via eQSL; QSL

GB1UTA via LoTW and eQSL; QSL GB5UTA via eQSL or direct to G4GUG.

GM - Five operators from the Cray Valley Radio Society (namely G0FDZ, G0VJG, G2NF, M0SDV and M0XII/EI5IX) will be active as GM3RCV from Ceann Ear, Monach Islands (EU-111) on 22-27 July. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as MM8C. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

I - The United Nations Global Service Centre ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as 4U29MAY until 30 June. QSL via 9A2AA. The special callsign promotes the International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29 May). DXCC wise, it counts for Italy.

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from Greenland between 8 June and 10 July. He plans to be QRV on 6 and 4 metres ("but you will find me on HF too") from several locations along the southwest coast of Greenland, starting from grid locator GP60xr (Qaqortoq) and later from GP70, GP80 and possibly others. This will include IOTA activities from NA-018, NA-220 and NA-151. He will be QRV in his spare time, typically around lunch time and after dinner (local time is UTC-2), also at night and in the morning hours during the weekends. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to OZ0J.

OZ - Volker, DJ8VW is active as 5P8VW from Romo Island (EU-125) from 21 May to 10 June. He operates SSB, CW and FT8 on all bands, with a focus on 6 and 4 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, eQSL, or direct to DJ8VW.

OZ - Special callsign 5P2UEFA will be active from 11 June to 11 July during UEFA EURO 2020, the quadrennial men's football (soccer) championship of Europe that this year will be hosted by multiple cities, Copenhagen included. Originally scheduled for 2020, the tournament has been postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. A special award will be available for working 5P2UEFA/xx stations using different suffix extensions; see https://www.qrz.com/db/5P2UEFA for complete information.

PA - Jan PA7X, Ruud PD0RH and Willem PA3CNI will operate SSB and CW as PA827HGV from the "Hoogeveen", a decommissioned minesweeper now moored in Den Helder, during the Museum Ships Weekend (5-6 June). QSL via operators' instructions.

SM - Lars, SM6CUK will be active holiday style as SA6G/7 from Ven Island (EU-137) on 7-12 June. He will operate CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via SM6CUK and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

T7 - Members of the ARRSM Radio Club (T70A) are active as T71CC between 21 May to 5 June for the 17th edition of the COTA Award (see https://www.cota.cc/). QSL via LoTW, or direct to ARRSM Radio Club, Casella Postale 77, 47890 San Marino, Repubblica di San Marino.

UA - Special callsigns R90WTA and UE90WTA will be active from 29 May to 5 June in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Russian Military Transport Aviation (1 June 1931). QSLs via RV3YR.

UA - R6AW, R7LP, RU3EG, RU5D, RX3F, RX6CM and UA6MF will be active as R24NEW - possibly also as homecall/p - from Bakal'skij (Peschanyj) Island (EU-180, RRA RR-24-10 for the Russian Robinson Award: https://hamlog.online/geo/rra/) on 22-27 June. Plans are to operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres with three stations. QSL R24NEW via Club Log's OQRS, or via UA6MF.

VP2V - Gary, NC3Z will be active as VP2V/NC3Z from Tortola, British Virgin

Islands (NA-023) on 2-14 June. He will operate SSB and the FT modes. QSL via LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Matt, AF2F is active again as AF2F/W4 from Hatteras Island (NA-067) from 25 May to 6 June. He operates CW and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call. [TNX DX World]

W - Bruce, K5TEN will be active again as K4D from Dog Island (NA-085) on 7-18 June. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-6 metres. QSL direct to home call; he will upload his log to LoTW and eQSL.

YB - Jilly, YB1JYL and others will be active as YB1JYL/7 from Sebuku Island (OC-166) on 10-11 June. They will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via EA5GL.

ZL - ZL25NZ is the special callsign for Jacky, ZL3CW to celebrate the 25th anniversary since he immigrated to New Zealand. The callsign is valid for one year, and Jacky will use for the first time during this weekend's CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via ZL3CW and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

CQ WW WPX CW CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (29-30 May):

Call	Category	Country	QSL
4L8A	SOSB 20m	Georgia	LoTW/M0OXO
8P1W	SOAB LP	Barbados	KU9C
9M6NA	SOAB LP	East Malaysia	LoTW
C7A	M/S	Austria	UA3DX
D4Z		Cape Verde	LoTW/IK2NCJ
E2A	M/2	Thailand	LoTW/E21EIC
HV0A		Vatican City	LoTW/IK0FVC
MM1E	SO	Scotland	LoTW
OG2B	SO	Finland	OH2GEK
OG60BBM	SO	Finland	LoTW/OH0XX
OH0W	MO	Aland Islands	LoTW/OH2BH
OH100SRAL	MO	Finland	LoTW/OH100SRAL
OH2A	MO	Finland	LoTW/OH2A
OH6SRAL	SO	Finland	
OI3AX	SO	Finland	OI3AX
OL57ZW	SOAB LP	Czech Republic	OK1YM
P40A		Aruba	WD9DZV
P44W	SOAB	Aruba	LoTW/N2MM
P49Y		Aruba	LoTW/AE6Y
TM4Y		France	F6KGL
TM6KJS		France	F6KJS
TO3F	SO	Martinique	ON4RU
VB3E	SO	Canada	VE3AT
VC2W	SOAB HP	Canada	LoTW/VA2WA
VC3T	SO	Canada	LoTW/VE3DZ
VP5M	M/S	Turks & Caicos	LoTW/K4QPL
VX31IGY	M/S	Canada	VE3NE
XM2Z		Canada	LoTW
YB0ECT	SOSB 20m HP	Indonesia	W2FB
YB2DX	SOAB	Indonesia	LoTW/YB2DX
ZL25NZ	SO	New Zealand	LoTW/ZL3CW

ZP5AA SO Paraguay ZP5DBC
Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxc2021.html - good contest to you all!

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CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2021 ---> Held online on 20 May, CTU 2021 is now available for watching on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-esob7BPtc. Presentations included:

"Cloud Contesting - Live Demonstration" by WW2DX	starts at 00:15
"Preparing Your Station for Competition" by W3LPL	01.09
"Contest Categories - Make the Most of Your Entry" by M0DXR	02:06
Memorial reading of the Silent Keys for 2021 by K1AR	03:08
"Youth - the Future of Contesters" by DK6SP	03:40
"Contesting from Russia" by UA9BA	04:39
"There is Nothing Magic About Propagation" by CT1BOH	05:38
"Transceiver Performance for the HF DX and Contest Operator" by NC0B	06:39
2021 CQ Contest Hall of Fame by K1AR	07:37

Also available is the recording of the 2021 Hamvention Forums, held online on 21 May: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZhL979mgas.

JW0W ---> The 21-26 July IOTA DXpedition to Prins Karls Forland (EU-063) [425DXN 1566] has set up a website to provide information and updates: http://www.jw0w.no. The current team include five operators (EA3HSO, LB1QI, LB5GI, LA7GIA and LA8OM) plus the person in charge of security, "as the risk of being greeted by polar bears at some point of our stay is high". PayPal donations to help offset some of the costs will be gratefully accepted, see the website for the details.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND ---> Sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (NJ2BB), this year's Museum Ships Weekend will be held from 00.00 UTC on 5 June until 23.59 UTC on the 6th. Information on the event, including the listing of expected participating ships, can be found at https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/.

OH NORTHERN LIGHT 100-YEAR CERTIFICATE ---> The Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL) is celebrating its 100th anniversary. To earn the "OH Northern Light 100-year Certificate" (OH-NL-100), contact fifty OH and fifty OF stations during 2021 (a special OF prefix will be launched to all OH stations on 15 September), and ten "multipliers" [425DXN 1559]. Multiplying your QSO points (maximum 100) by your multiplier value (max 10) will give you your score - maximum of 1000 points. For easy logging, please use the special activity sheet: https://www.sral.fi/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SRAL-100_Logging.pdf. Six multipliers will be QRV during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest: OG2B (activated

by OH7EA), OH0W (activated by OH2GEK, OH2TA and OH6KZP), OH100SRAL (activated by OH1AJ and OH1NDA), OH2A (activated by OH2BCI, OH5BQ and OH2KW), OH6SRAL (activated by OH6NVC) and OI3AX (activated by OH5LLR). [TNX OH2BH)

WSJT-X 2.4.0 ---> The WSJT Development Group has announced the General Availability release of WSJT-X Version 2.4.0. It includes the new digital mode Q65, which is designed for minimal two-way QSOs over especially difficult propagation paths including ionospheric scatter, troposcatter, rain scatter, TEP, EME, and other types of fast-fading signals. Details and operating hints can be found in the "Quick-Start Guide to Q65":
https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/Q65_Quick_Start.pdf
Links to WSJT-X 2.4.0 installation packages for Windows, Linux and Macintosh are available on http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html.

+ SILENT KEY + Reinaldo Leandro Rodriguez, YV5AM (ex YV5AMH) passed away in Miami, Florida on 23 May aged 79. A career diplomat for 36 years, he was a consul in France and the United States, as well as the Venezuelan ambassador to Nicaragua, Panama, Finland, Belgium, Argentina and the Vatican City. First licensed in 1960, he joined IARU Region 2 in 1998 and held several positions; notably he served as the president of the Executive Committee from 2007 to 2019. An avid DXer with 338/352 current/total Entities in the DXCC Mixed, he was also a successful contester, especially in the M/M category with the YW4M and YV4A teams in the CQ WW WPX SSB and CQ WW DX SSB contests. Besides operating as /W5, /I0, /OH2, /OH0, /LU, YN1AM and HP1YV, he participated in four DXpeditions to Aves Island - YV0AA (1984), YX0AI (1992), YV0D (2004) and YX0A/YX0LIX (2006) - and in several IOTA operations from Venezuelan islands.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 5I5TT (AF-032), 6O1OO, 7D5RI (OC-245), CO6HZ, D4Z, DP0POL/mm, FK8IK, HL3GOB, JR2TER/p (AS-024),JX2US, LY1R, NL0H (NA-040), OD5TX, OG66X, OY9JD, R207RRC (AS-207), RI0Q (AS-152), SX2A, T6AA, T88SS, TM2U (EU-081), TZ4AM, VK0PD, VR2BLEE, WW6RG/KH9, ZS7ANF.

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