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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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*           TO ALL OUR READERS           *
* WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES *
*           FOR A BETTER NEW YEAR       *
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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.

- 6W - Jacques, F6HMJ will be active as 6W7/F6HMJ from Senegal from 29 December to 22 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]
- DL - Club station DL0IMO will operate special callsign DR50BAWA throughout 2022 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the DARC's Intruder Monitoring Service (<https://www.intruder-monitoring.de/>). QSL via the bureau. Started in 1972 and formerly known as Bandwacht, the Intruder Monitoring is the German branch of the IARU Monitoring System, whose primary objective is the search, classification, identification and initiation of steps leading to the removal from amateur bands of radio signals of non-amateur stations causing harmful interference to the amateur services.
- EI - Special callsign EI90IRTS will be activated throughout 2022 to celebrate the 90th anniversary since the founding of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society, Ireland's IARU society. QSL via EI6AL.
- FS - David, F8AAN will be active again as FS/F8AAN from Saint Martin (NA-105) on 1-20 January. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to home call. [TNX DX World]
- G - GB100BBC is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary of the British Broadcasting Corporation throughout 2022. The BBC was formed on 18 October 1922, and daily radio broadcasts began on 14 November. GB100BBC will be on air from the BBC Radio Group's shack at BBC Broadcasting House in central London, as well as from other BBC premises and members' home QTHs around the UK. QSL via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL; direct cards will not be accepted.
- I - The World Radiosport Team Championship, which was due to be held in Bologna on 6-11 July 2022, has been postponed to 2023 "in consideration of the worldwide public health challenges from the Covid-19 pandemic" [425DXN 1565]. To promote the event and keep the interest alive, however, ten special callsigns will be activated between 1 January 2022 and the end of the IARU HF Championship (10 July at 11.59 UTC). Look for II1WRTC, II2WRTC, II3WRTC, II4WRTC, II5WRTC,

II6WRTC, II7WRTC, II8WRTC, II9WRTC and II0WRTC to be QRV on the HF bands CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. A certificate for working the special stations will be available after the end of the event; see <https://www.wrtc2022.it/en/wrtc2022-award-19.asp> for the rules and the real-time scoreboard.

- OX - Nils, SM3UQK has been based at the Nerlerit Inaat Airport in eastern Greenland (NA-018) since 18 December, and will remain there until 4 January. In his spare time he is QRV as OX/SE3A mainly on 20 metres. QSL via SM3UQK, direct or bureau.
- OZ - Queen Margrethe II acceded to the Danish throne on the death of her father Frederik IX (14 January 1972). Celebrating Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee, special callsign OZ50Q will be activated on 1-31 January. A number of certificates will be available; complete information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ50Q>.
- OZ - Special callsign OZ50DDXG will be activated throughout 2022 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Danish DX Group, founded on 27 May 1972. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB. Various certificates will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ50DDXG> for complete information. [TNX OZ1IKY]
- PJ7 - Jeff, VA3QSL will be active holiday style as PJ7/VA3QSL from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 4 January to 6 February. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW.
- PY - Rafael, PP2OK and Robson, PY6TV will be active as ZY6A from Ilha dos Frades (SA-023) on 20-23 January. Rafael will operate SSB (7163, 14230, 21275 and 28475 kHz) and Robson will operate CW (7018, 14018, 21018 and 28018 kHz). QSL direct to PY6TV; logsearch on Club Log.
- SP - Dominik SQ9ORN, Maciek SP9RBL, Pawel SN9PJ and Thomas SP9TL will be active "out in the field" between 1 January and 14 December 2022, and will operate special callsigns HF9FIELD (January, April, July and October), SN9FIELD (February, May, August and November) and SP9FIELD (March, June, September and December). QSL via eQSL. A certificate will be available for working the 3 special stations; the details will be published on <https://www.qrz.com/db/HF9FIELD>.
- UA0 - Special callsign R075F will be active from 1 January to 28 February to mark the 75th anniversary since the formation of present-day Sakhalin oblast. QSL via LoTW; paper QSLs will not be issued.
- UN - Celebrating the New Year, the Almaty Amateur Radio League, in cooperation with the Association of Amateur Radio Services of Kazakhstan, will be active as UP2022HNY, UO2022HNY, UN2022HNY and UP2022SG (the suffix stands for Snegurochka, the "Snow Maiden") from 25 December to 14 January. QSL via LoTW; two certificates will be available on <https://hamlog.online/>.
- W - The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006, will run on 2-31 January. Look for K3Y to be aired from the ten US call areas (K3Y/0 through K3Y/9), plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>.
- Z3 - Michael, DF8AN will be QRV as Z38/DF8AN from Skopje, North Macedonia from 29 December to 5 January. He will operate CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; he does not use LoTW.

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2022 CONTEST UNIVERSITY ---> Registration is now open for the 2022 Contest University (CTU), to be held on 19 May at the Hope Hotel near Dayton, Ohio. See <https://www.contestuniversity.com/> for the details. This is a new venue for all contest-related activities taking place during the Dayton Hamvention (CTU, Contest Super Suite, Top Band Dinner, Contest Dinner, etc).

3Y0J: LATEST NEWS ---> The companies that will supply the team with the tents and the masts for the yagi antennas have been selected, and plans are in place for practising the critical beach landing by inflatable boat throughout the current winter season in Norway.

Cezar, VE3LYC and Otis, NP4G have joined the DXpedition, while three other operators (VE7NY, HA0NAR and RA9USU) have dropped out of the team "due to various health and personal issues".

The team reports that "more than \$130,000 out of the total budget" have been spent so far. "We have reached an income level of \$500,000", they say, "but still critically need additional \$160,000 support to be able to make it. Going to Bouvet is a huge undertaking financially as all our expenses are upfront. If you want to have the opportunity to work the rare #2 DXCC Bouvet Island, please consider to donate upfront". Read the complete Press Release #7 on the DXpedition's website (<https://www.3y0j.no/>).

DREAM BIG AND DARE TO FAIL ---> "Regretfully, none of the expedition projects I worked on during the course of 2021 came to fruition", Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC says. "While I couldn't move any new project forward, I did spend quite a bit of time though writing a book about the past ones". Its title is "Dream Big and Dare to Fail", and it is "addressed to all radio amateurs, chasers and activators alike. It will take you through the voyages I carried out as a solo operator or team member of various radio expeditions, from the Arctic to the Sub-Antarctic regions. You will join me along each journey and discover the challenges encountered in bringing on the air remote islands belonging to 25 IOTA references, 19 of which ranked in the Top #30 on the IOTA Most Wanted List out of 1136 groups activated to date. Apart from its documentary aspect I wished to provide, I hope that its reading will encourage everyone to pursue his/her own adventure dream, whichever may be, and strengthen his/her resolve in coping with all the ups and downs that it may entail. This project also gave me a new opportunity to acknowledge many of those who helped me bring my own adventure dreams to life".

The book (240 pages, full color, with 516 illustrations) will be available for purchase in early January and orders accepted via PayPal. The website (<https://ve3lyc-book.weebly.com/>) will be updated with the details over the next couple of weeks. For the time being, any inquiries and expressions of interest can be addressed to the author at ve3lyc@hotmail.com.

ROCKALL 2022 ---> The dates for the entire trip [425DXN 1594] have changed to 6-19 June. Weather permitting, Nobby, G0VJG aims to be active from the island as MM0UKI/p for 1-2 days during that time frame. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Follow Nobby on Twitter (@G0vjg) for updates. [TNX DX World]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 8J1RL, 9J2BS, 9V1ZV, CB0ZZ, CS2CAT, D60AB, HC2AO, IP1X (EU-083), J5HKT (AF-020), J5T (AF-020), L22D (SA-022), LT0X (SA-087), PC20SAIL, PJ4A, PU0FDN, S9OK, SX200ME, TA0/R7AA (AS-201), V3A, VK0PD, VK5MAV/p (OC-228), XQ1KZ, YI1WWA.

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