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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3Y0J ---> Team 3Y0J departed Port Stanley, Falkland Islands around 17.30 UTC on 17 January - later than planned, because part of their equipment had been stuck in the UK and they had to wait for it to arrive. As of the UTC early afternoon hours of 20 January, the "Marama" had travelled a bit more than half of the 1446 km (900 miles) from Port Stanley to South Georgia Island. The speed has been 7-9 mph so far, as the skipper wants to avoid running into the remains of a storm before going full sail. The distance from South Georgia to Bouvet Island is 2547 km (1583 miles). The team does not operate /mm during the voyage. Follow the "Marama" at https://share.garmin.com/3y0j. DX World's dedicated page, featuring the latest official information, can be found on https://www.dx-world.net/3y0j-bouvet-2023/.

5V - Filippo, IK4ZHH is expected to be QRV as 5V22FF from Togo starting on 23 January. He will operate mainly CW and some SSB on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres, with a focus on the higher bands. He will upload his log to Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

GJ - Bob, GU4YOX will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (27-29 January) as MJ5E from Jersey (EU-013). QSL via LoTW, or via GU4YOX (direct or bureau).

GW - Depending on weather conditions, Ron, G4DIY and Kev, M0TNX hope to be active as MC7DX from Holy Island (EU-124) on 21-22 January. They will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

HK0_sa - Francisco, HK3EA as 5J01EA and Gabriel, W4GDV (HK3MKQ) as 5K0VT will be active from Providencia Island (NA-049) from 27 February to 5 March. They will operate SSB and maybe some FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL both callsigns via LoTW, eQSL or Direct to W4GDV (PO Box 1431, Greer SC 29652, USA); see qrz.com under 5J01EA or 5K0VT for their QSLling policy.

HP - Members of the Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association (HP1PCR) will be active as 3E30PCARA on 1-28 February to celebrate the 30th anniversary since their club's formation (4 February 1993). QSL direct to PCARA, Apartado Postal 0843-03204, Ciudad de Panama, Republic of Panama.

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active again from Miyakojima (AS-079) between 24 January and 7 March. He will operate SSB and CW as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JR8YLY/6, as well as JI3DST/p, JJ5RBH/p and JR8YLY/p on FT8. The QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

LU - AMSAT Argentina, LU7AA will celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the LUSAT (LO-19) satellite on 21-29 January. Activity on the HF bands will be on SSB, CW and digital modes. More information can be found at https://www.qrz.com/db/LU7AA.

LU_ant - Juan, LU8DBS is currently stationed at Esperanza Base, Antarctica (AN-016) for the Antarctic Summer. In his spare time he is QRV as LU1ZV on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB; in February CW and digital modes will be added. QSL direct to LU4DXU.

PY - Robson, PY6TV will operate CW and SSB as PT6D from Ilha da Mare (SA-023) on 2-5 February. QSL direct to home call (see qrz.com for PayPal instructions). The log will be uploaded to Club Log.

TA - 5H100TC is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use during 2023 in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS.

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 31 January to 15 February. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON. [TNX The Daily DX]

VK - Adam VK2YK, Chris VK5FR, Ivan VK5HS, Andy VK5LA, Marija VK5MAZ and Paul VK5PAS will be active as VK5TIL from Troubridge Island (OC-139) on 7-9 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on various bands. See https://www.troubridgeisland.com/ for more information. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL.

YJ - Bob, W7YAQ and Al, K7AR will be active as YJ0A from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 9-23 February, including an entry in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (11-12 February) and the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via K7AR.

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CQ WW 160-METER CW CONTEST ---> Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many USA States (CONUS plus District of Columbia), Canadian provinces, and countries as possible utilizing the 160m band (see https://www.cq160.com/ for complete rules). This year's event will run on 27-29 January, from 22:00 UTC to 22:00 UTC.

DAYTON TOP BAND AND CONTEST DINNERS ---> The 33rd Top Band Dinner will be held on 19 May, followed by the 29th Contest Dinner on 20 May. The events will take place at the Hope Hotel near Dayton, Ohio. Details and tickets can be found on https://www.topbanddinner.com and https://www.contestdinner.com, respectively.

FT8WW ---> Thierry went QRT on the HF bands around 17.30 UTC on 14 January. The OQRS is now up and running at https://clublog.org/logsearch/FT8WW. Hopefully the permit to operate on the HF bands will be extended: "since my transmissions do not interfere with the geomagnetic measures taken every day on the island", he says, "I am very optimistic about getting the extension. It depends on the French bureaucracy. In the very unlikely event that I

would not get it, I could either go to the beach (not for me, too cold!), tour the island, or have additional QO-100 schedules with schools in France and Africa".

Thierry posted the following to http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/news.html on 15 January:

"I started the night of December 25. My authorization for HF traffic was valid for 3 weeks between my arrival at the base and January 21. So it was from December 25 to January 14. About 21,000 QSOs were made. I took a few decisions on purpose:

* Traffic on few bands. Only 10, 14 and 21 MHz were used with an afternoon on 18 MHz for testing. This is to concentrate my traffic and give as much contact as possible to OM.
* Traffic in CW and FT8, only. The remoteness of Crozet from the large ham radio populations and the inefficient propagation guided this choice. Despite what some say, FT8 is currently the most effective way to make QSOs in difficult conditions. Even in CW when the bands were empty, I was able, in FT8, to make contacts. I was also able to eat on a corner of the table while watching the traffic go by. I've been active in CW whenever propagation allowed, taking into account the time restrictions that the scientists imposed on me (one measure per day giving at least 5 hours of downtime for me and by being informed of the hours in the mornings, therefore without any real planning). If I had done SSB, I would undoubtedly have contacted the best equipped stations, but left out those with more limited means.

I slept little to traffic at nights on 10 MHz and rested during the famous measurement. I faced very difficult weather conditions. Three times I had to take the Levy down with gusty winds exceeding 100 km/h. It was often necessary to repair in the rain, In short, alone, it was not always easy to stay as long as possible on the radio. Finally, community life has its imperatives and obligations. I do not live on a desert island, but with a group of people and some tasks have to be performed. Finally, the difficulty of the pile-up must also be taken into account. Certainly you had trouble making yourself heard, but here, it is not simpler, be convinced.

For those who remember, at first I was only allowed to install a V-dipole against the facade of a building. You could see from the photos that in fact I have an 8m Spiderbeam mast with a Levy of 2 x 10m and a vertical dipole currently on 21 MHz.

The continuation of the project: I am in contact with the Paul Emile Victor Institute which manages the scientific work on the base. An analysis of the magnetism measurements is in progress. It is following this analysis that I will, I hope, have an extension for the transmission authorization. So I'm waiting for the decision. My departure is scheduled for the return of the boat around March 20.

I know everyone is impatient for me to continue, but I can't do anything more at the moment on HF bands, but the QO-100 activity will continue (no restrictions).

These are the outlines of the current situation. Thank you to all of you which, through my manager, have shown their confidence in me. Thank you to everyone who spent hours looking for me and trying to reach me. Thank you all, I will try to continue to satisfy as many ham radios as possible".

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO ---> The sixth Virtual Ham Expo organized by

"QSO Today" will be held on 25-26 March on a virtual reality platform that simulates a full convention experience. This Expo's theme is "New amateur radio license: now what?". It will "showcase, through a weekend of presentations with live video questions and answers, the wide range of ham radio activities, technology, and communities that exist, not only in North America, but around the world". This time the Expo will also introduce "matchmaking between attendees who need amateur radio mentoring and potential mentors who match skills, expertise, and the location of hams needing help". Tickets are on sale now - see https://qsotodayhamexpo.com for information. The Virtual Ham Expo will run for 48 hours as a live event, and then on-demand for 30 days afterwards.

WRTC 2026 ---> The World Radiosport Team Championship Sanctioning Committee (WRTC-SC) is accepting proposals for hosting the 2026 WRTC event. Groups interested in hosting the 2026 event should submit a Letter of Intent, with a summary proposal. This should include the following items:

* Committee Organization, identifying each of the principals involved and any relevant organizational and amateur radio experience especially in contesting/radiosport
* Competition Description, including planned number of teams, geographic location of operating sites, and competitor selection process
* Social Aspects, including approximate schedule, travel, and housing arrangements for participants
* Financing, including an outline of the budget and fundraising approach (a detailed budget is not required at this time)
* Expected Assistance and Involvement from local and regional amateur radio organizations and regulatory authorities
* Public Exposure, including plans to publicize and promote the event locally and worldwide.

The Letters of Intent should be sent to the Chairman of the WRTC Sanctioning Committee Tine Brajnik, S50A (tine.brajnik[@]gmail.com). The deadline is 31 March 2023 at 23.59 UTC. The WRTC-SC will review all proposals received and will respond by 30 April. Additional information may be requested.

WSJT-X 2.6.1 ---> The WSJT Development Group has announced the General Availability release of WSJT-X Version 2.6.1. This is mostly a bug fix release for Q65. Direct links to installation packages for Windows, Linux, and macOS can be found on https://wsjt.sourceforge.io/wsjtx.html.

+ SILENT KEY + Malcolm Johnson, VK6LC has passed away. He was best known in the IOTA circle for his many island operations conducted between 1989 and 2002, notably including eight new ones: VK8TI (OC-185), VK6CHI (OC-193), VK8ISL (OC-198), VK6ISL (OC-199), VK6ISL (OC-206), VK6ISL (OC-214), VK5ISL (OC-220) and VK9RS (OC-230). He was also very active from Vietnam (3W2HCM, 3W2LC, 3W6LC, XV1LC, XV2LC, XV2VTC, XV4LC) between 2000 and 2015, and from Cambodia as XU7AEO in 2011 and 2012.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2EZ, 5R8MM, 5R8WG, 5R8WP, 7Q5RU, 9M2TO, 9N7AA, C31MF, CR3SI (AF-047), D60AE, FJ/SP9FIH, FO/F6BCW, HH2JR, HP9SAM, K8H, MD0CCE, OC200P, OC200U, P29RO, PQ8VA, PZ5CO, S01WS, SP9FIH/VP9, T77CX, TO9W (NA-105), TR8CA, TT8SN, TX7G (OC-027),YJ0CA, Z21RU, Z68XX.

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