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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5U - Giorgio, IU5HWS will be active again as 5UA99WS from Niamey, Niger between 1 May 1 and 15 June. In his spare time he will be QRV on 40-10m FT8 and SSB. QSL via LoTW, or via EA5GL. [TNX DX World]

9X - Harold, DF2WO will be active again as 9X2AW from Rwanda on 5-15 May. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

BY - Ten stations (B0CRA, B1CRA, B2CRA, B3CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B6CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA and B9CRA) from across the country will be active on 1-5 May for this year's "5.5 China Amateur Radio Festival" on air event, organized by the Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC). See http://www.crac.org.cn/55 for logsearch and the awards. QSL via LoTW, or via BA1GG.

DU - Jairus, 4F1DY plans to be active on 40-10 metres SSB from Palawan Island (OC-128) on 4-7 May, and from Jomalig Island (OC-091) on 9-11 May. QSL via EA5GL. [TNX DX World]

G - Celebrating the 85th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club (https://www.g4foc.org/), special callsign GB85FOC will be used by a number of different members during the month of May. QSL via G3SWH's OQRS (https://www.g3swh.org.uk/decision.html) and LoTW.

G - Radio amateurs in the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies may use a special Regional Secondary Locator on 1 May-30 June to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III (alternatively, they can append the suffix "/23C" to their callsigns). The RSL - i.e. the second letter in the existing callsign (D, I, J, M, U and W, plus E for Intermediate licences) - may be replaced by the letter 'R'; where no RSL exists, the letter 'R' may be added. Club Log will map all the GR/MR/2R callsigns to England, unless a callsign exception exists for the station. A number of awards will be available; see https://rsgb.org/coronation for the details.

Also taking part in the celebrations will be a number of GB special callsigns, including stations from England (GB0KCC, GB0KCH, GB1KC, GB2KCC, GB3KCR, GB4HCC, GB4KC, GB4RLS), Jersey (GB3KCJ) and Northern Ireland (GB0KC, GB8KC, GB8KCC, GB9HRH) to name a few. QSL, if any, via operators' instructions.

HK0/A - Look for HK0/PY7RP, HK0/PY7XC and HK0/PY8WW to be active from San Andres Island (NA-033) on 4-11 May. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-6m, with a focus on the higher bands and a dedicated 6m station running 24/7. Also, look for HK0/PY8WW to be QRV from Providencia (NA-049) on 1-3 May. QSL HK0/PY7RP via Club Log's OQRS or direct to home call (and later LoTW); QSL HK0/PY7XC via LoTW or direct to PT7WA (he will also upload his log to Club Log); QSL HK0/PY8WW via Club Log's OQRS or direct to home call.

I - Ninety-five years ago (25 May 1928) the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed

red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, special callsign II1ITR will be active on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW from 25 May to 12 July. QSL via IZ1ETD. See https://www.qrz.com/db/II1ITR for more information.

JA - Look for JE1HXZ/6 to be active from Kuroshima, Yaeyama Islands (AS-024) from 28 April to 8 May. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8 and FT4 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via the bureau and LoTW.

JA - Look for Kenji, JA4GXS to be active as JA4GXS/6 from Amami O Island (AS-023) on 6-8 May. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

ON - Members of UBA Liege will be active as OP20CW on 1-31 May. QSL via ON5VL (bureau) or direct via ON6YH; the logs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL. The special callsign celebrates the 20th anniversary since the UNESCO General Conference adopted the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Activity will have a special focus on CW, because the Morse code has been recognized as Masterpiece of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation's Oral and Intangible Heritage since 2021. [TNX ON6DP]

ON - Members of UBA Mechelen (ON4MCL) will operate special event station OS23SOM on 1-31 May in celebration of Special Olympics Belgium's annual National Games, this year to be held in Mechelen on 17-20 May. A certificate will be available, details will be published on https://www.qrz.com/db/OS23SOM.

PA - On 5 May 1923 the Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies opened officially the two-way telegraphy radio service from Radio Malabar (callsign PKX) to Radio Kootwijk in the Netherlands (callsign PCG). Celebrating the 100th anniversary of those pioneer stations in the field of long-range long-wave telegraphic communication, special event stations PA100K, PA100M and PA100PCG will be active from 5 May to 30 June. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Also taking part in the celebrations will be special event station 8A100K from Indonesia (5-13 May). A certificate will be available; detailed information can be found on https://radioclublimburg.nl/mk/index.html.

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP78 (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be active on 1-9 May to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the end of World War II. See https://pobeda.srr.ru/ for more information, including the list of participating stations and their QSL routes.

VE - Canada is an independent country, but the British monarch remains the nation's head of state. Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III, Canadian radio amateurs are permitted to replace their normal prefix from 5 May to 2 July: VA stations can use CJ, VE stations can use CK, VO stations can use CY, and VY stations can use CZ.

VK - VI2023HRH is the special callsign for members of the Wireless Institute of Australia to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on 1-31 May. QSL via operator's instructions.

VP8 - Special callsign VP8KCC will be used from the Falkland Islands on 6-7 May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Look for Mike, W7LG/4 to be active again from Hatteras Island (NA-

067) on 7-13 May. He will operate CW, SSB and "FT modes". QSL via home call, LoTW and eQSL.

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The second DXcellence Award has been conferred on Thierry Mazel, F6CUK. He "is recognized for the outstanding performance of a well-organized DXpedition to Crozet, FT8WW, that had a significant impact on Club Log users' totals from the #3 Most Wanted entity".

VP0 CALLSIGNS ---> Under the new licensing regulations, VP8 callsigns will only cover the Falkland Islands. South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands have been allocated the prefixes VP0G and VP0S, respectively. In the near future the British Antarctic Territory (which includes the South Shetland Islands and the South Orkney Islands) is likely to be using VP0 prefixed callsigns as well.

ZD9BV ---> After an extended hiatus, Andy, ZD9BV has been QRV again from Tristan da Cunha since 22 April. For the time being he operates CW on 15m. QSL direct to Andy Repetto, 5/A Harris Street, Tristan da Cunha, South Atlantic, TDCU 1ZZ, via Cape Town, South Africa.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B7M, 3W1T, 5H100TC, 5V22FF, 5Z4VJ, 7Q6M, 7X2AC, 7Z7AA, 9U4WX, 9U5R, A35GC, A35JP, A44A, A60A, A62A, D60AE, D67AA, DB0YOTA, FK8HA, FM4SA, FT8WW, GB20YOTA, HD8M, HI0LT (NA-122), HK1NA, II1YOTA, J28MD, J68HZ, J8/AJ4YX, JG8NQJ/JD1, LZ145GO, LZ319TS, LZ634SM, P40T, PJ2MAN, PJ2T, PJ5/SP9FOW, PZ5MA, S01WS, T88UW, TF2MSN, TN8K, V26K, V55Y, VK9CM, VK9WX, VP5P, VP9IN, XU7GNY, XV1X, XZ2B, YB4KAR, YJ0A, YJ0CA, Z81D.

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