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8Q - Vincent, HB9VCJ will be active as 8Q7VJ from the Maldives (AS-013) from 20 May to 4 June. He will operate QRP SSB and various digital modes on 40-6 metres, and FM on 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

9H - Ivan, YT4RA (IV3CTS) and his brother Goran, YT7AW (SA7DXR) will be active from Malta (EU-023) on 24-29 May. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest, hopefully as 9H6WPX. QSL via LoTW. [TNX YT7AW]

CO - The Guani DX Group will be active as T41DX on 18-22 May from Boca de Galafre (EL82da), on the main island of Cuba (NA-015). They will operate SSB, CW and various digital modes on 80-10m. QSL direct to RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

GI - Once again the North West Group ARC (MN0NWG) is running special event station GB0AEL between 5 and 26 May to commemorate the anniversary of Amelia Earhart's transatlantic flight. QSL via MI0HOZ (direct or bureau). On 20-21 May 1932, Earhart became the first woman to fly nonstop and alone across the Atlantic, leaving Harbor Grace on Newfoundland (Canada), and landing 15 hours later near Londonderry (Northern Ireland).

FO - Didier, F6BCW is active as FO/F6BCW from Huahine Island (OC-067), French Polynesia until 25 October. He operates CW and SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via F6EXV, Club Log and LoTW.

FO/M - Didier, F6BCW and other nine operators (namely F1MNQ, F4ISZ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F5VHQ, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI and F8GGV) will be active as TX7L from Hiva Oa, Marquesas Islands (OC-027) on 4-19 November. They plan to operate CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 and RTTY on 160-6 metres with four stations. QSL exclusively via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau); the full log will be uploaded to LoTW six months after the operation. See https://marquises2023.f6kjs.fr/ for more information, as well as https://www.facebook.com/TX7L-109202902174568/ for updates.

GM - Jack, M0PLX will be active as MM0PLX/p from Unst and other six islands in the Shetlands (EU-012) from 21 May to 2 June. He will operate SSB on the HF bands, and will also pay attention to 6m. Updates will be posted to https://www.facebook.com/M0PLX/.

GM - Plans are for the expedition to the Isle of Rockall (EU-189) [425DXN 1653] (https://www.rockallexped.com/) to set sail from Inverkip, Scotland on 26 May. The voyage will take about 36 hours, depending on weather conditions. The organizers aim to break the current world record for time spent on Rockall, and to raise funds for charity. Amateur radio wise, Nobby G0VJG and Emil DL8JJ will be active as MM0UKI/p from the island with two stations. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-10 metres. "Please bear in mind that once at Rockall it will take many hours to get ready to come on

air", Nobby says. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Rockall has been activated only twice so far, by MS0IRC/p (2005) and MM0RAI/p (2011). Follow https://www.facebook.com/groups/383962999684050 for updates, as well as Nobby on Twitter (@G0vjg).

OE - RW3AH, ON5UR, ON6AJ and ON8AZ will be active as 4U100QO from the Vienna International Centre Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A) on 18-20 May. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and FT4 via the QO-100 satellite. QSL via UA3DX, direct or bureau.

OJ0 - Bjorn LA1UW, Tor LA3WAA, Kristoffer LB0VG and Stian LB5SH will be active as OJ0/homecall from Market Reef (EU-053) on 20-27 May. They plan to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-4m with three stations. QSL via operator's instructions. See https://oj0.no/ for more information.

T31 - Team T31TT's plans for their early June activity from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043) are to operate CW (one station), SSB (one station) and FT8 (seven stations, usually F/H) on the HF bands and 6 metres. See https://www.qrz.com/db/T31TT. QSL via Club Log's OQRS only.

TR - Roland, F8EN will be active again as TR8CR from Gabon from 4 June until the end of July. He will operate CW only, and will celebrate his 95th birthday while there. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); logsearch on http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

V7 - Bob, N7XR is active as V7/N7XR from Kwajalein Atoll (OC-028), Marshall Islands until late June or early July. He operates CW, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP2E - Rich, KE1B (VP2EAQ) and Anna, W6NN (VP2EAR) will be active again from Anguilla (NA-022) from 25 May to 1 June. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. Expect VP2EAQ to participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSLs via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or via KE1B.

VP6 - VP6A will be on the air from Ducie Island (OC-182) on 10-24 June (actual dates will be subject to weather conditions). Four RIBs (Radio In a Box) will provide a total of five stations capable of 24/7 operation on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and FT8. A special focus will be placed on 6m operation, with gain antennas and a power amplifier. QSL via HA7RY and LoTW. See https://www.qrz.com/db/VP6A for more information and updates.

There will only be three operators at Ducie: W6IZT, KN4EEI and AA7JV. This small local team will set up and maintain the stations, and operate from the catamaran "Magnet" anchored nearby. They will visit the island once a day to refuel the generators and do any necessary maintenance. In line with the minimum footprint concept, there will be no camping on the island. In addition to the on-site team, other 14 operators (9V1YC, AA1V, AA7A, CT1EEB, KY7M, KO8SCA, K1DG, K6GFJ, K6TD, K6MM, ND2T, N1DG, PY5EG, W1RM and W8HC) will operate land based remote controlled stations around the clock.

Following the successful test at FO/AA7JV [425DXN 1667], VP6A will be the first full-scale DXpedition to a rare Entity featuring a large number of remote operators. The RIB technology is intended to enable remote operators to participate in DXpeditions without the expense and lengthy travel usually involved, and to enable a new, minimum impact operating mode for environmentally sensitive areas.

All donations should be made to the Northern California DX Foundation (https://www.ncdxf.org/), which provided funding for the RIB development.

YB - Look for Huzen, YE3BYE/p to be active from Gili Ketapang Island (OC-237) on 15-21 May. He will operate SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10m. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

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BALTIC CONTEST ---> Organized by the Lithuanian Radio Sports Federation, the 58th edition of the contest will be held on 80 metres SSB and CW starting at 21 UTC on 20 May and ending at 2 UTC on 21 May. Complete information can be found on http://www.lrsf.lt/en/balticcontestrules/.

DX0NE ---> All antennas were damaged during a tropical storm, so Gil decided to shut down for good earlier than planned. The last QSOs were made on 7 May at around 02.20 UTC. During his single-handed operation Gil made 11429 QSOs (83.0% FT8, nearly 17% CW), with 3923 unique callsigns. He hopes to return to the island with a team, in order to distribute more QSOs with the Spratly Islands to those in need.

JG8NQJ/JD1 ---> Take has been on Minami Torishima since 18 March; he expects to QRT around 20 May, his QSL manager reports. He will depart the island on 24 May. QSL via the bureau to JG8NQJ, or direct to JA8CJY; the QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW after Take is back home.

WTISD ---> Proclaimed in 2006 by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is celebrated annually on 17 May. Special event stations taking part in this year's celebrations include A91WTIS from Bahrain (11-17 May, QSL via EC6DX) and A60WTIS from the United Arab Emirates (15-22 May, QSL via EA7FTR). Also look for A60WTIS to be activated with different suffix extensions (see qrz.com for the QSL routes).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B7M, 3Y7THA, 4S7AB, 5A1AL, 6M23VGC, 7X2TT, 9U4WX, 9Y4WARD, A35GC, C6AGU, CS2C, D60AE, E6AF, EP2C, ER3R, FM8QR, FT4YM, HI3MRV, MP7DX, OD5ZZ, OX3LX, P44X, S01WS, S79VU, SU9VB, SV8DCY, T48K, TN8K, TO1Q, VK9WX, VP8LP, WH7T, XX9ET, YJ0A, ZS7ANF.

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