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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5R - Moise, F4EZG will be active as 5R8VE from Nosy Fali (AF-057) from 29 November to 3 December, and from the main island of Madagascar (AF-013) from 5 December to 3 January 2024. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 20-10m. QSL via F4EZG, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

7O - Vlad, OK2WX will operate CW, SSB and FT8 as 7O2WX from Socotra Island (AF-028), Yemen from 25 January to 12 February. He will focus on 160, 80 and 40 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (26-28 January). QSL via IZ8CCW and LoTW. See https://www.mdxc.support/7o2wx/ for more information to be published in due course.

9L - Shabu, M0KRI has arrived in Sierra Leone, but two boxes containing all his radio gear have been left behind and will not arrive until 27 November at the earliest. Once he has received the equipment, he anticipates being active as 9L5M until 5 December. Updates will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/9L5M.

A6 - A60WRC (QSL via EA7FTR) is the special callsign to be used by members of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society during the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) taking place in Dubai from 20 November to 15 December. Individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign, and be QRV as A60WRC/0, A60WRC/1, etc. (see qrz.com for the QSL routes).

A9 - Celebrating the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will be active as A91ND on 1-16 December. QSL via EC6DX.

CE - Several Chilean stations will honour Marco A. Quijada (CE1EW), who died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 50 on 16 November. The tribute to "thank him for his dedication and commitment" will take place during the period of 24-27 November. Look for CB1EW, CB2EW, CB3EW, CB4EW, CB5EW, CB6EW, CB7EW, CB8EW, XR1EW, XR2EW, XR3EW, XR4EW, XR5EW, XR6EW, XR7EW, XR8EW, 3G1EW, 3G2EW, 3G3EW, 3G4EW, 3G5EW, 3G6EW, 3G7EW and 3G8EW to be active on the HF bands on various modes, including entries in the CQ WW DX CW Contest.

CN - Yannick, F6FYD will be active as CN2YD from Marrakech, Morocco from 1 December to 15 March 2024. He plans to operate as CN2YD/p from IOTA group AF-065 sometime during his stay. QSL via F6FYD. [TNX F6AJA]

FK - Jean-Louis, F5NHJ is active again as FK/F5NHJ from New Caledonia's main island (Grande Terre, OC-032), with side trips to nearby Ile des Pins (also OC-032) until mid-January 2023. He operates digital modes, CW and SSB on 80-6m. He will upload his log to Club Log and LoTW.

G - GB0WHO, GB1WHO, GB2WHO, GB4WHO, GB5WHO, GB6WHO, GB8WHO and GB9WHO are the special callsigns for members of the Chertsey Radio Club to celebrate the 60th anniversary of science fiction cult series

"Doctor Who" until 20 December. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. Broadcast by the BBC, "Doctor Who" has been listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the TV's longest-running sci-fi show in the world. The series began on 23 November 1963 and the original run aired 694 episodes consecutively across 26 seasons until 1989; it was revived in 2005 after 16 years off the screen.

HS - Brad, VK2BY will be active again as HS0ZNR from the Nam Yuen district in northeastern Thailand from 6 December to 14 January. He will be QRV on 160-10 metres, and will focus on working stations "that contibute to LoTW and eQSL". QSL direct to VK2BY and LoTW.

I - Alessandro, IZ4WNA will be active as IZ4WNA/IA5 from Elba Island (EU-028) on 28-30 November. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10m.

I - Members of ARI Bergamo will be active as II2GLNO on 1-2 December. They will operate SSB and CW on 80, 40 and 20 metres. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary of the Gleno Dam disaster (1 December 1923), when the middle section of the dam collapsed and caused widespread flooding that killed some 400 people. QSL via IQ2BG.

KH8S - K8R is another RIB (Rig In a Box) operation that will take place from Swains Island on 22-27 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. "Because it is not possible to anchor the boat at Swains", AA7JV says, "the station will be entirely remotely operated by HA7RY and HA2NA", while the two on the "Magnet" (KN4EEI and AA7JV himself) "will be busy the entire time keeping the boat on station near the island". Outside the contest K8R will concentrate on 160 metres at local sunset and sunrise. QSL via HA7RY and LoTW. Please note that the same callsign was used by HA7RY and HA5YG from mainland American Samoa on 14-18 September.

PA - Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns PA23XMAS and PD23SANTA will be active on 1-31 December, while PD24HNY will be QRV until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued, but a certificate will be available (see https://www.qrz.com/db/PA23XMAS).

S5 - Special event station S524PMC will be active from 8 December to 8 January 2024 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 6-7 January. Complete information can be found on https://www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/.

SV - Special callsign SX25GTC will be in use on 1-15 December to celebrate the 25th anniversary since the formation of the Greek Telegraphy Club (https://raag.org/gtc-club-en/). Look for activity on 160-6 metres CW. QSL via LoTW. Certificates will be available, see qrz.com for information.

V4 - Bob, WX4G (V47RB and V48A) has cancelled his 20 November-1 December trip to St. Kitts [425DXN 1697]. Now he expects to go there on 13-20 February 2024.

V6 - After spending nine full days on Satawal Atoll (V62S), Cezar VE3LYC commenced operations as V62P from Puluwat Atoll (OC-155) just before 6 UTC on 24 November. As of 21 November, the situation appeared rather uncertain: "I have specifically requested a minimum

of four operating days from Puluwat, but will see what happens in the end. Please refrain from making multiple contacts with V62P, so that more hams can have a chance at logging the rare OC-155. All this change of schedule has a pretty negative effect on me, amplified by the fact that I didn't feel well for the past couple of days". As an added inconvenience, Cezar's laptop failed a few days ago, and now he is logging manually on paper.

VK_ant - Dave, VK2JDS will be active occasionally as VK0DS from Davis Station, Antarctica between December 2023 and November 2024. The bands that he hopes to be on are "some of HF, possibly WSPR on 6 metres (depending on local science projects), 2 metres EME (only on occasions when I get time off and conditions are favourable), possibly 23cm EME". Nothing is certain, he says, as "weather conditions and station duties will take precedence". QSL direct to home call and LoTW.

VP2V - Look for VP2V/AG9A, VP2V/K2KW, VP2V/KD4D and VP2V/W9RE to be active holiday style from Anegada, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 4-12 December. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes mostly on 20-10 metres. Main activity will be during the ARRL 10-Meter Contest (9-10 December) as VP2VMM (QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via KU9C).

VP8 - Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Falkland Islands Government Aviation Service, special event station VP8FLY will be active from the north east end of Stanley airport, Falkland Islands (SA-002) during the month of December, and especially on 19 December. QSL direct to VP8LP.

YB - Burkhard, DL3KZA is currently active as YB9/DL3KZA from Sumbawa Island (OC-150) until 4 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Along with him are YB9IPY and YC9GBO. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZL7 - Holger, ZL3IO will be active again as ZL7IO from Waitangi, Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 22-29 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DK7AO.

CQ WW DX CW CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (25-26 November, www.cqww.com/rules.htm):

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	COUNTRY	QSL VIA
05	AB2E/VP9	SO	Bermuda	LoTW
07	HO2T	M/2	Panama	LoTW/KU9C
07	HQ9X	M/2	Honduras	KQ1F
07	TI5/VA3RA	SOSB 10m LP	Costa Rica	VE3IKV
07	TI7W	SOAB HP	Costa Rica	M0URX
08	8P5A	SOAB HP	Barbados	LotW/HA1AG
08	8P9A	SOSB 20m	Barbados	LoTW/GU4YOX
08	C6AQQ	SOAB LP	Bahamas	LoTW
08	FG/OK6RA	SOSB 15m	Guadeloupe	OK6RA
08	FS/K0CD	SO QRP	St Martin	K0CD
08	KP2B	SOSB 10m HP	Virgin Islands	EB7DX
08	NP4Z	SO HP	Puerto Rico	N4AO
08	PJ7EE	SO	Sint Maarten	LoTW/KC9EE
08	PJ7PL	SO LP	Sint Maarten	N2HX
08	TO0T	M/?	St Barthelemy	KB9DVC

08	TO7A	SOAB	Martinique	UT5UGR
08	TO9W	M/?	St Martin	LoTW/W9ILY
08	V26K	SOAB LP	Antigua & Barbuda	LoTW/AA3B
08	V47T	SOAB HP	St Kitts & Nevis	LoTW/W2RQ
08	VP5M	SO	Turks & Caicos	LoTW/K4QPL
08	ZF1A	SOAB HP	Cayman Isls	LoTW
09	9Z4A	SO	Trinidad & Tobago	LoTW
09	P40L	M/S	Aruba	WA3FRP
09	P44W	SOAB HP	Aruba	LoTW
09	PJ2T	M/M	Curacao	LoTW/KU9C
09	PJ4A	M/S	Bonaire	LoTW/K4BAI
09	PJ4K	M/2	Bonaire	KU9C
09	PZ5MA	SO	Suriname	LY5W
09	TO1A	SOSB 10m LP	French Guiana	LoTW
10	OA4EA	SOSB 10m	Peru	LoTW
11	PT5J	SOSB 10m	Brazil	PP5JR
13	CW5W	SOSB 10m	Uruguay	LoTW/CX6VM
14	C37N	M/2	Andorra	LoTW/C37URA
14	GJ0KYZ	SOAB HP	Jersey	LoTW
14	GS7V	M/2	Shetland Islands	LoTW/N3SL
14	GU4CHY	SOSB 10m HP	Guernsey	GU4CHY
14	HB0/HB9RB	SO	Liechtenstein	
14	LN8W	M/M	Norway	LA6YEA
14	MD4K	SOAB	Isle of Man	G3NKC
14	MM2N	M/? HP	Scotland	LoTW
14	OZ5W	M/2	Denmark	LoTW
14	SJ2W	M/S	Sweden	LoTW
15	IR0A	SOSB 80m	Sardinia	OM2FY
15	OH0X	M/?	Aland Islands	LoTW/OH2TA
15	OH5Z	M/S	Finland	LoTW
15	TK4W	M/2	Corsica	LoTW/DJ4MX
20	4X7M	SO	Israel	eQSL
20	P3AA	SOAB HP	Cyprus	RW3RN
20	P3D	SOAB	Cyprus	VE3DZ
21	4L0G	SOSB 80m	Georgia	EA7FTR
21	4L2M	SOSB 40m HP	Georgia	EA7FTR
21	4L5O	SOSB 160m HP	Georgia	LoTW/N3SL
21	4L8A	SOSB 10m	Georgia	LoTW/M0OXO
21	4L9M	SOAB LP	Georgia	LoTW
24	BY1CW	M/S HP	China	BA1GA
26	E2A	M/S HP	Thailand	LoTW/E21EIC
27	AH2R	M/S	Guam	LoTW
27	KH0W	SO HP	Mariana Isls	KC0W
28	4W8X	M/M	Timor Leste	DJ4MX
28	7A2A	M/?	Indonesia	LoTW
28	9M6NA	SOAB	East Malaysia	LoTW
29	VK6T	SO	Australia	EA7FTR
29	VL6K	SOSB 80m	Australia	LoTW/VK6WX
31	KH7M	SOAB	Hawaii	KH6ZM
32	FW5N	SO	Willis & Futuna	LoTW
32	K8R	M/S	Swains Island	LoTW/HA7RY
32	ZL7IO	SOAB LP	Chatham Islands	LoTW/DK7AO
33	CR3A	M/2	Madeira	OM2VL

33	EA8/HA5PP	SOAB	Canary Islands	HA5PP
33	IH9YMC	SOSB 160m LP	AF Italy	LoTW
35	D4C	M/M	Cape Verde	LoTW
37	7O73T	SO	Yemen	UA3DX
37	7Q6M	SOSB 10m	Malawi	LoTW/K6ZO
39	3B8M	M/M	Mauritius	LoTW/M0OXO
39	3B9KW	SOAB HP	Rodrigues	LoTW
39	S77HQ	M/?	Seychelles	S79JKN
40	JW7QIA	SO	Svalbard	LoTW
40	OX7AM	SOAB	Greenland	LoTW/OZ1ACB
40	TF/OU2I	SOAB LP	Iceland	OZ2I

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqc2023.html - good contest to you all!

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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HQ9CW: CANCELLED ---> Max, N5NHJ (I8NHJ) has had to cancel his 22-29 November operation from Roatan Island [425DXN 1695]. "Unfortunately we had some passport issue, and the Honduras Immigration didn't allow us to enter the country", he says.

PR0T ---> The operations from Trindade started on 16 November at 20.12 UTC and ended on 20 November at 06.35 UTC, after 18,702 QSOs with 9640 unique callsigns (51.55%). The on-site team consisted of three operators, who worked CW (1707 QSOs) and SSB (5423 QSOs) across the five classic bands, including a few QSOs on 80 metres. Several remote operators were in charge of FT8, and made 11,572 QSOs on 30, 17 and 12 metres. See the latest statistics on https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/logsearch.php, where the OQRS has been enabled.

+ SILENT KEY + Seewoosankar "Jacky" Mandary, 3B8CF, passed away on 17 November. Born in 1943 and first licensed in 1967 as VQ8CF, he remained a regular presence on CW from Mauritius until recent years. For over a quarter of a century, he was also a prominent member of the Mauritius Amateur Radio Society, retiring from the board in 2021. His son Ashwin, 3B8GL, has taken over the family's amateur radio station for a couple of years. He has his late father's logbook, and can confirm QSOs made with 3B8CF (see qrz.com for instructions).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0C, 3D2AG, 5W0RS, 5W1SA, 9Q2WX, A71/RN1B, AP5ARS, B1Z, BA4TB, C21TS, D44BM, EA6/EA3HSO, EA9KB, ET3AA, FK8HA,

FR8TZ, FW1JG, HH2RCH, J68HZ, KH0/KC0W, KH0W, KH8RRC, NH6JC, S01WS, SU1SK, T32YA, T33T, TF/DL1MGB, TX6D, V3A, V3O, VB2M (NA-176), VI25AREG, VK9LAA, VP6MW.

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