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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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8P - Chris, WA7RAR will be active again as 8P9CB from Barbados (NA-021) on 10-25 January. Most of his operations will be portable at various locations, especially POTA sites. He will be QRV on 20-10m CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW, or direct to WA7RAR.

9A - Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use 9A67AA to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call.

A3 - Darren, VK4MAP has been active as A31DJ since 28 December, and will remain QRV as A31DJ/p until 11 January. He was on Tongatapu Island (OC-049) until 2 January, then he moved to Eua Island in the same IOTA group. He operates SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10m. QSL via VK4MAP (direct only).

CN - Michel, F5LRL will be active as CN2DX from near Kenitra, Morocco from 20 January to 10 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-6 metres, and FT8 on 6m. Expect him to be QRV at 5-10 UTC and 18-22 UTC. QSL via EA5GL.

DL - DARC Team SES will operate special event callsign DM24EHF on 6-28 January. The suffix stands for stands for European Handball Federation, whose 16th edition of the European Men's Handball Championship will be hosted in Germany (10-28 January). QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR.

EA - Look for EG59GURU/p to be QRV from various SOTA locations in Spain on 8-21 January. This activity is a tribute to Jose-Antonio Gurutzarri "Guru" Jauregi (EA2IF), an outstanding personality of the Summits On The Air programme, who passed away in 2022. See https://sites.google.com/view/ea2if-memorial for more information; QSL cards will not be provided.

ET - Bob, W9XY and Ken, K4ZW plan to be active from the ET3AA club station at Addis Ababa University's Institute of Technology on 12-20 January. They will focus on the high bands as there are still noise problems on the low bands. QSL via N2OO. [TNX The Daily DX]

FM - Francis, F6BWJ will be active again as FM/F6BWJ from Martinique (NA-107) starting on 11 January for two months. He will operate CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via the bureau to home call. [TNX F6AJA]

HS - Champ, E21EIC and other six operators (namely E20NKB, E25KAE, HS0ZET, HS0ZKF, HS3NBR and HS6SSE) will be active as E20AX/p from Lipe Island (AS-126) on 12-14 January. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 with two stations on 40-10 metres. QSL via E21EIC (but all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via LoTW and the bureau).

J7 - Laurent, FM5BH as J79BH and David, F8AAN as J79AN will be active from Dominica (NA-101) on 17-24 January. They will operate mainly CW, possibly with some SSB and FT8, on 80-10 metres. QSL J79AN via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to F8AAN; QSL J79BH via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to FM5BH.

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) around 15 January, his QSL manager reports. Usually he remains there for about three months, and is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his limited spare time. He operates CW and some FT8 (please note that he wants you to call with your signal report, not your grid square). QSL via JA8CJY (direct), JG8NQJ (bureau) and LoTW.

LZ - Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ235IR (January and February), LZ543BN (March and April), LZ44IZ (May and June), LZ302IT (July and August), LZ1515IW (September and October), and LZ311PA (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at https://www.lz1kcp.com/.

ON - OT65BXE is the special callsign for members of UBA Section Bruxelles-Est to celebrate their club's 65th anniversary on 1-31 January. QSL via ON5UB.

OZ - Queen Margrethe II of Denmark will abdicate on 14 January, the 52nd anniversary of her accession. She will be succeeded by her elder son, who will reign as King Frederik X. To honour the incumbent monarch and welcome the new one, six special event stations in the Danish Realm (metropolitan Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Greenland) will be active on all bands and modes as follows:
12-14 January OZ24QUEEN, OY24QUEEN, OX24QUEEN
14-16 January OZ24KING, OY24KING, OX24KING
QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. See https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ24KING for complete information about the available awards.

P4 - Mathias, DL4MM will be active again as P4/DL4MM and P40AA (used for FT8/FT4 and during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest on 26-28 January) from Aruba (SA-036) on 19-31 January. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via DL4MM. [TNX NG3K]

PJ5 - Janusz, SP9FIH will be active again as PJ5/SP9FIH from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) from 11 January to 3 March. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via SP9FIH. Bookmark https://pj5-2024.dxpeditions.org/ for updates. [TNX NG3K]

PY - PV6T (not ZZ2F as previously announced) is the callsign to be used from Tinhare Island (SA-080) on 10-11 January [425DXN 1704]. Look for activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10m SSB and FT8. QSL via PP2LA.

T32 - A German team (DF4GV, DJ7TO, DK2AMM, DL1KWK, DL2AWG and DL4SVA) will be active as T32EU from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati on 13-27 March. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and maybe FT8 on 160-6 metres with three stations. QSL via DL2AWG.

T8 - Look for T88AQ (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via JH6WDG), T88HS (QSL direct to JA6KYU) and T88SM (QSL direct to JA6EGL) to be active on various bands and modes from the Palau Radio Club on Koror Island (OC-009) on 12-18 January.

V4 - Look for Bob, V4/N4RF to be active holiday style from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 11-25 January. He will operate mainly CW, with some FT8 and SSB. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP2M - Thaire, W2APF will be active again as VP2MDX from Montserrat (NA-

103) from 11 January to 11 April. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FM on 80-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to W2APF. [TNX The Daily DX]

VU - Once again the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2WB) will provide assistance during the Ganga Sagar Mela on Sagar Island (AS-153). This is the annual gathering of Hindu pilgrims to take a holy dip in the Ganges, where the river merges with the Bay of Bengal. Expect some activity on the HF bands as AT24GSM on 9-16 January. QSL via operator's instructions; plans are to upload QSOs to Club Log.

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3Y0K: BOUVET ISLAND 2025 ---> "To date we have secured $22,000 of the remaining $150,000 needed to reach the expedition budget", the News Update #3 posted to Facebook on 2 January states. "January and February are critical months to achieve the needed funding to make the expedition viable.
We will begin the purchase of equipment not committed as donations and continue to solicit sponsor agreements, but every dollar helps: so please visit https://3y0k.com/ and click that little donate button - and remember, Century Club Donors will receive a special Thank You regardless of being in the log or not.
Coming in late February/early March we will have the vessel inspection to verify its seaworthiness for the long journey from the Falklands to Bouvet. At this time, we must make the first $100,000 deposit presuming the boat passes professional inspection so funding is time critical, please help if you can, with whatever you can.
We will also be procuring the custom-made tents to survive the harsh environment found from our previous activation of Bouvet, as well as proper antenna systems.
Up to June we will complete the testing of the remote equipment on a South Pacific expedition by some of our friends in the DX community and begin training the chosen remote operators. Note that the remote will be FT modes - all SSB and CW will be from the island only.
All other equipment, radios and antennas will be tested under duress to ensure all work without failure on Bouvet.
The next steps are to optimize our landing plan relative to predicted weather conditions, put the finishing touch on our logistics plan and prepare all equipment and supplies for shipping to the Falklands.
By late August or early September, the container will be packed and sent to meet us at the boat in January or February of 2025. All equipment, hard supplies and logistical materials will be used for our Peter I expedition the following year, greatly reducing the costs for that adventure".
Updates will be posted as things progress and milestones are reached.

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2023 can be found at

http://hamgallery.com/dx2023/. The large collection of clips (MP3 format) covers DXpeditions, rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 26 full years of sound clips available.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,774 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2014-23), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

TX5S ---> The equipment for the Perseverance DX Group's DXpedition to Clipperton Island (18 January-1 February) is packed and ready for the voyage. The team will begin assembling in San Diego on 8 January, and will depart on 11 January. Weather permitting, they expect a 6-day voyage each way; you will be able to follow the "Shogun" at https://share.garmin.com/TX5S.

* Camp setup will take approximately 1.5-2 days.
* There will be two Starlink terminals on the island. Club Log's Live Stream will be available at https://clublog.org/livestream/TX5S. Logs will be uploaded at least once a day to both Club Log and M0URX's website (https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php), where the OQRS will be enabled shortly after the team leaves the island.
* QSOs made with early donors will be uploaded to LoTW while the team is on the island. "Not in Log" and "busted calls" will be investigated by submitting the form on M0URX's website.
* FT8 Operation: unless otherwise noted, TX5S will use WSJT-X in Fox/Hound mode, which means that you must transmit above 1000hz.
* Two propagation tools are available free of charge on the DXpeditions' website: https://clip.pdxg.net/: click on "K6TU Propagation Tools" and "DR2W Propagation Tool".
* The pilot team will use Groups.io to collect input from the DX community: subscribe to the forum by going to https://groups.io/g/Clipperton-2024. You may also e-mail the pilots with your reports, although Groups.io is the preferred method.
* The fundraising campaign is underway, but donations so far are only at about 53% of the goal: "while adding a donation to your OQRS request is always appreciated, the cash flow challenge is real, the bills must be paid before we sail", the team's Press Release #9 states. "We ask those of you who have not yet processed a donation to consider supporting the project before we sail on 11 January".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2RRR, 4U1UN, 4X6TT, 8P6ET, 8R1AK/p (SA-068), 9M8LJW, CE2SV, D4C, E51JAN, E51WL, FW1JG, HK0/PY7RP, HZ1TT, KG4NE, OD5ZZ, PJ7PL, S01WS, T2C, T33T, TG9ADM, TK4W, TO4A, UN9L, VK9DX, VK9XY, VR2XMT, XV9Q, YJ0CA, YJ0TT, ZD7BG, ZD7MY, ZD9W.

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