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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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9M2 - 9M4TOTA is the callsign used for "Terengganu On The Air", a special activity designed to introduce noteworthy tourism destinations throughout the state of Terengganu (West Malaysia). The first operation will take place on 28-29 June from Teluk Gadung Beach. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via operator's instructions.

DU - Christian, F4EBK is active as DU3/F4EBK from Luzon Island (OC-042) until early 2025. He is QRV on 20, 15 and 10 metres, typically around 9 UTC and after 21 UTC. QSL via F4EUO. [TNX F6AJA]

E7 - E7100RADIO is the special callsign for ARAuBiH, the Bosnia and Herzegovina IARU member society, to celebrate "100 years of amateur radio innovation, community and advocacy". A printable QSL card can be requested at https://arabih.ba/request-e7100radio-qsl/.

F - TM111TDF is a French special callsign to be activated for this year's 111th edition of the Tour de France. Look for activity on 29 June, 1-2, 6, 9-11, 13-14 and 17-21 July. QSL via F8GGZ.

FP - Once again Eric, KV1J will be active as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Island (NA-032) on 2-16 July, including activity the IARU HF World Championship (13-14 July). Plans are to operate primarily SSB and FT8, plus some CW, RTTY and FT4, on 80-6 metres, "generally on the highest frequency band open" with a focus on 12, 10 and 6m. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau). See http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July24.html for more information.

FS - Gregg, W6IZT and Hal, W8HC will be active as FS/W6IZT and FS/W8HC from St Martin (NA-105) from 25 June to 2 July. They will be QRV on 40-6 metres. Gregg will be taking one or two of his NexGenRiBs; his "tentative plans are to identify a suitable location for the RIB on the Dutch (PJ7) side of the island while operating simultaneously from the French (FS) side". [TNX DX World]

HL - Team DT0IP (namely 6K2CFI, 6K2GRX, DS1TUW and DS1UDN) will be active from Munyo Island (AS-148) on 26-27 July, including part time participation in the IOTA Contest (27 July). They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 on 40-6 metres with two or three high power stations. Club Log's Livestream will be enabled. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to 6K2CFI.

I - Members of ARI Genova will activate special event station II1IALA from La Lanterna (the lighthouse of Genoa) from 29 June to 3 July, approximately between 7 and 16 UTC on a daily basis. QSL via IQ1GE, direct or bureau. The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) has selected La Lanterna as Heritage Lighthouse of the Year 2024.

I - Giovanni, IZ7FLP will be active as IC8K from Ischia Island (EU-031) from 30 June to 7 July. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8/FT4 on

various bands. QSL direct to home call, or via LoTW in due course.

I - Members of ARI Marsala (namely IT9BYS, IT9FUN, IT9FXY, IT9JLF and IW9APP) will be active as IQ9VG/p from La Scuola, one of the Stagnone Islands (EU-166), on 13-14 July. They will be QRV on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via IT9FUN (direct or bureau). [TNX IT9FUN]

JA - Moto, JA1GZV will be active again as JS6UKY/6 from various cities and villages on Okinawa Island (AS-017) on 20-27 June. He will operate CW on or around 7011, 10123, 14011, 18075, 21011, 24897 and 28011 kHz. QSL via JS6UKY (bureau), eQSL, or direct to JA1GZV. [TNX DX World]

OE - OE70VIE is a special callsign marking the 70th anniversary of Vienna International Airport (IATA code VIE) from 21 June to 30 September. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW in due course, or via OE6VIE.

TR - Roland, F8EN has been unable to be very active as TR8CR because of "problems with his amplifier". He is going back to France in the next few days for a family event",but expects to return to Gabon in early July with a new amplifier for at least a month. [TNX F6AJA]

UR - EM100WJZ is the special callsign commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio activity from the ancient city of Lwow, nowadays Lviv. It was conducted by 15-year-old Jan Zembicki, LW3 (then SP3AR, SP1AR, and finally SP6FZ), a founding member of the Lviv Shortwave Club (LKK) and an outstanding figure in the history of Polish amateur radio. EM100WJZ will be active from 1 July to 31 December. QSL via UR4WWE.

VE - The Club Radio Amateur de Quebec (VE2CQ) will be active as VC2TQSM From 29 June to 7 July for the Transat Quebec-Saint-Malo, the sailing transoceanic race taking place every four years, from Quebec City (Canada) to Saint-Malo (France). QSL via the bureau.
This radio activity will be done jointly with the Association des Radio Amateurs de la Cote d'Emeraude, which will be active as TM0QSM on 7-14 July (QSL via F5BNJ).

VE - The fourth Youth on the Air summer camp for young radio amateurs aged 15-25 in the Americas will be held on 7-12 July in Halifax, Nova Scotia (https://youthontheair.org/halifax2024/). Campers will operate special event station VE1YOTA during breaks between sessions. In addition, there will be dedicated operating times on the HF bands and satellites (see qrz.com for the details), as well as for a POTA activation (10 July between 13 and 19 UTC). QSL via KC3UII (direct or bureau) and LoTW.

W - The following stations will be active during the 16th annual "13 Colonies Special Event", which will be held from 13 UTC on 1 July until 4 UTC on 8 July: K2A (New York), K2B (Virginia), K2C (Rhode Island), K2D (Connecticut), K2E (Delaware), K2F (Maryland), K2G (Georgia), K2H (Massachusetts), K2I (New Jersey), K2J (North Carolina), K2K (New Hampshire), K2L (South Carolina), and K2M (Pennsylvania), plus 'bonus stations' WM3PEN from Philadelphia (the city where the US independence was declared), GB13COL from England (QSL direct, see qrz.com for instructions) and TM13COL from France (QSL via F5OGL). Information about the award programme can be found on http://www.13colonies.us/.

YB - Team 7E4K will be active from Ketawai Island (OC-144) on 26-29

July. They will operate "all mode" on various bands (80m excluded). During the IOTA Contest (27-28 July) they will use the callsign 7E4C on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW. QSLs via YE4FNN, eQSL and LoTW.

ZC4 - Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK from the UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus (AS-004) on 10-17 July. He will concentrate on 6 metres, "with other bands a secondary consideration if 6m is not open". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.

BALTIC SUMMER TOUR ---> Timo, OH1NOA (https://thehamradio.com/) will be active from Saaremaa Island (EU-034) from 30 June to 2 July. He will be QRV as ES0NO from the base station at Karala (grid KO08), as well as ES9EFF from the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) parks and protected nature areas. Between 3 and 11 July he will be active from WWFF sites on mainland Estonia (ES1NOA/#), Latvia (YL/OH1NOA) and Lithuania (LY/OH1NOA). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW in due course, or via OH1NOA.

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3Y0K: BOUVET ISLAND 2026 ---> "We are negotiating the vessel contract for a DXpedition to Bouvet Island in the period November 2025 to February 2026. Exact dates TBD.
The DXpedition team will consist of up to 20+ operators with extensive experience in DXpedition and contesting.
The plan is to stay 3 weeks around Bouvet Island, and we will use a large vessel and a helicopter to go to Bouvet.
The overall expedition budget is estimated to be in the order of $1,600,000 where we will team up with a small private group who will share the cost. The trip will be fully financed upfront, but we will continue to seek donations from clubs and individuals to recover some of our expenses. At the time of signing the contract we will launch a fundraising campaign, until then we will not seek donations.
We are considering to setup two camps, one camp at Cape Fie and one camp further west. The second QTH will be dedicated to give better conditions for North America and can be as far west as Larsoya on the southwest side of the island". Bookmark https://3y0k.com/ for updates.

CY9C: ST PAUL ISLAND ---> Preparations are underway for the CY9C DXpedition to St. Paul Island (26 August-5 September). The team has secured a million dollar liability insurance policy; they have tested equipment, packed gear including antennas, tents and generators. Operators have made the first of two financial commitments for what is anticipated to be the most costly CY9 DXpedition to date. Donations are always welcome to help off-set this cost and can be made through https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy9c. Also, bookmark https://www.facebook.com/groups/1455659374986029/ for updates.

ARRL SYSTEMS SERVICE DISRUPTION ---> "We are continuing to make progress on restoring the ARRL network and many related systems and databases", the latest update (14 June) reports. "While the Logbook of The World (LoTW) server, Online DXCC, and related user data are secure and unaffected, we have taken the precautionary measure of keeping the services offline until we can ensure the security and integrity of our networks". Read the complete update on https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-systems-service-disruption.

FT4GL ---> Marek, FH4VVK shut down his operation from Glorioso a few minutes before 20 UTC on 18 June. He, the support team and all the pilots, led by F8FKI, faced significant challenges throughout this endeavour. "We regret that, as is often the case when radio activities take place in rare countries, we have seen a negative spirit spread by some, such as unfounded comments made anonymously, pirates and other music broadcasters on the transmission frequencies... all these acts in no way reflect the ham spirit". Nevertheless, most of the objectives have been achieved: more than 61,000 QSOs were made with nearly 15200 unique calls (25%), all the announced modes and bands were used, only 160 metres was unsatisfactory. The statistics are published on Club Log: https://clublog.org/charts/?c=FT4GL

J62K: YOUNG CONTEST OPERATORS WANTED ---> Team J62K promotes the Youth on the Air (YOTA) programme, and is looking for "young team players that are hams from the age of 18-30 for a 'first time' experience operating in a Multi category environment". The trip will take place from 25 March to 1 April 2025, and will include participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. See https://j62k.com/youth-on-the-air/ for more information and the application form. The deadline for applications is 15 July.

PETER I ISLAND 2027 ---> "We plan to activate Peter I Island in February 2027 with a team of 19 operators. We have signed a financial agreement with a private group about sharing the cost for this DXpedition. The DXpedition budget and our share is around $825,000, of which we must deposit $340,000 in 2024". The landing permit from the Norwegian Polar Institute was received in April; the callsign (3Y0L) will be confirmed later. The expedition is expected to run from 28 January to 26 February 2027, including the voyage from King George Island (South Shetlands) to Peter I and back. Plans are for the team to go ashore with two helicopters and stay on the island for 14-18 days. Bookmark https://3y0l.com/ for updates.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AY, 3G0YA, 3W9T, 4A5D (NA-244), 4L2M, 4W8X, 7P8EI, 7Q7EMH, A31DL, A52CI, A52P, A8OK, C31LK, CN8SG, D2EB, D2UY, DT0IP (AS-080), EP5TJS, EX0M, FG/F6HMQ, FK/LZ1GC, FK/LZ5QZ, FO5QS, FW8GC, FY5KE, H40WA, HD8MD, HV0A, J38R, J68HZ, JD1BMH, JD1BQP, K8R (Swains Island RIB DXpedition), OZ24KING, P3X, PJ5/SP9FIH, PX8AMA, PY0FR, S21PL, T32EU, T44DX (NA-056), TX5S, TX7W, TX8GC, V31DJ, VE5RCAF, VE7RCAF, VK5FIL (OC-261), VP6G, W8S, XU7GNY, Z68BB, ZB2KX, ZF1A, ZY8AM.

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