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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 5N - Members of the Rebel DX Group expect to be active as 5N9DTG from Nigeria "for up to 3 weeks" starting the third week of January. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. After that, they will go to South Africa "to take care of our expedition vessel and pack most of the equipment for southern ocean voyage". [<https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup>]
- 9N - Robert, 9N7AA (S53R) is going to be active on the low bands on 10-12 January. This will be "a real DXpedition" to a hill near Kathmandu, carrying some 200 kg of equipment. The plan involves operating on 30 and 40 metres initially, with the intention to set up vertical antennas for 80 and 160 metres the following day, depending on the success of the first night and local QRM. The antennas are expected to remain in place for a few months. QSL via LoTW, or direct to S56DX.
- G - GB70RS is the special callsign celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Radio Society of Great Britain's weekly news service (GB2RS), which has been running continuously since 25 September 1955 (<https://rsqb.org/main/gb2rs/>). GB70RS is operated by the radio amateurs who work to deliver GB2RS each week, both the editorial staff at RSGB HQ and the newsreaders spread around the UK and Crown Dependencies who transmit it every Sunday. QSL via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL.
- HB9 - HB20SOTA is the special callsign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information.
- HI - HI59UD is the special callsign for the Union Dominicana de Radioaficionados, the second oldest amateur radio club in the Dominican Republic, to celebrate the 59th anniversary since its foundation. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB and digital modes, from 17 to 25 January. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, and QRZ Logbook.
- I - Team IG9/S51V will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as a Multi-Single entry from Lampedusa Island (AF-019). Outside the contest, on 19-29 January, look for team members S51V, S52OT, S52P, S54W, S56DX, S57UN, S58MU, S59A, S59ZZ, IV3CTS and YT3H to be QRV as IG9/home call on the HF bands. QSL via home calls. [TNX S59ZZ]
- LZ - Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ403ES (January and February), LZ372SG (March and April), LZ286MDK (May and June), LZ591MK (July and August), LZ117ME (September and October) and LZ306WW (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>.
- OH - OF60AP is the special callsign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th

anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491.

TG - Dwight, VE7BV will be active again as TG9BBV from Guatemala on 10-28 January. He will operate CW, SSB and possibly FT8 on 40-6m. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

VU - Team AU2V (namely (VU2RS, VU2TT, VU3DXA, VU3GDS, VU3TPW and VU3WEW) is planning a DXpedition to Sacrifice Rock (AS-161). This challenging island and highly sought-after IOTA group was activated only once, back in January 2002.

The team has received informal approval from local authorities and is awaiting formal confirmation to proceed, with the activation tentatively planned for the second week of February. "We have two CW operators and four SSB/digital operators", Sarath, VU2RS says, "ensuring that we can run three stations simultaneously, if permitted, or two stations round the clock. We'll be using a range of antennas, including a 40-6m beam, 6 and 10m beam, and verticals, to ensure maximum coverage and efficiency". Donations to help offset the significant costs can be sent via PayPal to sarath[@]lven.in. A website is apparently under construction at <https://au2v.vu2rs.com>. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.

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BOUVET 2026 ---> Team 3Y0K has announced the "completion of a major milestone" with the signing of a contract with the company that will take them to Bouvet Island in February 2026. They have also secured a contract with a company that will provide a helicopter, two pilots, and a mechanic for this project.

"We will depart from Cape Town February 1st 2026", the team says, "and the DXpedition is scheduled for 36 days. We intend to stay around the island for more than 21 days, which will provide us with enough time to wait for good conditions to land the team and all the equipment".

The total budget of \$1,675,000 includes a \$450,000 deposit due on 20 January, with funding assistance from private contributions and grants from the Northern California DX Foundation. "NCDXF has discussed the planning with their leadership team and believes that this plan will be successful. There is risk associated with this DXpedition as we all know because of weather and local conditions. The leadership has experienced these challenges and has thoughtfully addressed them as best as they know". There will be two

grants from NCDXF, "totally up to \$200,000. The first will be a down payment of \$100,000. The second will be a dollar for dollar match up to \$100,000. The match will be a challenge to the clubs and hams that donate prior to the DXpedition". To help meet this target, please consider making a donation: see <https://3y0k.com>.

KERGUELEN 2025-26 ---> Thierry, F6CUK and Pascal, F8TRT are working on a project to be QRV from the Kerguelen Islands: <https://kerq-2025.r-e-f.org>. The document outlines the current status and future plans for their proposed DXpedition, addressing challenges faced during the application process to TAAF authorities, the multi-faceted nature of the project, and the urgency to receive approval before a self-imposed deadline in spring 2025 to proceed with the expedition. "With a departure planned between December 2025 and March 2026", they say, "we are granting ourselves until spring to secure the necessary approval; beyond this timeframe, the project will be abandoned".

WSJT-X 2.7.0 ---> Release Candidate WSJT-X 2.7.0-rc8 is ready for download and use by beta testers: <https://wsjt.sourceforge.io/wsjt.html>. RC8 is mostly a bug-fix release of the well-functioning RC7, but it also introduces a new Message System that can be used to invite your QSO partner to QSY to another frequency or mode (e.g. during contests), or to send some general short messages. It consists of the "Message Creator" and the "QSY Monitor". Received messages are displayed as popups. To understand how to use the Message System, read Section 8 of the updated WSJT-X User Guide for RC8: <https://wsjt.sourceforge.io/wsjt-doc/wsjt-main-2.7.0-rc8.html>.

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***** QSL ROUTES *****

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3D2GE	OE3GEA	DA0WWA	DF1QR	P49X	W0YK
3D2HAZ	9M8HAZ	DP0GVN	DL5EBE	PA25WWA	LoTW
3Z6I	SP6JIU	EG6WWA	EC6DX	PJ4R	N4RR
3Z7WWA	SQ7U	EH5HNY	EA5ZD	PJ4SON	M0URX
4U1WB	KK4HD	FM4TI	EA5GL	PV2K	EA5GL
5P9Z/p	DL7UZO	FT4YM/p	F5PFP	R2025NY	RQ7L
5W0GE	OE3GEA	FY4JI	EA5GL	RC25BA	RV1CC
6W1RD	EA7FTR	GB1GKA	G4HLN	RI42SP	RN3RQ
8E3R	N2OO	GB1WWA	LoTW	RK25NY	RN3RQ
8Q7FX	DO4FX	GB200LB	M0OXO	RT25NY	RN3RQ
8Q7XF	DF3XY	GB8KW	G0UKN	RU25NY	RN3RQ
9A925T	9A2EU	GB9KW	GW0PUH	RW25NY	RN3RQ
9J2BO	EA5GL	HF33WOSP	SP6ZHP	RX25NY	RN3RQ
9N1CA	EA5ZD	HI8D	NK4Q	SC90SM	SK5SM
A43WWA	EC6DX	HK3X	M0OXO	SN50IWA	SP7IWA
A71AE	EC6DX	HR5/F2JD	F6AJA	TC93HARP	YM9EKE
A91WWA	EC6DX	IA0/IZ1KHY	I1URL	TM850N	F4GFE

AM150MF	EA3XL	II4FPEN	IQ4FE	UE25NY	RQ7L
AZ1D	EC6DX	JG8NQJ/JD1	JA8CJY [d]	UP7WWA	LZ1YE
C37AC	EA3QS	JG8NQJ/JD1	JG8NQJ [b]	VE2CSI	M0URX
C5RK	EA7FTR	KP4ZZ	EB7DX	VI100IARU	M0OXO
CQ7WWA	CT1GFK	LY13LY	LY8O	VK5KI	M0OXO
CR5WWA	CS5DX	LZ06RN	LZ1ZF	VP6MW	W0VTT
CR6WWA	CT1ILT	LZ403ES	LZ1KCP	WP3C	M0OXO
CS2025HNY	CT1REP	OF60AP	OH2AP	YB0AR	EB7DX
D2ACE	EA7FTR	OU25AEI/p	OZ7AEI	Z81D	OM3JW
D4L	IK2NCJ	OY1OF	M0URX	ZW5B	PY5EG

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