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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3C - The Mediterraneo DX Club has announced plans for a DXpedition to take place from Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea from 30 October to 10 November. A multi-national team of fourteen operators will be active as 3C2MD on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. Expected activities include EME and QO-100. QSL via IK2VUC. More information is expected in due course.

9M2 - Team 9M4PA will be active from Aman Island (AS-015), West Malaysia on 2-4 May. QSL via LoTW, or direct to 9M2HUS.

BY - Ten stations (B0CRA, B1CRA, B2CRA, B3CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B6CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA and B9CRA from across the country will be active indicatively on 3-5 May for the annual "5.5 China Amateur Radio Festival" on air event, organized by the Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC). See http://www.crac.org.cn/55 for logsearch and the awards.

D4 - Harald, DF2WO and Warren, KN6ZZI will be active as D44TWO (mainly CW and FT4) and D44ZZI (mainly SSB and FT8), respectively, from Santiago Island (AF-005), Cape Verde on 4-26 May. Look also for activity via QO-100. QSL for both callsigns via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

DL - Special callsign DM0LIMES will be active between 1 May and 1 July for this year's German World Heritage Day (1 June). QSL via the bureau and eQSL. Also active will be DM3LIMES (QSL via the bureau) on 31 May-1 June. The limes was the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent. In 2005, the remnants of the Upper German-Raetian Limes were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as "Frontiers of the Roman Empire".

EA - Celebrating IARU's centenary, Spanish amateurs are allowed to replace their normal prefix from 1 to 15 May as follows: EA stations can use AO#100, EB stations can use AN#100, and EC stations can use AM#100, where "#" is the digit of their call area. For example, EA6VQ will use AO6100VQ, EB3WH will use AN3100WH, and EC7R will use AM7100R.

EA - Once again the Federacion Digital EA will operate special callsigns AO1EU, AO2EU, AO3EU, AO4EU, AO5EU, AO6EU, AO7EU, AO8EU and AO9EU on 2-11 May to celebrate Europe Day, the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (9 May 1950) that paved the way to the European Union. QSL direct to EA3RKF: Federacion Digital EA, Apartado Postal 3050, 08200 Sabadell (Barcelona), Spain.

F - Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, special callsign TM45END will be active on 7-31 May. QSL via F5JYD.

FO - Didier, F6BCW will be active as TX5U from Tikehau (OC-066), French Polynesia from 26 May to 8 June. He will operate CW and SSB (no FT8) on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau);

full LoTW upload after six months.

FR - Celebrating the centenaries of the Reseau des Emetteurs Francais (REF) and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), Phil FR8UA and Ann FR8TZ will be active as TO974REF from Reunion Island (AF-016) on 1-4 May, 8-11 May, 17-19 May and 29 May-1 June. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40, 20, 15 and 10m. TO974REF participates in REF's Radio Challenge; eQSL and certificates on https://tm100ref.r-e-f.org/

GI - Once again the North West Group ARC (MN0NWG) is running special event station GB0AEL between 5 and 31 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).

GM - Team MM0UKI (G0VJG, G4PVM and M0SDV) plans to be active from the Flannan Islands (EU-118). They will depart the Isle of Lewis on the local afternoon of 27 April, and will try and be QRV for 2-3 days (depending on weather). They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

GU - Team GU6EFW will be active from Guernsey (EU-114) on 7-14 May. Seven operators (ON1BN, ON4AML, ON6EF, ON6VJ, ON7TA, ON7VM and ON9DJ) will be QRV on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. They will also give QO-100 and 2.3 GHz EME a try. QSL via ON6EF. See https://hamradioexpedition.com/ for more information.

HR - Renato, PY8WW will be active as HR4/PY8WW from Isla El Tigre (NA-060), Honduras on 13-17 May. He will be QRV on 80-10 metres with two stations at the same time - one station alternating between SSB and CW, and the other one fully dedicated to FT8 (F/H) and FT4. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

I - Following the passing of Pope Francis and in light of the funeral services scheduled for 26 April, the Coordinamento delle Stazioni Marconiane Italiane has considered joining the national mourning as a sign of respect. Consequently, all 14 commemorative radio stations belonging to the CSMI (IY0CG, IY0GA, IY0IMD, IY0MMR, IY0ORP, IY0TC, IY1MR, IY1SM, IY1SP, IY1TO, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM, and IY7M) will not participate in this year's International Marconi Day.

JA - Look for JA4GXS/6 to be active from Kami Koshiki Island (AS-037) on 3-4 May. He will operate FT8, FT4, CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

SV - SX20TARG is the special callsign for members of the Thessaloniki Amateur Radio Group to celebrate its 20th anniversary on 3-17 May. QSL only via eQSL.

T30 - The Rebel DX Group will be active as T30TTT from Western Kiribati (OC-017) for about 3 weeks sometime in the near future. Operator Teddy will remain there for another three months on a work assignment. Bookmark https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup for updates. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP80 will be QRV on 1-9 May to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. More information on https://logradio.ru/.

V5 - Remo, HB9SHD will be active holiday style as V51/HB9SHD while touring Namibia between 29 April and 15 June. He will operate SSB

and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

VU - Team AU2M [425DXN 1764] is now expected to be active from Arnala Island (AS-169) on 28-31 May. This IOTA group has been silent since 2006. Plans are for seven operators to set up three stations, and to operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on various bands, 6m included. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Donations to help offset the significant costs are gratefully accepted. See https://vu2rs.com/au2m/ for more information

YS - Renato, PY8WW will be active as YS3/PY8WW from Isla Zacatillo (NA-190), El Salvador on 8-13 May. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres with two stations at the same time - one station alternating between SSB and CW, and the other one fully dedicated to FT8 (F/H) and FT4. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

YV - YV5KG expects to be active from Los Roques (SA-035) on 25-29 April. Reportedly, he will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via the bureau and LoTW.

Z6 - Anne, OH2YL and Marko, OH2LGW will be active from Kosovo as Z68YL and Z68OM, respectively, on 20-30 May. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL for both callsigns via OH2YL.
At the same time, Silvano, I2YSB announced the cancellation of the Italian DXpedition Team's operation (ZS8TT and Z68ZZ), scheduled from 26 June to 10 July [425DXN 1766].

IARU 100 --- > More special event stations/callsigns from IARU societies celebrating the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union include:

* A4100IARU by the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society (A47RS). QRV on 15-30 April.
* CN100IARU by the Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc (ARRAM). QRV on 18-30 April. QSL via the bureau.
* EI0IARU by the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS). QRV between 15 April and 15 June.
* VR100IARU by the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (HARTS). QRV from May to December. QSL via the bureau and LoTW.

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ITALY: 40 MHZ ---> Once again Italian radio amateurs have been authorized to use the 40 MHz band until the end of the year. They are allowed to operate from 40.660 MHz to 40.700 MHz with a maximum power of 10 watts. The Italian regulator has given permission until 31 December also for 70.100 MHz, 70.200 MHz, 70.300 MHz, and 1810-1830 KHz.

KH7AL/KH9 ---> Allen, KH7AL has returned to Wake Island and is active again as KH7AL/KH9. His next scheduled activities, which are announced regularly

on https://kh7al.site/kh9-upcoming-activity/, are:
27 April 07:00-09:00 UTC, 20m SSB
08 May   07:00-09:00 UTC, 30m CW
11 May   19:30-23:00 UTC, 12m SSB

NCDXF: YOUTH GRANTS ---> In May 2023, the Northern California DX Foundation "announced youth grants to DXpeditions that had young operators under the age of 26. Up to now, travel expenses for numerous young individuals participating in DXpeditions have been reimbursed.

At our annual meeting in Visalia, we are changing this grant to cover the entire share of an operator on any major DXpedition instead of just the travel costs. For example, if a DXpedition charges each operator $5000 to participate, then it would get $5000 from NCDXF for up to three young DXpeditioners. This is meant to encourage DXpeditions to take along these up-and-coming DXers and encourage young people to go regardless of the financial cost.

This youth grant application will be part of the application process going forward. We will need name, call and some background to support their involvement".

The mission of NCDXF is to provide necessary financial support for well-organized DXpeditions to desirable DXCC entities and to support advances in DXpeditioning skills, technology, and infrastructure: https://www.ncdxf.org.

OPERATIONS MANNA & CHOWHOUND COMMEMORATION ---> Operation Manna and Operation Chowhound were a series of humanitarian food drops to feed Dutch civilians at risk of starvation during the final days of the Second World War in Europe. Commemorating the 80th anniversary, ten special event stations will be active on 25-27 April from England (GB80CHO, GB80MAN and GB8MAN), the Netherlands (PH80MAN), Poland (SN80MAN), Canada (VB6MAN, VB7MAN and VE1MAN), Australia (VK80MAN) and the US (W4C). A certificate will be available, see https://manna80.radio/ for more information

ZS8W ---> Yuris, YL2GM and all personnel are still on board the S.A. Agulhas II. "I had a quick chat on the phone with Yuris earlier today", MM0NDX (DX World) reported on 24 April. "The seas haven't been great recently and continue to be lumpy so no landing just yet. Said he'd update on when he's likely to go on land, possibly Saturday". The ZS8W website is currently "under maintenance" (https://lral.lv/zs8w/).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2Y, 3E7D, 4A2CES, 5B4AMX, 5Z4A, 7Q5MLV, 8A100IARU, 9G5AF, 9H5DX, 9N7AA, 9X2AW, A42K, A61DD, A71VV, AP5ARS, AU2V (AS-161), CN3A, CO6XX, CS9/OM2ADM, D2UY, D4DX, E51WL, EP4HR, FK8HA, FM/F8AAN, G4SGX/6Y, HC8M, HD8CW, HI8S, HS0ZLV, HV0A, JT1CO, KH0/4Z5LA, KH7AL/KH9, LO7H, P3CR, PJ2CF, PJ2T, PJ4R, PZ5TW, RC25BA, S79VU, T2X, T46W (NA-204), T48K, TI5/VA3RA, TL8ES, TO1P, TO9W, UP0L, UP7WWA, V26K, V5/DL5XL, V6WG (OC-059), VK9CU, VK9XU, VP8TXF, VU2MZT, WP2Z, XE1XR, YI3AA, ZD7DPX, ZD7FT, ZD9BV, ZL7YL, ZX9X.

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