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>> TX8CI - CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS - TX0DX <<

The Chesterfield Islands (OC-176) DXpedition [425DXN 456] remains on target for the window of 15 March through 1 April. The departure date for the expedition vessel has been set for 13 March. Two different callsigns have been issued by the New Caledonian telecommunication authorities: TX8CI will be used initially, while the distinctive TX0DX call [425DXN 456] will become effective at 00.00 UTC on 23 March, assuming the needed parameters of the new DXCC entity requirement have been positively acted upon prior to that target date. TX0DX will be have two CW and two SSB stations on the air throughout the WPX SSB Contest weekend (25-26 March): one station will be dedicated to 15-meter SSB, transmitting on 21.445 MHz, while tuning in the range above 21.400 MHz; the other SSB station will be dedicated to 12 and 17 metres during the WPX weekend. The web site for the DXpedition is at http://www.n4gn.com/tx0dx/ [TNX N4GN]

3W - Mal, 3W2LC/VK6LC reports that JA7GAX plans to operate as 3W2GAX from Phu Quoc (AS-128) on 14-20 March and Hon Tam (NO-REF) on 25-30 March. Please note that his plans and dates may vary. [TNX G0APV]

5H - Bert, PA3GIO will be active as 5H3/PA3GIO from Mafia Island (AF-054) between 18/19 and 24 June. Look for him on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 metres (SSB only). QSL via PA3GIO either direct (Bert vd Berg, Parklaan 38, NL-3931 KK Woudenberg, The Netherlands) or preferably through the bureau. [TNX PA3GIO, http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/5H3/]

5H - Bert, PA3GIO will be active as 5H1/PA3GIO from Pemba Island (AF-063) between 25-26 June and 1 July. Look for him on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 metres (SSB only). QSL via PA3GIO. [TNX PA3GIO, http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/5H1/]

5Z - The 5Z4WI team on Wasini Island (AF-067) [425DXN 460] will concentrate their 160 metre CW activity from 16.00 UTC on Friday 10th March until 06.00 UTC on Saturday 11th March, and from 16.00 UTC on Sunday 12th March until 06.00 UTC on Monday 13th March. They will transmit on 1827 kHz and listen on 1835 kHz for Europe etc. or

1910 kHz for Japan (until 21.00 UTC) during the first 15 minutes of each hour. They will listen particularly for US stations between 20.00 and their sunrise at 03.30 UTC. In the event of a lack of activity, they will QSY to another band. 5Z4WI will be active on 9-16 March. QSL via G3SWH either direct (Phil Whitchurch, 21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5HQ, United Kingdom) or through the bureau. [TNX G3SWH]

8Q - Frank, PA3DYS is active as 8Q7DY from Kuredu Island (MJ65RN) in the Maldives until 8 March. Look for him on 50110, 50135 and 28420 kHz. [TNX PA5BW]

9M6 - Blacksheep Contest and DX Group members Peter/G4MJS, John/G6YIN, Stephen/G4SHF and Martin/G4XUM will be active (on 6-160 metres CW and SSB) as 9M6BAA from the Hillview Gardens Resort in Sabah (OC-088), East Malaysia between 17 and 27 March. They will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as 9M6AAC. QSL 9M6BAA via G4SHF (Stephen Purser, 80 John Bold Avenue, Stoney Stanton, Leicester, LE9 4ND, United Kingdom). QSL 9M6AAC via N2OO. The web site for the operation is at http://www.9m6baa.com [TNX G4MJS]

C2 - Jack/VK2GJH and Nev/VK2QF plan to operate (primarily on 6 metres, but also on the HF bands) as C21JH and C21/VK2QF from Nauru (OC-031) in March/April. QSL C21JH via VK2GJH (Jack Haden, P.O. Box 299, Ryde, N.S.W. 1680, Australia); QSL C21/VK2QF via VK2QF (N. E. Mattick, Hargraves, N.S.W. 2850, Australia). [TNX the Daily DX]

C3 - The DX News Letter reports that amateurs from Andorra are using the special prefixes C34, C35, C36 until the end of March to celebrate the 20th anniversary of URA, the Radio Union of Andorra. Look also for special club calls C37URA and C37RC.

CE0_eas - Dan/XQ3IDY and Sergio/CE3WDH will be active as 3G0Y from Easter Island (SA-001) on 4-13 March. Plans are to concentrate on 12, 17, 30, 40, 80 and 160 metres. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

CT - CT1AHU, CT1EEN, CT1EGW, CT1END and CT4NH will be active as home call/p from Culatra Island (EU-145) starting on 00 UTC on 11 March. IOTA chasers is Asia, Oceania, North and South America are invited to let Sam, CT1EEN (ct1een@mail.telepac.pt) know how much in need EU-145 is in their continents. [TNX CT1END]

CX - A large group of operators from the Centro Radio Aficionados Montevideo (including CX1ABC, CX1ABV, CX1SI, CX2AM, CX2RU, CX3AN, CX3BBU, CX3BV, CX3CE, CX4AAE, CX4AAJ, CX4CR, CX4CQ, CX4SS, CX5AS, CX6FK, CX7DF, CX8AK and CX8CP) will be active as CV1Z from Flores Island (SA-030) between 4 and 10 March. They will operate on all bands from 160 metres to 70 centimetres SSB and CW with five stations. QSL via CX1CCC (P.O. Box 6000, Montevideo 11000, Uruguay). [TNX CX2AM]

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CY9 - Duane/WV2B, Rick/AI5P, Henry/KE1AC and Rob/WA4RX plan to operate

(on 6-40 metres CW and SSB) from St. Paul Island (NA-094) between 6 and 10 July. Landing permission has been received from the Canadian Coast Guard. However, this news is tempered with the new rule that the island housing structures cannot be used and liability insurance will be required. The group is looking for sponsors (particularly foreign clubs) and they are encouraged to directly contact either WV2B or AI5P. The web site for the operation is at http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pines/7651/DXpedition.html [TNX AI5P, ai5p@seark.net]

EA6 - Look for Babs, EA6/DL7AFS and Lot, EA6/DJ7ZG to be active (on all bands SSB and RTTY, with an emphasis on Japan and the Americas) from the Balearic Islands (EU-004) between 5 and 11 March. QSL for both calls via DL7AFS. [TNX DL2FAG]

ET - Andy, G4ZVJ is now active (CW only) as ET3AA from Ethiopia until 7 March. Look for him on 3503, 7007, 10108, 14027, 18082, 21027, 24897 and 28027 kHz. QSL for this operation only via G4ZVJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

ET - Silvio, IV3TRK reports some fresh first-hand information on the 9E1 activity from Ethiopia [425DXN 459]. He and Claudio, IV3OWC will operate as 9E1S (mainly CW) and 9E1C (CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included) respectively between 20 and 30 March. QSL 9E1C via IV3OWC (Claudio Fabbro, Via Casale Coloset 3, 33030 Moruzzo - UD, Italy) QSL 9E1S via IV3TRK (Silvio Terconi, Via Luigi de Jenner 18, 34148 Trieste-TS, Italy).

F - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active from Brehat Island (EU-074) between 1 and 8 April. Look for hin on 10-80 metres, mostly CW. QSL via F5SGI either direct (Jean-Marc Idee, 24 rue Paul Bert, 94160 Saint Mande, France) or through the bureau. [TNX F5SGI]

FO0_cli - The DXpedition to Clipperton Island is now active with five stations signing FO0AAA on all bands and modes after a difficult landing due to pouring rain and heavy winds. The pilots for the DXpedition are PA1AW (pa1aw@qsl.net) for Europe and W2IJ (pcb4u@earthlink.net) for the rest of the world. QSL via N7CQQ (John Kennon, P.O.Box 31553, Laughlin, Nevada 89028-1553, USA). The web site for the operation is at http://www.qsl.net/clipperton2000

GJ - Craig, K3PLV and Pete, K8PT will be active as MJ/K3PLV and MJ/K8PT from Jersey (EU-013) between 22 and 28 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX K8PT]

HC8 - After his V31GI trip to Belize Bert, PA3GIO will be active as PA3GIO/HC8 from the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) between 1 and 12 April. Look for him 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB. QSL via PA3GIO preferably through the bureau. The web page for the operation is at http://www.xs4all.nl/~pa3gio/HC8/ [TNX PA3GIO]

HS - The Thailand DX Group recently carried a survey of Koh Nu (Mouse Island) in the Malay Peninsula South East Group (AS-???) [425DXN 441]. An operation looks feasible from the island, and a tentative date has been set for a first time activity from 7 to 15 April. More information is expected in due course. [TNX HS0/G3NOM]

I - Monferrato DX Team members Livio/IK1RLI, Carlo/IK1SLE and Fausto/ IZ1BPR will be participate in the CQ WW WPX Contest (SSB) as IK1SLE

I - Salvo, IT9HLR will participate in this year's major SSB contests (namely ARRL, WPX, ARI International DX Contest on 6-7 May, IARU,

WAE and CQ WW DX) as II9R. QSL via home call.

JA - Masa, JA6GXK will be active (in his spare time) from Danjo Archipelago (AS-056) until 9 March and again between 17 and 28 March. Look for him on or around 14260 and 21260 kHz. QSL via JA6GXK either direct (Masafumi Ishihara, 493-4 Koba-cho, Fukue 853-0033, Japan). [TNX JA3JM]

JA - Yuki, JA6LCJ will be active (on all bands CW and SSB) as JA6LCJ/6 from Tsushima (AS-036) between 18 and 20 March. QSL via homecall. A log serach will be available at http://www2.ocn.ne.jp/~ja6lcj/ [TNX JA6LCJ]

J6 - Steve, K4WA will be active (mostly WARC and low bands CW) as either J68WA or J6/K4WA from St. Lucia (NA-108) on 5-12 March. QSL via K4WA either direct (Steven R. Schmidt, 1002 Rocky Bayou Drive, Niceville, Florida 32578, USA) or through the bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

JD1_oga - Hiko, JN1HOW will be active (40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB and CW with 50 watts) as JN1HOW/JD1 from Chichi-jima, Ogasawara (AS-031) on 17-20 March. QSL via JN1HOW either direct (Toshihiko Niwa, 1081-8, Sakae, Kitakawabe, Kitasaitama, Saitama 349-1213, Japan) or through the bureau. [TNX JN1HOW]

P2 - On 1 March (after his operations as H40MS from Temotu and H44MS from OC-047 and OC-158) Bernhard, DL2GAC moved to Papua New Guinea, where he will be active as P29VMS until 28/29 March. He stopped at Port Moresby (OC-034) and on 2 March he was expected to move to Rabaul (New Britain, OC-008). On 7 March he will go to Nissan, the main island in the Green Islands group (OC-???), where he plans to operate for 5-7 days from the local catholic mission. He will use a battery and solar panels, and asks to refrain from working him on different bands. He reports his longwire antenna "is good for 10, 12, 17, 20 and 40 metres, but it doesn't operate well on 15 and 80". QSL via DL2GAC, preferably through the bureau. [TNX P29VMS through G3KMA]

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PA - Gino, ON1DAN and other nine operators from Belgium will be active from Texel Island (EU-038) between 28 April and 1 May. They have applied for a special callsign (not known so far). The web page for the operation is at http://www.vra.be/texel [TNX ON1DAN]

PJ - PJ/W1HL (QSL via AA1M), PJ/W1USN (QSL via W1USN) and PJ/AA1M (QSL via AA1M) are active from Sint Maarten (NA-105) until 6 March. [TNX AA1M]

PY - Look for PW5W and PR5L to be active from Arvoredo Island (SA-027, DIB 46) on 10-13 March. QSL via PP5LL (Jay Lira, P.O. Box 8, 88.010-970 Florianopolis - SC, Brazil). [TNX PP5LL]

SM - John, SM7CRW will participate in the ARRL International DX Contest (SSB) as 8S7A from Oland Island (EU-037). QSL via W3HNK or direct

to SM7CRW (P.O Box 100, SE-386 22 Oland Island, Sweden). [TNX The Daily DX]

SV - Panos, SV1APA and others will participate in the CQ WW WPX Contest (SSB) as SY1A (Greece). QSL via SV1APA through the bureau. [TNX SV1APA]

T8 - JI1DLZ, JA1HGY and JA1BRK will be active respectively as T88GM, T88HG and T88RK from Koror (OC-009), Belau on 17-19 March. They will operate on 10-160 metres SSB, CW and RTTY with two stations. Plans are to concentrate on RTTY (mainly operated by T88HG) and 6 metres (main operator T88GM). QSL via home calls. [TNX JA1HGY]

T8 - Jim, JA9IFF reports an IOTA operation from Helen Reef or Sonsorol Islands, South Palau group (OC-???) is being planned between 27 April and 3 May with the call T88FW. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX G0APV]

TI - Uwe, DL8UD will be active (on 10-80 metres, WARC bands included, SSB and CW) as TI2/DL8UD from Costa Rica between 18 and 28 March. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX Contest (SSB). QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau. [TNX DL8UD]

UT - UA9KO, UT3IB, UT3IW, UX2IQ and UX3IW are active (2-80 metres CW, SSB and FM) as UT3IZZ/p from the island of Lozovoy (UIA KL-01) until 5 March. QSL to P.O. Box 11, Gorlovka, 84601, Ukraine. [TNX UT3IB]

VE - Phil, F5OGG reports that VO1BAR (who has been active since 9 February until 8 March from the lighthouse at Surgeons Cove Point) will operate as VO1BAR/p from the lighthouse (WLH LH 1277) on Puffin Island between 5 April and 3 May. QSL via VO1BAR.

XV - Nag, JA7GAX will be active as XV2GAX from Saigon, Vietnam until the end of March. He also plans to operate as XV2GAX/p from Phu-Quoc Island (AS-128) during this time frame. QSL via JA7GAX. [TNX The Daily DX]

YS - Hrane, YT1AD will be active as HU1A from the YS1RR QTH during the ARRL SSB DX Contest. Before and after the contest (until 6 March) he will operate as YS/YT1AD. [TNX YS1RR]

ZS - The ZS31ER IOTA operation from Elephant Rock [425DXN 459] has been scheduled for 25 March-1 April. The team includes Barry/ZS1FJ, Bud/ZS1B, Hans/ZS6AJH, Willie/ZS5WI, Edwin/ZS5BBO, Derek/ZS5VE, Ian/ZS6IAN, Lyn/ZR1LE (YL) and possibly Rudi/ZS6VER. Look for them to be active on SSB and CW. QSL via ZS1FJ (P.O. Box 53319, Kenilworth 7745, Cape, South Africa). [TNX The Daily DX]

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ARDF ---> The 10th Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) World Championships will be organised by the CRSA (China Radio Sports Association) on behalf of the International Amateur Radio Union. The event will take place in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province on 13-18 October. Further information at http://www.crsa.org.cn or e-mail crsa@public.bta.net.cn [TNX HS0/G3NOM]

CLIPPERTON DX CLUB ---> The annual convention of the Clipperton DX Club will be held in Andorra on 30 September-1 October. Further information at http://www.multimania.com/cdxc [TNX F5OZF]

DIFO ---> Full information on the French Overseas Islands Award (DIFO) is available at http://perso.easynet.fr/~f5nod/

FK8HC/P ---> Franck, FK8HC was active from Freycinet Island (OC-032, DIFO FK-078) between 21 UTC on 25 February and 23.30 UTC on the 26th. QSL via VK4FW or direct to FK8HC (P.O. Box 7636, Ducos 98801, Noumea, New Caledonia). Logs are available at http://perso.easynet.fr/~f5nod/fk8hc.html [TNX FK8HC and F5NOD]

HF-DX MEETING ---> The XVI Italian HF-DX Meeting will take place at Sasso Marconi and Pontecchio Marconi (Bologna) on 30 September-1 October.

K5FUV RESIGNS ---> Bill Kennamer, K5FUV has submitted his resignation from DXCC effective 28 March. Bill joined the staff in 1992 and has been the ARRL Membership Services Manager since April 1998.
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QSL RU4SS ---> Russ, AH6IP reports he is the new QSL manager for RU4SS. QSL either direct (Russ Fish, 560 East Sunset Way, Issaquah, WA 98027, USA) or through the bureau.

QSL LU8XW/X ---> Cards for the 24-27 February operations from Isla Redonda should be sent to LU8XW: Radio Club Ushuaia, P.O.Box 58, V9410 WAB Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. [TNX LU7EE]

QSL UE0XZZ ---> Alexey, RA0ZD reports the cards for UE0XZZ (AS-064, July 1999) have not yet arrived from the printer. Please be patient and do not send dupes. If you want to check that your card has arrived regularly, please send a message to ra0zd@port.kamchatka.ru

QSL V73CW ---> Bruce, V73CW/V7G will be QRT from the Marshall Islands on 9 March. QSLs should be sent to his home call, AC4G: Bruce Smith, 1056 Old Railroad Bed Road, Taft, TN 38488, USA.

QSL XF4MX ---> The following comes from Bernie McClenny, W3UR, Editor of The Daily DX (http://www.dailydx.com): "The Radio Club Mexicano, A.C. reports that the Comision Federal de Telecomunicaciones (COFETEL) of the Mexican Government has taken the necessary steps to assure the response to all requests of QLS for the XF4MX operation. In case you do not receive an answer from Marcos Campos, XE1MX, within the next couple of weeks please address your E-mail to rsarmien@cft.gob.mx under the name: Cap. Ruben

Sarmiento Retana, who will supervise the correct handling of all mail".

QSL ZD8T ---> A wrong route has been given somewhere and Ken, AC4VV is receiving cards for this station. Please note that the correct QSL manager is and has always been AC4IV.

VISALIA 2000 ---> The Northern California Contest Club announces the 2nd Annual International DX Convention Contest Dinner, which will take place on 14 April at the Holiday Inn, Visalia (http://www.scdxc.org/dxconv2000.html). Tickets can be ordered from Champion Radio Products (dinner@kkn.net) and will not be sold at the door. Deadline for ticket orders is 7 April. For full information please contact Kenny, K2KW (K2KW@prodigy.net).

WLH ---> Phil, F5OGG reports the following operations count for the World Lighthouses Award: CT1EKY/p (aka CQ7B) from Berlenga Lighthouse (LH 1054) and VO1BAR/p from Surgeons Cove Point Lighthouse (LH 0558). Information on the WLH Award is available at http://perso.worldonline.fr/wlh_dplf

+ SILENT KEY + Bill Horner, VK4FW reports the sad news of the passing of Harry Mead, VK4DHM on 23 December 1999: "Harry had done a lot of DXpeditions throughout the Pacific region, including the Spratly Islands, Tokelau, Mellish Reef three times just to name a few. His last DXpedition was in 1996, to Cocos Keeling as VK9CT". Soon Bill will have logs and cards for those who may still need a QSL from any of Harry's operations.

QSL received via direct: 3A2MG, 3B9R, 3C0R, 3D2DM (OC-121), 3D2IO, 3D2IO/R, 3E1DX, 3XY2D, 4K5CW, 4K9C,4L8A. 4U1UN, 5Z4FM, 5Z4RL, 6V6U, 7P8HH, 7Q7BO, 9H0A, 9M6OO, 9N1AA, 9N1AC, 9N7UD, 9U5D, A35SO, A71MA, BA4DW, BA4DX, C21RK, C31OF, C6A/K2PS, CO8ZZ, CP4BT, CY9CWI, DU3NXE, E4/JM1LJS, E44/IZ0CKJ, EA8BH, EK1700LV, EK8YC, EL2RF, EL2WW, ER1OO,EZ8CQ, FH/G3SXW, FH/G3TXF, FM5BH, FO0DEH (OC-114), FO0ERI, FO0SAL (OC-027; OC-067), FS/W2QM, H44MX, HR5/F2JD, HV4NAC, JI3DST/3 (AS-117, JI3DST/6 (AS-032; AS-049), JR6USF (AS-024), JT1CO, JT1DA, K9AW/DU6, KH2/K4ANA, KH5/DF6FK, NZ7Q/KH4, OA5/F5TYY (SA-073), OD5/OK1MU, OD5LF, OH0MYF/6 (EU-101), P29BI (OC-135), P29VHX (OC-153), PJ2C, PJ4/N6RT, PS8NF/PR8 (SA-016), PY0FT, R1MVZ, S79SXW, S79TXF, T30CT, T30CW, T30Y, T33CW, T33VU, T33Y, TA3DD, TN7OT, TU5IJ, TZ6DX, VK9RS (OC-230), VP2MCS, VP2MHJ, VP5/HB9CYV, VP6PAC, VQ9QM, VU2WAP, XT2HP, XW1UD, XW8INH, XX0SAE, YJ8UU, YK1AO, Z24JS, ZK1LGO, ZP5PT, ZS8D, ZV7G (SA-046).

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