3B8 - Mart, DL6UAA (http://www.dl6uaa.de) is expected to be active (on 10-80 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) probably as 3B8MM from Mauritius starting around 25 March for some weeks. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

8Q - Igor, RN3OA will be active (on 10-80 metres SSB and CW) as 8Q7OA from the Maldives (AS-013) between 29 March and 10 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via RN3OA either direct (Igor Zakharov, P.O. Box 381, Voronezh, 394000, Russia) or through the bureau. [TNX RN3OA]

9M9 - Look for 9M9/JL1CHV and 9M9/JM1OYV to operate on HF and 6 metres from East Malaysia between 28 March and 1 April. QSL via home calls. [TNX OZ6OM]

CE0_sf - The XR0X team expects to go QRT sometime during 26 March to have everything loaded aboard ship to weight anchor at 12 (local) on the 27th. They will make a big contest like push during the weekend and stay up as long as possible for 48 hours to be everywhere all the time. Europeans please note that there was a pirate on 10m CW at 14:40 UTC on 21 March who worked many EUs. [TNX K6GNX]

D4 - Al, 4L5A, and Nodir, EY8MM are active as D44AC from Cape Verde until 3 April. Al will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as Single Operator on 10 metres. QSL via IK3HHX either direct or through the bureau. [TNX IK3HHX]

DU - Gerard, F2JD and Yannick, F6FYD will be active as DU1/G0SHN from Verde Island (OC-244) on 28-31 March. They plan to operate on 40-10 metres CW and SSB with 100 watts and dipoles. QSL via F6AJA. [TNX F2JD]

F - Alain, F5HPY will be active (on 40 and 20 metres SSB) as F5HPY/p from Re Island (EU-032) on 23-24 March. He will operate from the following lighthouses: La Flotte (DPLF PB 233, ARLHS FRA-285), St-Martin de Re (DPLF PB 146, ARLHS FRA-489), Le Fier d'Ars (DPLF PB 212, ARLHS FRA-283) and Les Baleines (DPLF PB 017, ARLHS FRA-136) QSL via F5HPY either direct or through the REF bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

F - Look for F8BIQ/p to be active from Yeu Island (EU-064, DIFM AT-021) on 23-24 March. He will operate from La Petite Foule Lighthouse
F
- Patrick, F6OIE will be active as TM0A from 24 March to 7 April and again from 19 May to 2 June. Outside the WPX Contests he will operate mainly on the WARC bands. [TNX F6AJA]

H4
- Ranko, YT6A is not going to make the Temotu trip with Nick, VK1AA [425DXN 559]. This means that Nick will have to leave part of the equipment in Honiara (H44) and take to H40 the "most important stuff" only - this does not include the WARC antenna and RTTY is also under question. Nick expects to operate as H40XX from Temotu between 24 March and 7 April and then again as H44XX from Honiara, Solomon Islands until 9 April. QSL via VK1AA (Nick Hacko, P.O. Box 730, Parramatta 2124, NSW, Australia). The web site for the DXpedition is at http://www.qsl.net/vk1aa/temotu/ [TNX VK1AA]

HC8
- Ramon, XE1KK will join Trey, N5KO from HC8N (Galapagos, SA-004) during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. Before and after the contest Ramon will be active as HC8/XE1KK (QSL via home call) and/or HC8N (QSL via AA5BT) on HF, 6 metres and FM satellites. [TNX XE1KK]

J6
- Kirk, WØQID, will be active (on 10-80 metres, mainly CW) as J68ID from St. Lucia (NA-108) between 21 March and 2 April. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest with the J6DX contest group. QSL J68ID via WØQID. [TNX WØQID]

JA
- Look for JJ2GAZ/1 to be active (on all bands CW and SSB) from Mikura Island, Izu Archipelago (AS-008) on 30-31 March. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau.

KH0
- Look for KH0/JF2QNM to operate (on 6 metres and HF) from Saipan (OC-086), Northern Marianas from 29 March to 1 April. QSL via home call. [TNX OZ6OM]

KP2
- Dean/N6DE and Eric/K6EP will be active (on 160-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31) as KP2/homecall from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) between 27 March and 2 April. QSL via home calls. During the CQ WW WPX SSB contest they will use WP2Z (QSL via KU9C). [TNX N6DE]

P2
- Bernhard, P29VMS/DL2GAC plans to operate from OC-135 (Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea) on 23-25 March. He will then fly back to Honiara (H44, Solomon Islands). [TNX JE1DXC and Islands On The Web]

PA
- Peter, DL4FCH will be active as PA/DL4FCH (on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres CW) from Texel Island (EU-038) between 29 March and 4 April. Logs will be available at http://www.niksch.de/dl4fch [TNX DL4FCH]

PY_ant
- Look for Oleg, R1ANF to operate as R1ANF/p from the Brazilian Antarctic station "Astronomo Crus" (WABA-new) on 24-25 March. This summer station is located on Nelson Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). QSL via RK1FWA. [TNX DL5EBE]

S7
- Look for Kurt, HB9MX to be active again as S79MX from the Seychelles starting around 25 March for four weeks. QSL via home call. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

VK0_mac
- Toshi, JA1ELY reports that Peter, VK0MQI (aka VK0AC from ANARE Davis Base in 1998) is a member of the 2002 Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition on Macquarie Island (AN-005). He was expected to depart on 11 March and he will be staying on the island until December. Peter plans to operate on all the amateur radio bands, 6 metres included, in his spare time. Please be patient with
him, particularly during the early part of his operation, as Peter "does not have much experience in DXing". QSL via JE1LET (for Japanese stations only) and JA1ELY (others).

**VP6** - The VP6DI operators will leave Ducie Island on 27 March during their evening hours (the early UTC hours of 28 March). They expect to arrive on Henderson Island (OC-056) [425DXN 567] on their 28 March and depart the following day.

**XX9** - Pertti, OH2PM will be active (on 10-80 metres CW and SSB) as XX9TRR from Macau between 26 March and 1 April. On 26, 27 and 28 March, before and after his sunset (10.30 UTC) and sunrise (22.30 UTC), he will concentrate on 30m and 80m CW. QSL via N6XJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

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CHAM ISLAND ---> Yuki, JI6KVR is back home after the Cham Island (AS-162) DXpedition. Operations started two days later than planned as the team had problems in negotiating with the Navy and received the final permission only on 15 March. The website (http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage25.htm) has been updated with pictures taken on the island. [TNX JI6KVR]

DDXC OFFICERS ---> The Diamond DX Club's Board of Directors for 2002/2005 includes: Gennaro Casaburi, I8YRK (Director), Gaetano Cusumano, IK8DDN (Vice-Director), Luigi Emilio Liccardo, I8LEL (Award Manager), Antonio Zaccone, IK8FYZ (Secretary), Pasquale Iannotta, IK8CVZ (Treasurer).

DXCC NEWS ---> XU7ABA and XU7ABB (Cambodia) and TI9M (the recent DXpedition to Cocos Island) are now being accepted for DXCC credit. [TNX Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager]

HOLYLAND CONTEST ---> IARC Contest Manager Mark Stern, 4Z4KX (4z4kx@iarc.org) reminds contesters that the Holyland Contest will take place on 20 April, from 00.00 UTC through 24.00 UTC.

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Tim Dickerson, N9NU is willing to offer his services again as a QSL Manager for someone in need. He has excellent references and has the time. Please contact him at n9nu@n9nu.net

QSL H40AT & H44AT ---> Cards arrived from the printer a couple of weeks ago and Antonio, IZ8CCW reports he has processed more than the 50% of the direct requests. The rest will follow within the end of the month. QSL via IZ8CCW either direct (Antonio Cannataro, P.O. Box 360, 87100 Cosenza - CS, Italy) or through the bureau.

QSL S21FHQ ---> This is the new FAIRS Headquarters Club Station in Dhaka,
Bangladesh. QSL cards should be sent to N4VA (Larry Vogt, P.O. Box 12, Springfield, VA 22150, USA). The web site for the Foundation for Amateur International Radio Service (FAIRS) is at http://civic.bev.net/fairs/ [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

QSL V51/SP6IXF ---> The QSL cards are expected from the printer on 26 March and Janusz will start processing the requests immediately. Cards should be sent to Janusz Szymanski, P.O. Box 1808, 50-385 Wroclaw 46, Poland. [TNX SP5EWY]

QSL YI1BGD ---> Please note that Cliff, G0MMI can confirm QSOs made with YI1BGD operated by Rodger (G0TLC) *only*. These *do not* include any CW contact, as Rodger does not work CW. Rodger is not in Iraq at this time, nor will he be there in the near future - his last visit to the region was back in November 2001. [YNX G0MMI]

QSL VIA 3D2AG ---> La Gazette du DX reports that Antoine will be in French Polynesia until the end of the year. Cards for his activities (including FO0DER and ZK1AGG) should be sent to Dr. Antoine De Ramon N'Yeurt, c/o Claude Payri, Laboratoire d'Ecologie Marine (LEM) - Jeune Equipe Terre-Ocean, Universite de Polynesie Francaise (UPF), B.P. 6570 Faa'a Aeroport - Tahiti, French Polynesia.

QSL VIA N4AA ---> Carl is the QSL manager for HK3JJH and HR2/KC4CD. He also has log/cards for 5A1A (1995 operation *only*) and 9N1AA (1998-2000). These logs are not complete, "but I'll do the best I can with what I have available", he says. QSL to Carl Smith, P.O. Box 249, Leicester, NC 28748-0249, USA.

QSL VIA NT1N ---> Dave, NT1N, is the new QSL manager for Pete Grillo, W0RTT. He can confirm QSOs made with AH3C (Feb-Dec 1990), C4A (25-26 Nov 1995), ISOQDV (23-24 Nov 1991), KJ6BZ (Nov 1989), KN0E/KH3 (Mar 1989-Feb 1990), KN0E/NH3, PT0F (28-29 Nov 1992) and T32BS (Apr 1990). QSL to Dave Patton, 324 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278, USA. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL VIA NW8F ---> Cecil will be closing the logs for 9L1MG, 9L1PG, J5UAI and TI1US at the end of 2002. Please note that he is no longer the QSL manager for VP2MDY and (cards are now handled by N2NB). [TNX QRZ-DX]

ZY0SAT ---> Joca, PS7JN/ZY0SAT has been back home since 15 March. He logged some 2500 QSOs using dipoles. The logs for both his activities (2001 and 2002) are available at http://www.geocities.com/dasvirgens. He expects to start sending cards out in a couple of months; QSL to Joaquim das Virgens Neto, Rua Carlos Serrano 1969, 59076-740 Natal - RN, Brazil. Donations are welcome and will be used for a new and better equipment (radio and antennas), as Joca should be back to St. Peter and St. Paul Archipelago around the end of the year. Those who are willing to help him can e-mail Joca at ps7jn@hotmail.com. [TNX PS7JN]
T88SI: The complete log for the February operation from Sonsorol Island (OC-248) is now available at either [http://www.425dxn.org](http://www.425dxn.org) and on the Diamond DX Club's web site ([http://www.ddxc.org](http://www.ddxc.org)). Cards are expected to arrive from the printer within the end of the month and the QSL manager will begin processing the requests immediately. QSL via IT9YRE (Ferdinando Rubino, P.O. Box 30, 96012 Avola - SR, Italy).
Details on the operation will be published in the April 425DXN Monthly Edition; pictures are already available at [http://www.425dxn.org](http://www.425dxn.org).

VP6DI: The official web sites for the operation are:
- Logs: [http://www.big.or.jp/~ham/VP6DI/](http://www.big.or.jp/~ham/VP6DI/)
- Pilot Info/Latest News: [http://www.qsl.net/aa0mz/ducie.htm](http://www.qsl.net/aa0mz/ducie.htm)
- General Information: [http://www.qsl.net/wd4nqg/ducie.htm](http://www.qsl.net/wd4nqg/ducie.htm)
Part of the logs have been uploaded using a 1200 Baud modem and a satellite phone. They are from a very early stage of the operation, so do not panic if you do not find your call/QSO.
Mike, VK4DX reports he has included a few audio files from the Ducie pileup on his web site ([http://www.vk4dx.net](http://www.vk4dx.net)). He has also updated his Contest Calendar with Australian and US events.

XROX: The team has been forced to temporarily discontinue updating the web log server. Logs through approximately 20 March at 18 UTC were uploaded on 22 March ([check [http://cordell.vwh.net/SFX/](http://cordell.vwh.net/SFX/)]), after which expect a delay for further updates: "The HF pactor link has been very slow due to propagation problems", the team reports, "and requires us to use one of our valuable HF stations for long periods of time which means that we are spending time uploading data instead of working you". [TNX K6GNX]

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