3X & 6W - Francois, VE2XO will be active again as 3XY6A from Conakry, Guinea on 22-25 September; he might also operate as 6W1RT from Dakar, Senegal on 26-27 September. He will concentrate on RTTY with some SSB; main activity on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call (Francois Normant, 3054 avenue Lacombe, Montreal QC H3T 1L4, Canada). [TNX VE2XO]

9A - Tom, 9A2AA and Neno, 9A7N plan to operate as 9A2AA/P and 9A7N/P from Sestrica Island (EU-170, IOCA CI-103) and Lighthouse (WLH LH-1084, ARLHS CRO-015) on 21 September, starting around 12 UTC. [TNX VA3RJ]

9A - Mauro/9A2PU and Boro/9A3KB will be active (on all bands, 6 metres included) from Veli Brijun Island (EU-110, IOCA CI-139) on 28-29 September. They will operate from a location close to the lighthouse at Cape Pinida (LH-1651, CRO-010). [TNX 9A6AA]

9Q - Pat, F6BLQ/9Q1A reports the following licences have been extended through 31 December 2002: 9Q0AR (ARAC), 9Q1YL (Nicole), 9Q1MM (Jean-Philippe), 9Q1KS (Cyprien) and 9Q1A (Pat himself). Three new callsigns have been allocated: 9Q0HQ (ARAC), 9Q1DM (David Mewa) and 9S1X (Pat). Documentation is being sent to the DXCC Desk. For further information please visit [http://www.qsl.net/f6blq](http://www.qsl.net/f6blq)

9Q - Ed, ON7UN will be in Kinshasa and Lubumbashi (D.R. of Congo) in late September/early October for two or three weeks and expect to operate with a 9Q5 call TBA. He will also visit Brazzaville (Congo, TN) and see if he can operate from there. For the next six months will be visiting Gabon, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique. QSL via ON4ACA either direct or through the bureau. [TNX ON4ACA]

BY - Two groups of operators from four different Chinese provinces will operate as BI7DX from Weizhou Island (AS-139) from 27 September to 4 October. The first group (including Alan/BA1DU, Zhang/BA6AP, Terry/BA7NQ, Liao/BA7QT, Chen/BD7NI, Wu/BD7QY, Li/BG7IEE and Liu/BG7OH) expect to be QRV at 8 UTC on 27 September. The second group (including Ken/BA1AJ, Jerry/BA1FB, Qin/BA1KA, Fan/BA1RB, Xiang/BD1CC and Liu BG1DO) will arrive on 2 October. Three stations equipped with two Yagis, one vertical antenna and two linear amplifiers will be used on 10-40 metres SSB and CW. QSL via BA1DU
**DU** - Ken, G3OCA reports that the timetable of his IOTA operation from the Philippines [425DXN 571] has been changed and that the activity from OC-175 (Sarangani Islands) has been cancelled. He now plans to leave the UK on 3 October and to operate from OC-235 (6-10 October), OC-120 (11-16 October) and OC-126 (17-20 October). Different special call signs will be used from each island. A number of local operators, including the primary DU coordinator DU1MS and 4F2KWT, will be joining the team on each island. Propagation forecasts have been prepared to try to ensure that the best use is made of openings to Europe and East Coast USA. QSLs via G3OCA either direct or through the RSGB bureau (direct cards from Russian stations should be sent to UA4SKW).

**EA** - A group of operators will be active from Tabarca Island (EU-093, DIE E-006) on 28-29 September. Depending on the various locations on the island, they will sign ED5TII (main station), ED5TIC, ED5TIM and ED5TIF (from the lighthouse). QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX EA7HBC]

**EY** - Dany, F5CW is currently in Tadjikistan; he received his EY8/F5CW licence on 19 September and hopes to be allowed to install an antenna at the hotel. The licence expires on 30 November. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

**FO_aus** - Silvano, I2YSB and Adriano, IK2GNW will operate as FO/I2YSB/p and FO/IK2GNW/p from Rurutu (OC-050), Austral Islands on 17-28 October. While there they will try to operate also from Maria Island (OC-???). QSL via home call. The web page for the operation is at http://digilander.libero.it/i2ysb [TNX I2YSB]

**I** - Vincenzo, IT9NVA reports he plans to operate from the lighthouse at Capo Santa Croce (WAIL SI-007) on 21 September in the morning.

**I** - Look for IT9MRM/9 to be active on 40-10 metres SSB from the lighthouse at Punta San Raineri (WAIL SI-002, ARLHS ITA-143) on 23-27 September. QSL direct only to IT9MRM. [TNX VA3RJ]

**ISO** - Giovanni, IZ2DPX reports he will be active as ISO/IZ2DPX/p and/or ISO/IZ2DPX/m from Baia Sardinia (EU-025, IIA SD-001) from 28 September to 5 October. He will operate on 10, 15, 17, 20 and 6 metres (from JN41RD). QSL via IK2DUW.

**KC4_ant** - KC4AAC (Skip) is currently active from US Antarctic station "Palmer" (WABA K-10) located on Anvers Island (AN-012). Reportedly he should be there until October. Look for him around 14243 kHz typically between 01.00 UTC and 02.30 UTC. QSL via K1IED.

**KH2** - Walt, KF2XN is currently active as KH2/KF2XN from Guam (OC-026) [425DXN 593] and is now expected to be heading for the Northern Marianas (KH0) within a couple of weeks for "extensive operations". QSL via W2GR. [TNX N5FPW]

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KH6 - Hiro, JA5XAE has cancelled his 22-26 September operation from Hawaii [425DXN 591].

LA - Rag, LA6FJA will be operate as LN1HQ (NRRL club station) during this weekends' SAC (Scandinavia Activity Contest) CW. Next week LN1HQ will participate in the CQ/RJ WW DX RTTY Contest, possibly as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL for these activities only via bureau to LA6FJA. [TNX LA6FJA]

OZ - Look for Peter, OZ/DL4FCH to be active from Romo Island (EU-125, DIA NS-001) from 28 September to 4 October. He plans to operate on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres CW. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau. Logs will be available at http://www.niksch.de/dl4fch [TNX DL4FCH]

TK - Rudy/OM3PC and Miro/OM5RW will be active (on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY) as TK/OM3PC/p and TK/OM5RW/p from Corsica (EU-014) on 22-30 September. They will participate in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest as a Multi-Single entry. [TNX OM5RW]

UR_ant - Those who are looking for Alex, EM1KGG [425DXN 592] at "Akademik Vernadsky" station (WABA UR-01, IOTA AN-006) may want to try around 18.00 - 18.30 UTC on +/- 21200 kHz on Saturdays and Sundays (when Alex has skeds with Paul, UT1KY). QSL via UT7UA. [TNX UT7WZA]

VE - Nenad, VE3EXY will operate as VE3EXY/2 from Zone 2 from around 22 UTC on 27 September to around 13 UTC on 2 October, CQ/RJ WW DX RTTY Contest included. Look for him on CW (3510, 7010, 10107, 14025, 18077, 21025, 24897 and 28025 kHz) and RTTY (14090, 21090 and 28090 kHz). QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau.

VK - Paul, VK3KXG reports that VI3JPI is the special callsign issued to the 27-30 September operation [425DXN 593] from Lady Julia Percy Island (OC-???). QSL direct only to VK3KXG (Paul Stampton, 69-71 Brown Street, Leongatha, Victoria, Australia 3953).

VK - Johan, PA3EXX reports he will operate as VK4WWI Woody Wallis Island in the Queensland State (Gulf of Carpentaria) North group (OC-???) on 6-10 November. He will then move to Turtle Head (OC-187) and be active on 11-12 November. QSL via PA3EXX either direct (Johan Willemsen, Belmolendijk 12, 1693 DJ Wervershoof, The Netherlands) or through the bureau. Further information is available at http://home.tiscali.nl/~su042021

W - Tony, WF1N and Lou, W1DIG have to cancel their 20-23 September trip [425DXN 589] to Appledore Island (NA-217) because of boat connection problems. They will not be able to reschedule the trip in 2002. [TNX WF1N]

ZS - Rudi, ZS6DX reports he will operate special event station ZS02AM until 22 September. The event is "Africa Militair", an airshow and arms exhibition at Waterkloof airbase in Pretoria. QSL via ZS6DX, direct or via the bureau.

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THE SONSOROL HAM RADIO PROJECT ---> The Sonsorol Ham Radio Project is...
collecting funds to teach radio fundamentals to local children and to build a local station thanks to rev. Bill Burton, T88SI and Governor Laura Ierago. You can contribute donating money, used equipment, books, antennas, keys, QRP kits or buying the T88SI video (20 minutes VHS-PAL), including small souvenir from Sonsorol. 10$ will be donated to the fund for every video sold. A video clip is available at [http://www.sonsorol.com/ham_radio/index_eng.htm](http://www.sonsorol.com/ham_radio/index_eng.htm), where donors will be listed. Please contact Maury, IZ1CRR (i121171@425dxn.org) for price details.

425DXN - PORTUGUESE VERSION ---> Paulo Pinto, CT1ETE has been unable to edit the Portuguese language version of 425 DX News for some time due to an hard disk crash. He says he "will update the Portuguese version as soon as possible beginning with the most recent one and trying to recover the older ones".

DXCC NEWS ---> Bill Moore, NC1L (ARRL DXCC Manager) reports the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

Afghanistan - YA/G0TQJ (30 April – 11 July 2002)
Myanmar     - XY3C, XY5T, XY7V, XY0TA, XY4KQ and XY3EZ (1-25 August 2002)
Yemen       - 7O/OH2YY: the DXCC Desk has received evidence that the Yemen operation by Pekka Ahlqvist, OH2YY in May 2002 was conducted with written, government approval. Credit for QSOs with 7O/OH2YY between 4 and 11 May 2002 (inclusive) will be given effective immediately.

As far as 7O1YGF is concerned, no evidence traceable to the Yemeni government has been received by the DXCC Desk to date. DXCC credit for this operation will be given only after such evidence has been presented to ARRL.

IOTW ---> John, WD8MGQ reports that the Island On The Web forums are back on line at the following URLs:

Skeds and Rumors [http://www.islandchaser.com/cgi-bin/Skeds/skeds.pl](http://www.islandchaser.com/cgi-bin/Skeds/skeds.pl)
General IOTA forum [http://www.islandchaser.com/cgi-bin/General/general.pl](http://www.islandchaser.com/cgi-bin/General/general.pl)
IOTA contest forum [http://www.islandchaser.com/cgi-bin/Contest/contest.pl](http://www.islandchaser.com/cgi-bin/Contest/contest.pl)

Unfortunately, the provider lost all the email addresses, so everyone needs to subscribe again.

PIRATE ---> Toru, JR3QHQ reports that the station signing 7Q7YE on 15 September (20m CW, with QSL via JR3QHQ) was a pirate.

PIRATE? ---> DU2/DU8ARK was reported being active from OC-092 on 30 metres. Joe, I2YDX (the QSL manager for DU8ARK) says that Dan does not operate CW and is believed to be in Manila.

QSL HK3JJH ---> Pedro reminds DXers and IOTA enthusiasts that he is not a member of the Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados and cannot receive bureau cards. QSLs should be sent direct only to Pedro J. Allina, P.O. Box 81119, Bogota, Colombia.

QSL ZC4ATC ---> During his recent trip to Cyprus, Alan/G3PMR was able to operate ZC4ATC for about one hour (about 85 QSOs). For some reason in the past QSLs for ZC4RAF and ZC4ATC were sent to him, but Alan is not and has never been the QSL manager for these stations. To avoid further confusion as
a result of last week's operation, please note that the correct QSL manager for ZC4ATC is 5B4YX, including the QSOs Alan made on 12 September 2002.

QSL MANAGER NEEDED ---> The following stations from Z3 are looking for a QSL manager: Z31DX, Z32AF, Z32AM, Z32RS, Z33A, Z33AA, Z340FAD, Z350AM, Z350DX, Z350FAD, Z37FAD, Z39Z, Z30Z and in the near future also Z32AY and Z34NO. Volunteers are invited to get in touch with Z32AF at either z32af@mt.net.mk or or z32af@contesting.info

QSL VIA WB2RAJ ---> WB2RAJ is the QSL manager for the following stations: EM3W, FK5DX, FK8GM, J39BW, L22TU (for 1993 only), ST2/G4OJW, ST2AA (through February 1995 only), ST0K and U23AYR. He is *not* the manager for ST2SA.

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