The island of Peter I (AN-004), discovered in 1821 and named for Peter the Great of Russia, has been activated on the amateur radio bands only twice: in 1987 by 3Y1EE (LA1EE) and 3Y2GV (LA2GV), and again in 1994 by the multi-national team of 3Y0PI.

Bob Allphin, K4UEE and Ralph Fedor, K0IR now announce they have organized another DXpedition this isolated island, which is scheduled to occur during the upcoming Austral summer 2004. A 15-person team is expected to depart from Ushuaia, Argentina on 3 January and arrive at Peter I on approximately 9 January. This will be a high power DXpedition with an international group of experienced operators and multiple stations on all HF bands covering SSB, CW, and RTTY modes. The team hopes for a 3-week stay on the island. Further details will be given in due course.

Several operator positions are available. Also, there are opportunities for ham or non-ham travelers to visit Peter I, the Antarctic continent, and the South Shetland Islands returning around 19 January to Ushuaia, Argentina. Contact Bob, K4UEE at k4uee@arrl.net for information. [TNX K4UEE]

7Q - Bill, KC4D will be spending three weeks on a missionary trip in Malawi starting on 14 September. He plans to operate mainly CW as either 7Q7WW (QSL direct via home call) and/or 7Q7TX during his evenings and mornings hours. [TNX The Daily DX]

BV9_pr - Confirmed operators for the 9-16 October activity from Pratas Island [425DXN 642] include BV4FH, BV3BW, BV3FG, JI6KVR, DL3DXX, DK7YY, ZL4PO and OE1WHC so far. The web page is at [http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage64.htm](http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage64.htm) [TNX JI6KVR]

CT - Filipe, CT1ILT reports he will participate in the WAE DX SSB, CQ/RJ WW DX RTTY, CQ WW DX SSB, CQ WW DX CW and ARRL 10 Meter contests as CQ0T. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

CT3 - Braga/CT3HU, Helder/CT3HQ, Xavier/CT3JK and Jose/CT3MD will operate as CS9C from Porto Santo (AF-014) on 20-27 September. QSL via CT3MD, direct or bureau. [TNX CT1END]

DL - Juergen, DJ7JB will operate (on 10-160 metres SSB) as DJ7JB/p from Borkum Island (EU-047) on 5-10 October. [TNX DL8AAM]
**FK**  - Masa, JF1UIO will be active (on 10, 12, 15, 17 and 40 metres SSB and CW) as FK/JF1UIO from Lifou Island (OC-033) on 14-20 September. QSL via home call. [TXN JI6KVR]

**FO**  - Here are some details of the forthcoming IOTA expedition to Maria (OC-???) and Hereheretue (OC-052) islands [425DXN 629]. Depending on weather and local conditions, Nando/IT9YRE, Claudio/I1SNW and Alfio/IT9EJW plan to operate from Maria Island (Austral Islands) between 30 September and 3 October; then they expect to be active from Hereheretue (French Polynesia) starting around 13 (local time) on 9 October for two days. From both the islands they will operate SSB (FO/IT9YRE and FO/I1SNW) and CW (FO/IT9EJW) for as many hours as possible, hopefully around the clock. Contributions will be gratefully accepted along with direct QSL requests. QSL via home calls. [TXN IT9YRE]

**FS**  - Claudio, IZ0EOU reports he will operate as FS/IZ0EOU from St. Martin (NA-105) till 15 September. QSL via home call.

**G**  - The Lightship "Planet" berthed at Birkenhead, near Liverpool, will be using the ship's callsign VSXC3 on from 9 to 17 UTC on 13-14 September for the Merchant Navy on-air weekend. This will be a crossband operation on CW (4521, 8516, 12788, 16954 and 22407 kHz) and SSB (4360, 8774, 13116, 17344 and 22563 kHz); listening on 3525, 7025, 14020, 18075 and 21020 CW, 3755, 7085, 14270, 18145 and 21248 SSB. QSL via M0CMW or bureau. [TXN G4XRX]

**G**  - Members of the Taunton & District Amateur Radio Club will be active as GB0SM from St Mary's Island, Isles of Scilly (EU-011) on 20-27 September. Look for activity on 10-160 metres CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or direct to G0PSE (Tom Taylor, 19 Derwent Grove, Taunton, Somerset TA1 2NJ, England). [TXN G0PSE]

**HL**  - A group of operators from the Korea DX Club and the Seorak DX Club will operate (on 10-80 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) as DS0DX/2 from Cho Island (AS-168) on 2-5 October. QSL via HL1XP. [TXN HL1IWD]

**HS**  - The Chumporn Amateur Radio Society (HS8AC) will demonstrate amateur radio operations during the 160th Langsuan traditional long boat racing on 11-12 October. Look for HS8AC/P on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres (80 and 160m are possible) CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK-31 and SSTV. QSL via E21EIC. [TXN E21EIC]

**I**  - Special station II2CH will be activated from Campione d'Italia (an Italian enclave in Swiss territory) on 13–14 September by operators from ARI Como (Italy) and TERA Radio Club (Switzerland). Look for activity on 2, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB, CW and PSK31. QSL via IK2AQZ. [TXN I2FUG]

**I**  - Paolo, IK5ZTT reports he will be active as IG9/IK5ZTT from Lampedusa (AF-019, IIA AG-001) on 13–19 September. Look for him on or around 7070, 14270, and 21270 kHz.

**I**  - Alberto, IT9MRM will be working on Lampedusa Island on 23-24 September and plans to operate (on 20 and 15 metres SSB) in his spare time as IG9/IT9MRM/p. QSL via home call. His web site is at http://www.qsl.net/it9mrn/index.html [TXN IT9MRM]

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J2  - Rene, DL2JRM will be active (CW only with 5 watts) as J20RM from
Djibouti until 14 September. When signing J20RM/p he operates from
AF-053. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA  - Look for JN4RDX/4 to be active (on 20, 30 and 40 metres SSB and CW)
from Yashiro Island (AS-117, JIIA AS-117-118) until 25 September.
QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

J5  - Miguel, EA5IK will be working in Guinea Bissau for two weeks
starting on 13 September. He plans to operate in his spare time
(licence to be collected upon arrival) on 80-6 metres using wire
antennas. [TNX EA5BY]

JW  - Just/LA9DL, Erling/LA6VM and Halvard/LA7XXK will be active as JW5X
from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen (EU-026) during the Scandinavian
Activity Contest. QSL via LA5X, direct or bureau. Before and after
the contest (25-29 September) they will be QRV with their individual
JW calls (namely JW9DL, JW6VM and JW7XX, QSL via home calls). [TNX
LA7XXK]

KH0 - Kuro, JH0MGJ will operate (on 160-6 metres SSB and CW) as
AL5A/NH0 from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) on 20-22 September.
He might also be active as KG6SA on RTTY and SSTV. QSL via home
call. [TNX JH0MGJ]

OH0 - Look for Tomi, OH6EI to participate in both the Scandinavian
Activity Contests (20-21 September CW and 27-28 September SSB) as
OH0Z from the Aland Islands. QSL via OH5DX, web page at
http://www.qsl.net/oh0z [TNX NG3K]

OH0 - Jukka, OH6LI will participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest
SSB (27-28 September) as OH0V on 15 metres. QSL via OH6LI. [TNX
NG3K]

PJ4 - Look for Chris PJ4/DL5NAM, Uwe PJ4/DL9NDS and Klaus PJ4/DL7NFK to be
active (on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) from Bonaire (SA-006) on
16-26 October. QSL via home calls. They plan to participate in the
CQ WW DX SSB Contest with a special contest call. Further
information will be available at http://www.dxpeditions.dl9nds.de
[TNX DL9NDS]

SV  - Look for special call SX8PLH to be aired from Passas Lighthouse (WLA
LH-0130, ARLHS GRE-104) between 15 and 19 September. QSL via SV8DTD.
[TNX VA3RJ]

SV5 - Look for SV5/ON4BB, SV5/ON5JE and SV5/ON5KH to be active on 10-20
metres from Kos Island, Dodecanese (EU-001) on 15-29 September. QSL
via home calls. [TNX ON5JE]

TI - Harry/AC8G, Ron/W8ILC, Ron/BRIAN/KA7KUZ, Kecko/TI5KD, Tony/VE3RZ, Jorge/CX6VM, Ed/K1EP, Tom/ZP5AZL,
Dale/N3BNA and Dave/W78R, will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB
Contest (25-26 October) from the TI5N contest station as a
multi-multi entry. QSL via W3HNK. For a day or two before and after
the contest, the individual operators will be signing TI5/homecall
as time permits. Expect a higher level of CW and other non SSB modes, as well as activity on 6 metres and the WARC bands. QSLs for the individual QSOs should go to the callbook address unless advised otherwise. Please do not mix the contest QSL with ones for the individual contacts. [TNX KA2AELV]

UA - Yuri, UA0LMO and a group of operators from the Vladivostok ARC will be active as UA0LMO/P and RK0LW/P Bryusa Lighthouse (ARLHS ASR-018, RLHA RL-016) on 12-14 September. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 10-40 metres. QSL via UA0LMO, direct or bureau. [TNX UA0LMO]

V2 - Doug/W3CF, Jay/WX0B, Sharon/N5CK, Irwin/KD3TB, Andy/KD3RF, Thomas/DL2BO and Zig/KM9M will activate the Royal Antiguan Radio Club Station, V26DX, for the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (Multi-Two Low Power). A "Top Gun" plaque will be given to the first single operator station to work them on 6 bands; "Top Gun" T-shirts will be awarded to the next nine fastest 6 band single operator QSOs. Operations will begin on 19 October until 1 November. Before and after the contest look for activity on 6 metres and the WAC bands. QSL V26DX via KU9C (direct or bureau); QSL individual calls via operator's instructions. [TNX KM9M]

VE - Yoshiro, N1VF will be active as VE2/N1VF from Orleans Island (NA-128) on 17-19 September and as VY2/N1VF from Prince Edward Island (NA-029) on 20-23 September. He plans to operate on 40-6 metres SSB and CW. QSL via bureau to home call or direct to Yoshiro Nishimura, Takemidai 4-2-6, Suita City, Osaka 565-0863, Japan. [TNX JI6KVR]

VK - VI5BR is the call sign to be used during the 25-29 September operation from the Baudin Rocks/Godfrey Islands (OC-228) [425DXN 644]. QSL via VK3QI direct or through the VK3 QSL bureau. [TNX VK3QI]

VK - Johan, PA3EXX will operate as VK4WWI/9 from two IOTA new ones in early December. Look for him to be active from Cato Reef (Coral Sea Islands Territory South Group) on 2-4 December and from Marion Reef (Coral Sea Islands Territory North Group) on 6-8 December. QSL via PA3EXX (Johan Willemsen, Belmolendijk 12, 1693 DJ Wervershoof, The Netherlands). [TNX PA3EXX]

VP5 - Dave, AH6HY will be active (on 10-40 metres SSB) as VP5/AH6HY from Grand Turk Island (NA-003) from 26 September to 4 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. His home page is at http://www.qsl.net/ah6hy/ [TNX AH6HY]

W - Larry, K2KGB will operate special event station K2K on 27 September (13-24 UTC) for the International SAR (Search & Rescue) Radio Day. QSL direct to K2KGB (Larry R. Cohen, 15 Canterbury Drive, Coram, NY 11727-2307, USA)

YB - Special call YE32OB will be aired (on 10, 15 and 20 metres SSB, CW and digital modes) from Batam Island (OC-075) on 10-12 October during the Ham Festival held by the local ORARI branch and to celebrate the 32th anniversary of "Otorita Batam" (http://www.batam.go.id). QSL direct via IZ8CCW. Those who work YE32OB on three bands or three modes are entitled to have a souvenir from Otorita Batam. Inquiries should be directed to Adhi Bimbo, YC3MM (yc3mm@mdxc.org). [TNX IZ8CCW]

YJ - Mike, KM9D and Jan, KF4TUG have arrived in Port Vila, Vanuatu and are waiting for their licences to be issued. Their operating plans
include something "meaningful to IOTA collectors", namely the Torres Islands (OC-110). [TNX WB6RSE]

ZK1_sc - Allen, K6USN will be active (on 10-40 metres SSB and CW) as ZK1USN from the South Cook Islands, namely Rarotonga (OC-013) on 18-21 September and then Aitutaki Island (OC-083) for nine days. QSL via K6USN. [TNX The Daily DX]

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DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations from Iraq are approved for DXCC credit: YI3DX, YI/4L4FN, YI/9Y4RD, YI/SM0URK, YI/SM3VRO, YI/SM4UZM, YI/SM5VOH and YI/SM5WTI.

MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey is being conducted now through 15 October. The survey form is available at http://www.dxpub.com and the overall results will be posted on the web site in early 2004. [TNX N4AA]

PIRATE ---> Bob, N5BJ reports that apparently his call has been pirated again on CW. "I have not done CW since 1988", he says, "and any contact in that mode attributed to me after that date is not valid".

QSL IIA ME-017 ---> The QSL routes (direct or bureau) for the August operations from Strombolicchio (EU-017, IIA ME-017) are as follows: ID9/IT9FCC via home call, ID9/IK8PGM via IK8PGM, ID9/IW9BBX via IK8PGM. Cards for ID9/IT9FCC already sent to IK8PGM will be forwarded, there is no need to resubmit. [TNX IK8PGM]

QSL JR8XXQ/JD1 ---> Kimi, JR8XXQ logged 6480 QSOs on 80-10 metres while on Minami Torishima (OC-073) between early June and 18 August. Cards can be sent either via bureau or direct; in the latter case, please note Kimi's new address: Kimikazu Saito, 501-43, 1-4, Saiwai-cho, Nemuro-city, Hokkaido 087-0021, Japan. [TNX JA7SSB]

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Graham, M5AAV is the RSGB SubManager for the M5 series of calls and offer his services as a QSL manager if anyone requires them. He can be reached at either m5aav@zetnet.co.uk or qsl@zetnet.co.uk. His web page is at http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/m5aav/index.htm

QSL VIA WC4H ---> Please note that Carl, WC4H has taken over QSL chores from John, NOJT, who is no longer a QSL manager. Forty-seven logs and 120 lbs of blank cards have been sent to WC4H, who handles all submissions as of 4 September 2003. NOJT will forward all received mail to WC4H until things settle down. Stations effeccted are: 3E1AA, 3E1CW, 3E1DX (including many of his contests), 3E500XVH, 3F2XVH, EL2RR, FS5PL, (including his many contests and IOTA trips) HH2/N3SIY, HI8PHD (on 14247 only), HJ0QGL, HK0OEP, HP1MM,
The 49th WAE DX Contest (SSB) is scheduled to take place on 13–14 September. Rules and last minute information are available at http://www.waedc.de

+ SILENT KEY + Oscar, HK6DOS reports the sad news of the passing of Alvaro, HK8HIX (Pablo's, HK8RQS father), who became a SK on 8 September.

3G2D: The web site for the 17–19 October operation from Damas Island (SA-086) [425DXN 641] is at http://www.qsl.net/3g2d/ [TNX CE6TBN]

LOGS: Jean-Michel, F6AJA and Yves, F6CYV have been the QSL managers for a number of stations for more than fifteen years. Seventy-five of these logs (240,000+ QSOs) are available on line at http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr [TNX F6AJA]


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