The Radio Club Venezolano (yv5aj-rcv@cantv.net) has released official information on the long awaited DXpedition to Aves Island (NA-020), organized by RCV to celebrate their 70th anniversary. The expedition will take place between 28 July and 8 August. Actual QRV time will depend on the length of the voyage (it takes some 24 hours to reach the island, which lies around 600 kilometres north of mainland Venezuela) and on set-up. The main antennas will be taken down the day before departure, but operations might continue until the last moment on 8 August.

The team will include YV1AVO, YV1DIG, YV4BOU, YV5AMH, YV5JBI, YV5KM, YV5KXE, YV5OIE, YV6BTF and YY5FRD, plus K4UEE, K6MYC, OH2BH and OH0XX as guest operators. They will operate on all bands and modes (callsign not provided) with six HF stations and one 6m/2m, EME and satellite station. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW**: 1823, 3503/3523, 7003/7023, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, 28023, 50103, 144100, 432100
- **SSB**: 1843, 3795, 7055, 14195/14260, 18145, 21295/21195*, 24945, 28480/28905*, 50103, 144200 (* for novices only)
- **RTTY**: 3580, 7035, 10133, 14083, 18101, 21083, 24920, 28083
- **SSTV**: 14233, 21343, 28683
- **PSK**: 3580, 7035/7080, 10143, 14071, 18101, 21071, 24920, 28120
- **FM**: 29600, 146520
- **EME**: 50103, 144080

At the hour and at half hours the operators will be looking respectively for AF/AS/OC and short skip stations (Caribbean and northern SA) only, please refrain from calling if you are not in those areas.

The pilot stations will be ZL2AL (Asia and Oceania), K6GNX (America) and OH2RF (Europe). If a good communication can be established, logs will be uploaded daily and made available on the RCV's web page (www.radioclubvenezolano.org). QSL via KB6NAN, either direct (Dianna R Killeen, P.O. Box 911, Pescadero, CA 94060-0911, USA) or through the bureau. Logs will be uploaded to the ARRL's LOTW (Logbook of the World).

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9A – 9A2004YC will be activated until 27 July for the World Wide Young Contesters Meeting [425DXN 679]. The web site for the event is at [http://www.wwyc.net/meeting2004/](http://www.wwyc.net/meeting2004/). Look for 9A2004YC to be aired from the island of Sv. Andrija (EU-110, IOCA CI-110) during the IOTA
BV - Look for BW9W to be aired on all bands and modes from P'engchia Yu Island (AS-155) on 23-26 July. QSL via BV2KI. [TNX The Daily DX]

C5 - Josep, EA3BT and Nuria, EA3WL will try to operate from Bijol Island (AF-060) during their 29 July-4 August activity from The Gambia [425DXN 689]. It will be a one-day operation, possibly on 31 July or 1 August, on 20 metres SSB only. [TNX EA3BT]

DL - Josef, DL5RJ/p will operate QRP on 40 and 20 metres CW and SSB from Usedom Island (EU-129) from 27 July to 17 August. QSL via bureau. [TNX DL2VFR]

ES - Oskar, ES7NY will be active as ES7NY/2 from Naissaar Island (EU-149) for about two months. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

GM - Dennis, M0LSB/MM0LSB is currently touring the Outer Hebrides (EU-010) and plans to visit and operate from several different islands until 18 August. [TNX GM3VLB]

HI - Look for Ralph, HI9/DL9MWG to operate mostly CW from the Dominican Republic from 28 July to 16 August. QSL via bureau. [TNX DL2VFR]

I - IV3IPS, IV3WMS, IV3TYS, IV3EPO, S57NDT, S57VAH and others will operate as as IQ3GO/P from Isola Del Campo (EU-130, IIA GO-002) on 23-26 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via bureau. [TNX IV3IPS]

I - Look for Riccardo, IK0YUJ to operate (on 40-6 metres mainly CW) as IA5/IK0YUJ/P from Isola del Giglio (EU-028, IIA GR-002) from 31 July to 7 August. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK0YUJ]

ISO - IS0BMU, IS0CPU, IS0IGV, IS0JO0 and IS0XIA will be active as IM0A from Isola dei Melli (EU-165, IIA CA-006) on 23-26 July. QSL via IS0BMU. [TNX IT9DAA and MIA Bulletin]

I - Franco, IK4GLV has replaced IK4RVG for the announced operation [425DXN 688] from Scanno di Piallazza (EU-155) on 25 July. Look for IK4DCS/4 during the IOTA Contest and IK4GLV/4 outside the contest. QSL via home calls. [TNX IK4DCS]

JA - Taka, JR3TVH and Natsu, JJ3NAW will operate as JR3TVH/8 and JJ3NAW/8 from Rishiri Island (AS-147) until around 1 UTC on 25 July. They will be active during the IOTA Contest. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JR3TVH]

PJ4 - Bob/K9MDO, Bill/N2WB and John/W9ILY will operate as PJ4/homecall from Bonaire (SA-006) on 22-29 September. They will operate on 10-80 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. Look for PJ4/W9ILY to participate in the CQ/RJ DX RTTY Contest. QSL PJ4/K9MDO via W9NJB (direct) or home call (bureau), QSL PJ4/N2WB via N2OO, QSL PJ4/W9ILY via home call. Further information at http://n2wb.tripod.com [TNX N2WB]

SV9 - Rolf, DL6ZFG will be active (mainly on 20 metres SSB with some RTTY) as SV9/DL6ZFG/p from Crete (EU-015) from 27 July to 8 August. After 1 August he might use the special olympic callsign (J42004ZFG). [TNX DL6ZFG]

UA - Finally RI0CM became active from the Malminkiye Islands (AS-172) on 22 July at 13.16 UTC. Owing to strong wind and rain they were running 100 watts into a vertical, a better antenna was expected to be set up on the 23rd. The team should be on the island until 24
July at least. [http://www.mdxc.org/ri0cm/]

W      - Look for Manfred, VA3RMF to be active on 80, 40 and 20 metres as VA3RMF/W1 from Mount Desert Island (NA-055) between 30 July and 2 August. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

XU     - Wim, ON6TZ will be active as XU7TZG from Kompong Som (Sihanoukville), Cambodia until 2 August. During the IOTA Contest he will operate as XU7POS from Koh Poah/Pos (AS-133). [TNX The Daily DX]

YA     - Henry, F6EAY is currently in Kabul, Afghanistan and has been issued the call T6RF. He operates PSK31 only. QSL via F6ITD. [TNX F5NQL]

>>> IOTA CONTEST - LATEST ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS <<<<

Look for the following stations to participate in this year's event:

BY - Terry, BA7NQ and several other operators as BI7N from Nanpeng Island (AS-131).
BY - BD5HAG and others as BI5Z from Zhoushan Island (AS-137). QSL via BD5HAG.
BY - Jin, BA4TA and others as BI5D from Dongtou Island (AS-141). QSL via BA4RD.
CO - Juan Carlos, CO8TW (SSB and CW) from Cuba (NA-015). QSL via IZ8CCW. On-line log will be available at http://www.qsl.net/co8tw/.
F - Gunther/F5VHQ, Pascal/F5JSD, Frank/F4AJQ and Bernard/F9IE as F6KOP/P from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064).
GM - In addition to GM2Z (CW only) [425DXN 689], GM4TOQ/p (SSB) from the Isle of Bute (EU-123). QSL via GM4TOQ. The operators will be John/GM0WRR, Jurij/MM0DFV, Alan/GM4TOQ, Ross/GM7WED, Eric/GM4BOA and Bill/GM0FLN.
GM - MM0CWJ/p (SSB only) from the Monach Islands (EU-111). QSL via WA3RHW.
HS - Nopporn/HS0EHF, Dej/E21YDP and Champ/E21EIC as homecall/p from Si Chang (AS-107). QSL via home calls.
HS - Choon, E20HHK as E20HHK/p from Chang Island (AS-125). QSL via E21EIC.
JA - Kenji, JA4GXS/4 (SSB and CW) from Yashiro Island (AS-117). QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
OD - OD5RMK is the callsign to be used by I1HJT, I1NVU, IK1QBT and OD5LN [425DXN 687] during their operation from Ramkin Island (AS-108). QSL via I1HJT. [TNX IK1HJR]
OY - Carsten, OY1CT (all bands CW) from the Faroe Islands (EU-018). QSL direct.
PA - PB2T, ON4IA, ON4ATW, ON5UM, ON6CC and ON6NL as PB2T/P from Goeree Overflakkee (EU-146).
PY - Cris, PY7GK as ZW6GK (mainly CW on 15 and 20 metres) from Itaparica Island (SA-023).
SM - The IOTA Contest callsign to be used from Tjorn Island (EU-043) will be SK6M (not SC6AG as announced in 425DXN #687). There is also a change in the QSL route, which now is via SM6DYK, direct or bureau.
SP - Zick, SP3BJK as SP3BJK/1 (SSB and CW) from Wolin Island (EU-132). QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
UA - Victor/RN1NU, Dmitry/UA1NFA and Roman/RN1NGJ from the White Sea Coast group (EU-147) as RN1NU.
VE - John, VE1JS from Brier Island (NA-127). QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
W - Jeff, KU8E and John, K4BAI as KU8E/p from St George Island (NA-085). QSL
via KU8E.
YV - Neris, YV7QP (SSB and CW) from Margarita Island (SA-012).
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3V8 QSL BUREAU ---> Andy, DJ7IK reports that the 3V8 QSL Bureau, located at Tunisian Scouts HQ, is now up and running. The address is: Scouts Tunisiens, Amateur Radio 3V8ST, Avenue Juguartha, P.O. Box 339, Tunis Mahrajene 1082, Tunisia.

4S7PAG ---> Joel, F5PAC became active as expected from the Sri Lanka' Coastal Islands group (AS-171). QSL via home call, either direct (Joel Sutterlin, 1 Rue du Rossberg, 68310 Wittelsheim, France) or through the bureau. The web page for the operation is at www.qsl.net/f5pac/4s7.htm

6O0A ---> Sam Voron, VK2BVS (600A) [425DXN 636] has been back in Galkayo, Central Somalia for a while and will be there until 30 September. He has established two club stations (the first at the Radio Galkayo ARC and the second at the Radio Daljir ARC) which are being used for amateur radio radio training courses. Those stations are also available for the use of foreigners and details on getting the Somalia Visitors ham radio license can be found at http://www.radiogalkayo.com/banner/radio_school3.php. As for getting a QSL card from 600A, this is a "QSO only" station and Sam is not interesting in QSLing: "I am leaving the QSLing for the hams who may mount future dxpeditions or when the locals can do it", he says.

BARENTS SEA ISLANDS ---> Albert, RA1QHJ reports that the islands activated by Nick, RA1QQ/1 and Dmitrij, RW1ZZ/P (QSL for both via RA1QQ) during their recent trip [425DXN 685] were:
Voron'i Ludki    (EU-082, RRC-0319, WLH - new one)  2-4 July
Kil'din          (EU-082, RRC-0303, WLH - 1196)     5-7 July
Bolshoj Gryaznyj (RRC-0318)                         11-12 July
Kharlov          (EU-161, RRC-0302, WLH - 0640)      13-15 July
PIRATE ---> Vit, EZ8CW says that EZ4XX (quite active in contests) is a pirate station.

QSL AY1ZA ---> The QSL cards, donated by 425 DX News and the Mediterraneo DX Club for Horacio's, LU4DXU, operation from the South Orkney Islands, can be viewed at [http://www.mdxc.org/ay1za.asp][1] [TNX IZ8CCW]

QSL I17ANT ---> Frank, IZ7AUH reports that direct cards for this special event station, which was active during the Antarctica Activity Week (22-28 February), are being mailed. Direct requests without return postage will be processed via the bureau.

T.W.L.H.F. ---> The World Lighthouse Foundation has just been formed by several amateur radio from across the world. It is also open to SWLs and anyone unlicensed who just wishes to share their interest in lighthouses with other like minded people. The website is at [http://www.twlhf.com/][2] [TNX M3ZYZ] /EX

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CALL        MANAGER     CALL        MANAGER     CALL        MANAGER
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4K9W        DL6KVA      HI8/JA6WFM  JA6VU       TC4JAM      TA2DS
4L1MA       ON4RU       HS0ZDG      K4YT        TM5RL      F5MID
4L4MM       F5VHH       II8PC       I28DPO      TM5STJ      F8KFZ
4MOA        pirate      IQ8LR       I28GBH      TM6SLO      F9CH
4O6100BB    YT6A        IU7HQ       I2MQP       TM8N        F8DVD
4X6O0       WB3CQN      JD1BLQ      JA2KCT      TM9ES       F5GTW
5W0DL       K8AA        JD1BLR      JA0FOX      UA0AZ       W3HK
5W0TR       K8AA        K1USN       K1RV        UA0LMO/p    UA0LMO
6W8CK       DH7WW       KG8RP/KH0    7K4QOK      UA0ZDA/6    UA6HPR
6Y5CR       N1QAE       L11ECZ      EA5KB       UE0ARD/0    RX0AT
7S3I        SM5VFE      LX8LGS      LX2AJ       UE1RDA/3    RA3NZ
7S5A        SM4DDS      L2120AK     L22VP       UE1WPS       W1A
8S0HRA      bureau      L21BJ/1      L21BJ      UE3EDA/1    RZ3EC
9A2004YC    9A5AEI      L21BJ/1      L21JB      UE3OFF      RA3QSY
9A6DR       W3HC        L21KSL      L24BU       UE3WSS      RN3WWW
9G5O0       DL4WK       MJ0DLQ/P    ON4ON       UE4HAK       RW4HO
9H3OE       OE5CMN      OA4BQE      EA4BQ       UE4HFC       RW4HO
9M6A        N200        OD5PL       HB9CRV      UE9FDA/9    RV9FQ
A35DX       EB2AYV      OH0PM       OH2PM       UN7MO       EA7FTR
A35EA       EB2AYV      OK8FCS      DL4FCS      UR4PPC/p    UT5PW
A45WD       YO9HP        OZ7VEA      DL7VEA      US4IXQ       WB7QXU
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