9A - Look for Matt, 9A/S53AU to be active holiday style from Cres Island (EU-136) on 9-16 August. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres. [TNX F5NQL]

C6 - Ed, K3IXD (C6AXD, RTTY) and Pete, W2GJ (C6APR, CW and SSB) will be active from Crooked Island (NA-113), Bahamas on 23-26 October. Look for C6APR to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. Both calls are good for Bird Rock Lighthouse. QSL for both calls via K3IXD. [TNX K3IXD]

CE - The Atacama Desert DX Group and the Radio Club Frontera Norte will be active as 3G1F from the lighthouse on the Peninsula del Alacran during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW, see Good To Know) on 16-17 August. They will operate on 40-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via EA5KB [TNX XQ1IDM]

CT - Carlos, CT1CSY and Jose Luis, CT2GZB will operate SSB and RTTY as CQ8E from the lighthouse at Cabo Espichel (POR-009) during the ILLW. QSL via CT2GZB, direct or bureau. [TNX CT1END]

CX - The Radio Club Uruguayo will be active as CV1AA from the lighthouse at Puerto del Buceo (West Breakwater, ARLHS URU-014) for the ILLW, from about 20 UTC on 15 August through the 17th. Expect activity on 160-15 metres CW and SSB with at least two stations, and on the VHF and UHF bands with one station. QSL direct to Radio Club Uruguayo, P.O. Box 37, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay. [TNX CX3AL]

EA - The Union de Radioaficionados de La Coruna will operate as AM1TDH from the Tower of Hercules (ARLHS SPA-276) on 15-17 August. The oldest ancient Roman lighthouse currently in operation, the Tower of Hercules is a national monument of Spain and has been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. QSL via EA1COW, direct or bureau. [TNX EA1OS]

EI - The Kerry Amateur Radio Group will be active as EI1KARG from the Cromwell Point Lighthouse, Valentia Island (EU-115) during the ILLW. QSL via EI9FVB. [TNX F5NQL]

F - Jean-Michel/F1IKA, Michel/F5IVP, Eric/F5ODA, Dave/F5SDD and Chris/F6DHI will be active as TM5F from Ratonneau, Frioul Islands (EU-095) on 15-18 August. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes with three stations. QSL via F1IKA. They have a web page at http://tm5f.free.fr [TNX NG3K]

F - Dimitri/F0FLH, Bastien/F4EYQ and David/F4FDA will be active as F5KKD/p from Belle-Ile-en-Mer (EU-048) and Sein Island (EU-068) between 20 and 24 August. They plan to operate SSB on the HF bands with two stations, and on 2 metres with a third station. QSL via F5KKD, direct (IOTA 2008, P.O. Box 27, 93270 Sevran, France) or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

GM - Andre, GM3VLB and Col, MM0NDX will operate primarily on 40 and 20
metres from Bass Rock (EU-123) on 16 August, for a minimum 12 hours (from first light to dusk). They will have two stations with battery power, and will operate mainly SSB. QSL via home calls. [TNX MM0NDX]

GM - GB2ELH will be aired from the Esha Ness lighthouse, Shetland Islands (EU-012) during the ILLW. QSL via MM5PDL. [TNX F5NQL]

GW - Ant/MW0JZE, Rob/MW0RLJ, Tim/MW0URX (MW0URX), Oli/MW3SDO and Chris/G1VDP (GW1VDP) will be active (on 80-10 metres SSB with some RTTY) as GB0SH from Strumblehead Lighthouse (ARLHS WAL-029) during the ILLW. Before and after the lighthouse weekend they will operate using either MC0SHL or their personal calls. QSL GB0SH via MW0JZE, QSL MC0SHL via MW0URX, all others via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

HB9 - The Swiss Lighthouse Activity Group will be active as HB9LH from the lighthouse of Romanshorn (ARLHS SWI-005) during the ILLW. Michel/HB9DLO, Pascal/HB9DWR and Pierre-Yves/HB9OMI will operate SSB on 80, 40 and 20 metres. QSL via HB9DLO, direct or bureau. [TNX HB9DWR]

HI - Adriano, IK2GNW will be active as HI9/IK2GNW from Cayo Levantado (NA-122), Dominican Republic on 9-22 August. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 80-6 metres, with an amplifier and verticals and dipoles. QSL via I2YSB, direct only. A log search will be available at www.i2ysb.com

HP - The Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association and the Radio Club de Panama will be active as H81L from Miraflores Lighthouse (ARLHS PAN-030) during the ILLW. Expect activity on SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via HP1RCP. [TNX HP1AC]

I - In 1928 the two villages of Albese and Cassano merged to form the new town of Albese con Cassano (Como). To celebrate that anniversary, special event callsign II2AC will be used on all bands and modes until 14 September. QSL via IZ2HPZ, direct or bureau.

I - Fabio, IW1DFU will be active as IA5/IW1DFU from Elba Island (EU-028, IIA LI-001) on 11-29 August. He will operate CW with some SSB on 10, 15, 20, 40 and possibly 30 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IW1DFU]

I - IK0CNA, IK0NSY, IK0ZCW, IZ0KAT and IZ3DBA will be active from Isola Rossa (not IOTA, IIA GR-015) on 13 August. They will operate SSB and CW as homecall/IA5, primarily on 20 and 40 metres. [TNX IK0ZCW]

I - Marco, I23GNG will be active as IF9/I23GNG from Favignana Island (EU-054, IIA TP-011) on 16-18 August and as ID9/I23GNG from Lipari Island (EU-017, IIA ME-001) on 20-22 August. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX I23GNG]

I - I6/I2ODIB/p, I6/I241US/p, IK6EFU/p, IK6XGS/p, IK6XOU/p, IK6XYM/p, IZ6ASI/p and possibly others will be active from the lighthouse at Senigallia (ARLHS ITA-181, WAIL MA-004) during the ILLW. Expect activity on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and CW. [TNX IZ6ASI]

I - Operators from ARI Fano and the Adriatic DX team will be active on 40-10 metres CW and SSB as IQ6FU/p from the lighthouse at Fano (ARLHS ITA-065, WAIL MA-005) during the ILLW. QSL direct or bureau. [TNX IQ6ASI]

I - Look for IU1L to be aired again from La Lanterna (ARLHS ITA-177,
WAIL LI-005) during the ILLW. QSL via bureau or direct to ARI Genova, P.O. Box 1117, 16121 Genova - GE, Italy. [TNX IZ1BZS]

I - IK4HDQ, IK4PLW, IK4PMX, IK4UNH, IW4DAP, IW4DEH and IZ4GKH will operate special event station IR4PA from Russi (Ravenna) on 12-14 September, for the 25th anniversary of the local welfare institution. QSL via IK4PLW, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4PLW]

LA - Mek, SP7VC will be active as LA/SP7VC from the Lofoten Islands (EU-076) on 8-15 August. He will operate on 80, 40 and 20 metres with dipoles and 700 watts, as well as on 144.355 MHz (FSK441 random MS). QSL via his home call. [TNX SP5UAF]

LU - A group of operators from the Radio Club Argentino (namely LU1AMH, LU1ARG, LU1BCE, LU4BR, LU5ANL and LU7ADC) will be active on 80-6 metres SSB and CW as LR5D from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) on 14-18 August, including activity from the island lighthouse during the ILLW. QSL via LU4AA. [TNX LU1ARG]

LU - The Bahia Blanca DX Group (http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/) will activate seven different lighthouses simultaneously for the ILLW:

- Morro Nuevo (ARLHS ARG-048) - LU9ESD/W, LU4ETN/W, LW9EAG/W
- San Gregorio (ARG-062) - LU1EUU/W, LU5DEM/W and others
- Cabo Aristizabal (ARG-023) - LU7DSY/W, LU5DIT/W, LU6DBL/W
- Puerto Rosales (ARG-095) - LU3DXG/D (operators LU5EAO/D, LU8EHQ/D, LU7EUZ/D, LU5DKT/D, LW5DAD/D, LW2ENB/D)
- Baliza Chica (ARG-083) - LU8DWR/D, LU8DIP/D, LU3DZO/D, LU4ELE/D, LU4UZW/D, LU4DBP/D
- Baliza Punta Atalaya (ARG-099) - LU6DRN/D, LU6EU/D
- Claromeco (ARG-014) - LU7HW/D, LU3HKA/D, LU7EHL/D, LU7DR/D, LU4DBT/D

Expect activity on all bands and modes. The QSL manager is LU7DSY (Carlos Alberto Almiron, P.O. Box 709, 8000 Bahia Blanca - Buenos Aires, Argentina). [TNX LU9ESD]

ON - Francois, ON4LO and Kurt, ON4CB will be active from Doel lighthouse during the ILLW. They will operate on 80-10 metres SSB. QSL via bureau. [TNX ON4LO]

OZ - Thomas, DH8IAT says he will be active as OZ/DH8IAT from Samsoe Island (EU-172) on 9-22 August. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

PA - PA3CNI and PA3AAF will operate CW with some SSB from Blokzijl lighthouse during the ILLW. QSL via home calls. [TNX PA3CNI]

PA - Members of the Voorne Putten radio club will be active during the ILLW with three stations from three different lighthouses: PA6GDR from Goedereede (NET-039) on Goeree Overflakkee (EU-146), PA6SB from Stenen Baak (NET-071) and PI4VPO/LT from Maasvlakte. Expect activity on 40, 20 and 2 metres in the daytime hours only. QSLs via PA2CNR. [TNX PA0AKN]

PA - Jos, PA1JOS and others will operate SSB and CW from the lighthouse of Scheveningen, a national monument of The Netherlands, during the ILLW. QSL via PA1JOS. Further information can be found at www.qrz.com/pa6sch [TNX PA3EFR]

PA - Special event station PA90CORUS will be active on all bands and modes from CORUS Steel IJmuiden on 1-28 September to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the steelworks in IJmuiden. QSL via PB7CW. Further information can be found at http://www.pb7cw.net/corus
PJ2 - PJ2LS, PD1DRE and PJ2GT will be active as PJ2LS/LH from Punt Kanon lighthouse on Curacao (SA-006) during the ILLW. QSL via PD1DRE (bureau). [TNX F5NQL]

PJ2 - Joeke, PA0VDV will be active as PJ2/PA0VDV from Curacao (SA-006) on 2-29 October. He will operate CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX PA0VDV]

SM - Kjell, SM4DDS will be active as 7S5A from Boko island (Stora Alo, EU-177) on 11-16 August. He will operate CW and SSB on 10-80 metres. QSL via SM4DDS, direct or bureau. [TNX SM4DDS]

SM - Once again a group of operators from the Kungalv Radio Club will be active as 7S6LGT from the lighthouse on Vinga Island (EU-043) during the ILLW. QSL via SK6NL.

SP - SP2BIK, SP2BRN, SP2IZC and SP2TQW will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as SN2NP from the historic lighthouse at Gdansk Nowy Portn on 15-18 August. QSL via SP2BIK, direct or bureau. [TNX SP2BIK]

SV - Vito, I3BQC will be active from a few Greek islands on 3-20 September. His itinerary includes Kalymnos and nearby Telenods (SV5, EU-001) for about one week, then Ikaria (SV8, EU-049) or other SV5 islands such as Leros, Leipsoi or Patmos. He plans to operate mostly on 15, 20 and 40 metres SSB. [TNX I3BQC]

SV9 - IOUZF, IK0EFR, IK0YUT and IZOFWD will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as J49I from Crete (EU-015). They will be active on 160-10 metres mainly CW from 26 November to 1 December. QSL via IK0EFR. [TNX IK0EFR]

TA - The "Finnish-Turkish Friendship Consortium" (including OH2BH, OH2PM, OH8NC, TA1HZ and others) will be active as TC4X on several occasions during 2008. The location is in the city of Alanya, Asian Turkey. The first activity from 5 through 12 August coincides with the Worked All Europe DX Contest (CW). QSL via OH2BH. [TNX OH2BH]

TA - TA1HZ and TA2RX will be active as TC1YLH from Yesilkoy Lighthouse (TUR-055) during the ILLW. Main bands to be used are 15, 20, 40 and 2 metres. QSL via TA1HZ. [TNX TA1HZ]

UA - The two-month R21QXA and UE1RFP IOTA expedition to AS-068, AS-086, AS-087, and AS-104 [425DXN 899] has been cancelled. [TNX I4EAT]

UA - Look for UE3YAR to be aired on 8-10 August to celebrate the Russian Air Force Day for the AFARU (Armed Forces Amateur Radio Union) and RDA activity programmes. QSL via RV3YR. [TNX RV3YR]

VU - A large group of operators from the Bangalore Amateur Radio Club will be active as AT8LH from both the Mahabalipuram lighthouses, old (ARLHS IND-011) and new (ARLHS IND-016) on 15-24 August. QSL via VU2JHM. Further information can be found at http://www.qrz.com/at8lh [TNX F5NQL]

W - AB3FX, KB3PVA and KB3NVH will operate holiday style mostly on 20 metres as AB3FX/4 from Ocracoke Island (NA-067) on 10-16 August. QSL via AB3FX, bureau preferred. [TNX www.rgsbiota.org]

W - Members of the Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association will be active as W1T from the North Tower (ARLHS USA-1027) on Thacher Island (NA-148) on 16 August. They expect to operate on 40 metres (CW) and 20 metres (SSB and PSK) from 13 to 18 UTC. QSL via W1GLO (direct).

ZD8 - Bob, VP8LP, will be active as ZD8LP from Ascension Island (AF-003)
between 15 August and 14 September. He will be using only a vertical antenna, but he intends to be very active on 40-10 metres as propagation permits. QSL via home call (direct). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

ZD9 - Tom, ZD7X (ZD9X) is going QRT from St. Helena. First hand information collected by Michael, G7VJR indicates that Tom will be visiting South Africa before getting back to sea and, eventually, to Tristan da Cunha [425DXN 884]. In total it will take about 3-4 weeks to move.

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ITALIAN ISLANDS ---> Alfredo, IK7JWX provides the list of Italian islands he and his friends have operated from between 12 April and 27 July 2008:

12 Apr Gallipoli LE-10 IK7JWX, IK7FPX
25 Apr Sant'Andrea BR-05 IK7JWX, IK7FPX
01 May Capezzano LE-04 EU-91 IK7JWX, IK7FPX
24 May Gallipoli LE-10 IK7JWX, I7PXV
01 Jun Sant'Andrea BR-05 IK7JWX
02 Jun Chianca LE-17 EU-091 IK7JWX, IK7VJX
06 Jul La Terra LE-29 IK7JWX, IK7VJX
12 Jul Mogghia LE-15 IK7JWX, I7PXV
19 Jul Gabbiani LE-1 IK7JWX, I7PXV
20 Jul Penna LE-22 IK7JWX, IK7VJX, I8LWL, IK8GQY
25 Jul Cuccio LE-18 IK7JWX, IK7VJX, I8LWL, IK8GQY
26-27 Jul Grande LE-02 EU-91 I8LWL/7 (IOTA Contest)

Information on the Salento Islands Award can be found at www.arilecce.it/sia.htm

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+ SILENT KEY + Recently reported Silent Keys include Giuseppe Cavallera (I1CEO), Vincenzo Ranellucci (IK1TSM) and Victor D. Solovev (UA0IDX).
QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8MM, 3D2A (OC-121), 3DA0VB, 403A, 5T5DC, 8P9TS, 9J2M, 9M6/N1UR, 9XOR, 9Z4CT, AD7RT/AH0, AH2L, C6ANM, D2NX, D4C, DK7YY (EU-057), DL3VFN/J3, ET3JA, FM/K9NW, FM1FV, FO/KH0PR (OC-063), FS/K9EL, FY5FY, G10KCIW, GM0WED/p (EU-009), H7/K9NW, HC5WW, HP4/JA6REX (NA-088), HQ9L (NA-057), HZ1SK, JA6WFM/HC5, KOIU/M (NA-031), LU8XW (SA-008), PJ4NX, PZ5RA, R1ANR, R35NP, RW1AI/0, S79JE, SD2O (EU-135), SU9HP, TI8II, TO1C, TR8CA, TX5C, V44KJ, V51AS, V85TT, VP2MRM, VP6DX, VP6PR, W8CAA/VP5, XE83IARU, XX9TCC, YV5DRN, Z21BC, ZD8Z, ZF2GU, ZK2CC.

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