

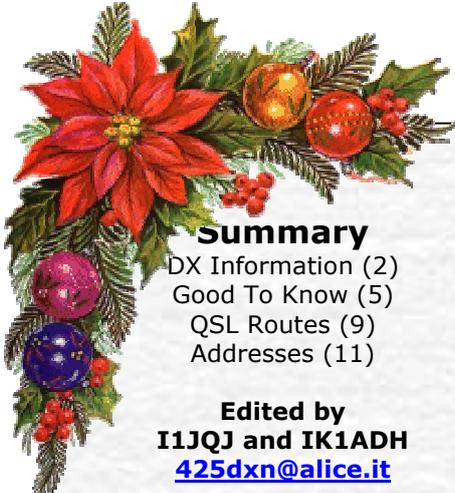
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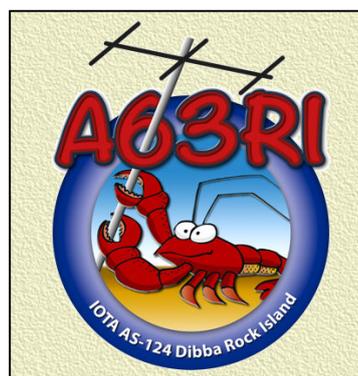
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DX INFORMATION

1A - An activity from the Sovereign Military Order of



Malta (SMOM) is being organized to take place on 2-7 January. Currently signed up are IK0FVC, IOJBL, IK0FTA, IK0PRG, IW0BYL, IOZY, IOGOJ, IOHCJ, IK0DWN, IK0XFD, IK5HHA, IZ0IEN, IZ0NRG, DK7PE, DJ9ZB, OH1VR, S53R and VE7NY. QSL via IK0FTA and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log and website at www.1a0km.org. [TNX IOJBL]

5H - Vittorio, I2GPT (www.i2gpt.com) will be active holiday style as 5H1VC from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) on 4-12 January. He will operate CW (on 40-10 metres) and RTTY (on 20 metres only), typically during his early morning and late afternoon hours. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

6W - Francis, F6BLP will be active again as 6W7SK from Senegal on 3-31 January. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. Logsearch at www.f6blp.org.

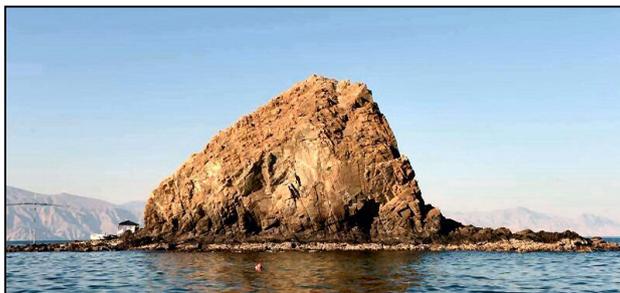
8P - KI1U (8P9IU), N1TA (8P9TA) and K0BJ (8P9BJ) will be active from Barbados (NA-021) on 9-16 December. They will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest as 8P8T (QSL via KI1U). [TNX NG3K]

9M6 - Vincent, F4BKV is visiting Singapore (9V, AS-019), Brunei (V8, OC-088) and East Malaysia until 22 December. "Radio is not the main purpose of the trip", he says, so "don't expect a full time activity". The first two operations will be limited to few hours only, on 14 December from 9V and on 17-18 December from V8. On 20-22 December he will operate holiday style from Labuan Island (9M6, OC-133). Logsearch and OQRS at www.f4bkv.net

9Q - The Daily DX reports that Pascal, 9Q1CFC (ON4CFC) expects to activate 9Q0AR, the Amateur Radio Association of the Democratic Republic of Congo's club station, "probably around 23-27 December".

A3 - Klaus, DK1AX and Heidi, DK1MA will be active holiday style as A35AX from Tongatapu (OC-049) and Vava'u (OC-064), Fiji from 24 February to 7 March. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL preferably through the OQRS provided by Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

A6 - Members of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) were expected to be active as A63RI from Dibba Rock (AS-124) on 19-23 December. However on 20 December, after a series of unsuccessful attempts (strong winds and rough seas), the team was still on the mainland and active as A62A/p from the shore of the Indian Ocean opposite Dibba Rock. Attempts at landing continued (due to the "extremely dangerous" nature of the rock, A65BR reported, the "main goal is just to get small spot at the sea level"). Eventually the team was able to land on 27 December, and is now active with two stations (SSB and CW) until the 30th. QSL via IZ8CLM. Logsearch, OQRS



Dibba Rock (AS-124)

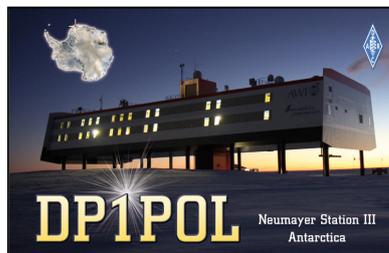


Tromelin Island

for bureau cards and pictures can be found at www.mdxc.org/a63ri/

A9 - Celebrating "Manama, Capital of Arab Tourism", A92AA and A93LT are active as A91MCAT from the capital city of Bahrain until 31 December. QSL via IZ8CLM.

A9 - The Bahrain Amateur Radio Group will operate special event station A91NM on 15 December to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Bahrain National Museum. QSL via IZ8CLM. [TNX A92AA]



DL_ant - Felix, DL5XL will be working at the German Antarctic station Neumayer III from 20 December to 8 February. He will operate mainly CW as DP1POL in his spare time.

QSL via DL1ZBO, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. Holger, DH1HB will be located at the same research station until February 2015, and will be QRV as DPOGVN (QSL via DL5EBE). [TNX DX World]

DL - Stefan, DF8HS will be active from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) from 20 December to 16 January. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

DL - Special event callsign DB50FIRAC will be active from 1 January through 31 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Federation Internationale des Radio Amateurs Cheminots (International Federation of Railway Radio Amateurs). QSL via bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

DL - To celebrate DARC Mainz Chapter's (DL0MZ) 60th anniversary, special callsign DL60JMZ (DOK 60K07) will be used from 1 January to 31 December 2014. QSL via the bureau. [TNX DK8ZZ]

F - Weather permitting, Gil, F4FET/p and Diego, F4HAU/p will be active from Tombelaine Island (EU-156) for about 24 hours on 28-29 December. They plan to operate SSB and PSK with two stations on 80-10 metres. [TNX F4FET]

FT/T - Activated for the first time in 1954 (FB8BK/T) and for the last time in 2000 (FR/F6KDF/T), Tromelin Island (AF-031) is one of the top ten

Most Wanted DXCC Entities. Landing and operating permissions for the joint effort by the Radio Club de Provens and the Lyon DX Gang [425DXN 1154] have been granted, and Tromelin will be back on the amateur radio bands from 30 October to 10 November 2014. Six operators (Franck F4AJQ, Flo F5CWU, Fred F5ROP, Eric F5SIH, Seb F5UFX and Michel FM5CD) will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with four stations. The organizers estimate a budget in the range of USD 90,000 (with logistics taking a major share of it), and fundraising has started. Visit www.tromelin2014.com for regular updates and

information on how to contribute to this expensive project. [TNX F5NQL]



FT/Z - On 21 December the FT5ZM team reported that "all the equipment the Amsterdam Island DXpedition team shipped to New Zealand is now aboard the MV Braveheart". The vessel was expected to sail for Fremantle, Australia on 26 December. Team members will begin arriving in Fremantle on 9 January, and will depart for their 9-day voyage on the 15th. Once ashore, they will have 18 days to set up, conduct the DXpedition and tear down for departure. "We've not yet reached our financial goals", the team says, "but with your continued support, that goal is in sight". Visit www.amsterdamdx.org for late breaking news and updates. [TNX K0IR]

H40 - Sigi, DK9FN will be active again as H40FN (mainly CW) from Temotu Province from 21 December to 10 January. This year he will operate from Lomlom Island (OC-065). QSL via DK9FN (new route), direct or bureau. Further information and operating tips (they are worth a reading) at qrz.com under H40FN. [TNX The Daily DX]

J7 - John, AD8J will be active as J79JG from Dominica (NA-101) from 29 January to 7 February. He will operate mainly CW "when not scuba diving". QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX AD8J]

JW - Alex, DL1NX/PY2SEX will be active as JW/PY2SEX from Spitsbergen (EU-026), Svalbard on 24-25 December. He plans to operate mainly CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL1NX.

LA - Celebrating their country's Constitution Bicentennial, Norwegian amateur radio operators are authorized to use special prefixes throughout the anniversary year. LA stations may use the LI prefix, and LB stations may use the LJ prefix. Also, the Gardermoen Radio Club (LA2G) has been granted permission to use the special callsign LM1814 during 2014. [TNX NRRL]

OH - Once again OF9X (Old Father 9 Xmas) is active from the heart of Santa Claus Land, in the Lapland region of Finland.



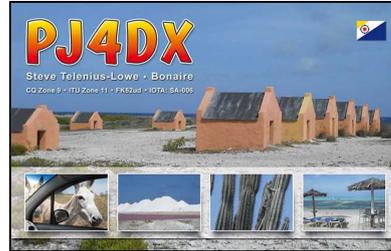
The main activity will be over this coming weekend (21-22 December) "to remind you of the fun period of Christmas and to create the right spirit for families with children throughout the world". QSL via OH2BH. Look for OF9X around 25kHz up the band edge (CW) and 14225 kHz or thereabout. In addition to SSB QSOs from a year ago or this year, you should now contact Santa also on CW to qualify for the 2013 Santa Cold Winter (CW) Award. You should track your two QSOs on Club Log and send your request by email to [of9x\[@\]sral.fi](mailto:of9x[@]sral.fi). One of the QSOs should be from this year. Further information on the award and how to compensate for a missing QSO can be found at www.qrz.com/db/OF9X

OZ - Ric, DL2VFR will be active from Romo Island (EU-125) during the New Year holidays. He will operate CW as OU1RAEM on 28-31 December (QSL via DF5LW, direct or bureau) and as OZ/DL2VFR on 1-3 January (QSL via home call, direct or bureau). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

OZ - Special event station 5P14EHC will be active on 1-31 January to bring attention to the European Men's Handball Championship, which will take place in Denmark between the 12th and the 26th. QSL via OZ0J (direct only: please use the OQRS on Club Log for bureau cards), LoTW and eQSL. Information on the relevant award can be found at www.5p14ehc.dk [TNX OZ4FF]

PJ2 - Once again Jeff, K8ND will be active from the Signal Point contest station on Curacao (SA-099) on 6-8 December for the ARRL 160 Meter Contest and on 17-29 January 2014 for the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest. QSL PJ2/K8ND via home call and LoTW, QSL PJ2T via W3HNC and LoTW.

PJ4 - Steve (ex 9M6DXX and 9M8Z, aka G4JVG and KHOUN) has moved permanently to Bonaire (SA-006) and received his licence on 10 December. His new call is



PJ4DX. He is QRV using an FT-950 and a low Spiderbeam, plus a 40m quarter-wave vertical with elevated radials. All equipment is kindly loaned by Peter, PJ4NX, until

Steve's own equipment arrives from Malaysia early in 2014. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau (OQRS preferred). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog on a regular basis. [TNX PJ4DX]

PJ4 - William, K9HZ will be active as PJ4/K9HZ from Bonaire (SA-006) from 20 December to 4 January. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres using portable beam antennas and wires. QSL via K9HZ (direct only), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

PJ5 - Nao, JN1RVS will be active as PJ5/K6NAO from St. Eustatius (NA-145) on 22-29 December. He will operate CW and RTTY/PSK on 40-10 metres. QSL via JA1HGY; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

PJ7 - Nigel, G3TXF will be active as PJ7/G3TXF from Sint



Maarten until 11 December. He operates CW only with a focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via G3TXF (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW.

PY - Jose, PU5IKE will be active as

ZV5WZZ (not ZW5AAA) from Ilha dos Remedios (SA-027) on 7-8 December. He plans to operate SSB on 10 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW. [TNX PT7WA]

PY - Raimundo, PT7CG and Renner, PY7RP had plans to be active as ZX8DX from Ilha Grande de Santa Isabel (SA-025) on 26-30 December. However, the operation has been postponed until "the first two weeks of January". QSL via PT7CG. [TNX PT7WA]

PY - Fabio, PP5BZ will try to go and be active as ZW5W from Santana de Fora Island (SA-088) on 27-29 December. His previous attempt earlier this month [425DXN 1175] had to be cancelled owing to bad weather. QSL via PP5BZ. [TNX PT7WA]



S7 - Igor, UA3DJY will be active as S79ACR from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles for one month between mid-December and mid-January. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

SP - Slawek, SQ1KSM and Weronika, SQ1KSL will be active as HF1ZIMA and SN1ZIMA on 12-22 December. Other stations participating in the "Welcome Winter" (zima in Polish) award are 3Z3ZIMA, HF3ZIMA,

SN0ZIMA, SN3ZIMA and SN5ZIMA. Further information on qrz.com

SP - Special stations HF110RAEM (15-22 December, QSL via SP2FAP) and SO110RAEM (23-31 December, QSL via SP2FAP) are/will be active to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ernst T. Krenkel (RAEM). On 23-31 December HF110RAEM will be operated by SP3GVX, who will handle the QSL cards for contacts made during that time frame.

SP - Several special event stations are expected to be active to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the birth of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (SP3RN) and the 75th anniversary of Radio Niepokalanow: 3Z120SMK will be QRV on 8-28 January 2014, while HF0RN, HF120MK, SN0MMK, SN0RN, SN120MK, SN120MMK and SN75RN will be active from 8 January to 14 August. In addition, I12SMK (operated by I22SOG) will also be active on 8-28 January. Further information can be found at <http://stmaximiliansp3rn.blogspot.com> [TNX SP9JPA]

UA_ssh - Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club, Alex RW3RN and Oleg UA3HK/ZS1OIN will be active as RI20ANT from Bellingshausen Station on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) on 17-31 December. Main activity will be on 20 metres (on or around 14160 kHz) SSB and CW. QSL via RW3RN. [TNX UA9OBA]

V5 - Dietmar, DL3DXX will be active as V5/DL3DXX from Namibia from 24 December to 8 January. He will operate CW only 160-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - Steve, VE3OC, to be active holiday style as VP5/VE3OC from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 18-27 December. QSL via home call (direct only) and eQSL.

VE - The Daily DX reports that David, VY0/VE3VID is back on Igloolik Island (NA-174) and plans to be QRV on 20 metres only starting on 1 January. He will participate in the ARRL RTTY Roundup (4-5 January).

VK - Scott, VK7HVK plans to be active again as VK7HVK/p from Bruny Island (OC-233) on 28 December. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

VK9/M - Norbert, DJ7JC has joined the operating team for the VK9MT DXpedition to Mellish Reef (28 March-9 April 2014) [425DXN 1179]. New corporate sponsors have signed on, the sailing schedule with the Evohe's skipper has been confirmed and K6TU's customized propagation prediction tool is now up and running at <https://www.k6tu.net/?q=n>

ode/add/dx-prediction-vk9mt. "Depending on the weather and sea conditions", the team says in their latest press release (22 December), "our planned arrival at the reef is approximately 28 March. Radio operation will begin as soon as the HF stations are installed. Low band antennas will be installed on the second day for operation beginning that night". Donations are still being sought and gratefully accepted, see www.vk9mt.com for detailed information on how to donate. [TNX K5GS]

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) from 26 December to 1 January. He usually operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - Mark, AA1AC will be active from Aquidneck Island (NA-031), Rhode Island on 28-29 December. He will be QRV on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1AC]

W - Once again Howie, K1VSJ will be active from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046) from 30 December to 1 January. [TNX The Daily DX]



W - Celebrating the ARRL's centennial year, the Maxim Memorial Station in Newington (W1AW) will also use the callsign W100AW during 2014. When used from regional Centennial conventions and during the IARU HF Championship, W100AW will

have portable designators as appropriate. Contacts with W100AW will be worth 100 points in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party (see below).

YB - The IOTA expedition to Pulau Kisar (OC-272, new one for IOTA) has been delayed by bad weather, and the



YB4IR and YF1AR

new flight schedule is for Budi, YF1AR and Imam, YB4IR to depart Ambon on 22 December at 10.30 local time (01.00 UTC). The return flight is still confirmed on 25 December at 13.00 local time (04.00 UTC). Look for YF1AR/8 and YB4IR/8 to be active on 40-10 metres SSB, CW and the digital modes with two transceivers

running 100 watts. QSL YF1AR/8 via N200 (logsearch on Club Log and OQRS on <http://df3cb.com/oqrs/n200/>), QSL YB4IR/8 via home call (OQRS on Club Log). [TNX YF1AR]

YN - Scott, K7ZO will be active once again as YN5Z from Nicaragua on 11-18 December. He will be QRV on 20-10 metres, and will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL via K7ZO and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

YV - Roberto, YV5IAL will be active as CE2/YV5IAL from Chile on 2-30 January. He plans to operate PSK31 daily on 14070.15 and occasionally on 10, 15 and 40 metres PSK31 and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX YV5IAL]

ZD7 - Daniel, ZS1BBT expects to arrive on St. Helena Island (AF-022) on 11 December, and to remain there for twelve days. He plans to be QRV from the school station. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZD9 - Silvano, I2YSB and the Italian DXpedition Team (www.i2ysb.com/idt) announce that they will be active on all bands and modes as ZD9TT from Tristan da Cunha for three weeks in the period September- October 2015. Further information will be available in due course. [TNX IK7JWY]

ZS - Celebrating the late President Nelson Mandela's legacy, the South African Radio League will operate special event stations from around the country using the special callsign ZS9MADIBA until 11 January 2014. QSL via the bureau or direct to SARL, P.O. Box 1721, Strubensvallei 1735, South Africa. See www.amateurradio.org.za/zs9madiba.htm for the operating schedule. Logsearch on Club Log.



AFRICAN TRIP • Mathias DJ2HD, Ulmar DK1CE and Wolfgang DH3WO will be on 4x4 trip Namibia, South Africa, Lesotho and Botswana between 14 December and 18 January 2014:

14-18 December V5/DJ2HD
18-22 December ZS/DJ2HD, ZS/DK1CE, ZS/DH3WO
22-24 December 7P8DJ, 7P8CE, 7P8WO
24-30 December A25DJ, A25CE, A25WO
31 December-18 January V5/DJ2HD
1-5 January V5/DK1CE, V5/DH3WO

All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. When in Namibia, DJ2HD will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest and the DARC 10m Contest (12 January 2014) as V55V (QSL via DJ8VC, direct or bureau).

CARIBBEAN TOUR • Ted SP3IPB, Mek SP7VC and Kate SQ7OYL will visit and operate CW and SSB on the HF bands and 6 metres from the Caribbean between 11 and 30 January:

11-12 January Martinique FM/SP7VC, FM/SP3IPB, FM/SQ7OYL
15-16 January Dominica J79VC, J79PB
17-18 January Guadeloupe FG/SP7VC, FG/SP3IPB, FG/SQ7OYL
18-22 January Montserrat VP2MPG, VP2MTK
21 January Antigua V26/SP7VC, V26/SP3IPB
23-29 January Dominica J79VC, J79PB

A beacon from Dominica (J79VC/B) and Montserrat (VP2MPG/B) will be active On 50095 kHz. QSL via home calls. Further information can be found at www.sp7vc.dxing.pl [TNX SP7VC]

GOOD TO KNOW

ARRL 10 METER CONTEST • Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to work as many stations as possible on the 10m band. This year's event will be held on 14-15 December. Complete details can be found at www.arrl.org/10-meter



ARRL CENTENNIAL QSO PARTY • In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the ARRL, the ARRL Centennial QSO Party is a year-long operating event (from 00.00 UTC on 1 January through 23.59 UTC on 31 December 2014) in which participants can accumulate points (all ARRL members and appointees, elected officials, HQ staff and W1AW are worth points) and earn awards. W1AW will be on the air from every state (at least twice) and most US territories, and it will be easy to work WAS solely by contacting

W1AW portable operations. Complete information can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

CDXC DX MARATHON CHALLENGE • Starting in 2014, and running from 1 January to 31 December each year the Chiltern DX Club DX Marathon Challenge is an annual competition open to any licensed amateur world-wide. However, only fully paid up members of the Chiltern DX Club (www.cdxc.org.uk) are eligible to receive Awards. Its purposes are to promote DXing and recognize achievement in DXing over the year, and to promote the uploading of logs to Club Log (which leads to better statistical information for us all). Detailed information can be found on the Chiltern DX Club's website (navigate from Home page > CDXC Awards > DX Marathon).



CE9/UA4WHX • Vlad is currently active from Isla Navarino (SA-050), which DXCC wise counts for Chile (neither for South Shetlands nor for Antarctica). Length of stay unknown. See <http://www.qrz.com/db/UA4WHX> for QSLling instructions.



CQ DX MARATHON • The CQ DX Marathon (www.dxmarathon.com) is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2014 edition will start at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. For 2014, the CQ Marathon is introducing a third class of competition: the new Limited Class will allow those running 100 watts and small directional antennas to participate in their own class. Complete rules at www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/index_cq_contests.html

DXCC NEWS • 9X0XA (Rwanda, 2013 operation), T6TM (Afghanistan, current operation) and VU7AG (Lakshadweep Islands, 20 November - 10 December 2013) have been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR POLL • The DX World.net 2013 DXpedition of the Year poll is now open at <http://dx-world.net/>



"What a great 2013 it's been for DXpeditions. The team at DX World found it incredibly difficult to agree and list the final 25 DXpeditions. Also, this year, unlike the last two years, we are limiting the votes to only two per person. We believe this to be fair considering it could be that you have an absolute favourite DXpedition, followed by a second, which perhaps helped fill those important band points". The outcome will be available immediately after the poll closes, i.e. at 21 UTC on 6

January 2014 - cast your votes!

GRANITE ISLAND (OC-228) • Paul, VK5PAS was active for a few hours from Granite Island on 27 December. Those who were not able to work him during his QRP operation, will have a second chance next year, as Craig, VK5CE has plans to operate from this island "probably around April for 2-4 days".



HEARD ISLAND EXPEDITION DEFINED • Following his visit to the Australian Antarctic Division offices in Hobart, Tasmania, Expedition Organizer Dr. Robert Schmieder (KK6EK) made the final decisions that will define the expedition. The expedition is scheduled for January 2015. It will use the Belgian vessel "Cdt. Fourcault", taking a team of 35 persons. The entire journey will take about 50

days, with one month at the island. The team will be made up of several sub-teams (mountaineering, cryptobiology, marine science, communications, documentation), each with its own goals. Their activities will be presented on separate real-time interactive websites. The communications team will use amateur radio to make up to 150,000 individual contacts worldwide using the callsign VK0EK, and provide real-time reporting of data and images to the Internet, including automatically updating websites that display the activities of the team. For further information, please visit the expedition website (www.heardisland.org).

INDEXA NEWS • "The officers of the International DX Association, INDEXA (www.indexa.org), have agreed to send an additional donation of 2,500 USD to the Amsterdam Island, FT5ZM, DXpedition team. INDEXA's financial support for this DXpedition has now grown to 10,000 USD. Our membership of worldwide DXers has been generous to us this year with donations. Thus, INDEXA felt further support to the FT5ZM team was appropriate".

K9W • The K9W Wake Atoll Team thanks the DX community for the outstanding response to The Forgotten 98 Commemorative DXpedition. K9W made 53765 CW, 38700 SSB and 7562 digital QSOs. The final QSO percentages per continent are NA 35.3%, AS 32.3%, EU 26.9%, OC 3.1%, SA 1.8% and AF 0.6%. All of the QSOs have been uploaded to Club Log, and "most, if not all, corrections have been made". Please write to [info@\[@\]wake2013.org](mailto:info@[@]wake2013.org) for possible problems with the ClubLog upload. The printed QSLs are in transit to the QSL manager (AA4NN). The use of OQRS for direct and bureau cards is highly recommended (see <http://wake2013.org/pages/qsl.html>). [TNX W8GEX]

KOSOVO • On 14 December 52 young Kosovars aged between 18-21 years took the first ever Amateur Radio exam under the new laws of the Republic of Kosovo. Fifty of them walked away as new Amateur Radio operators qualifying for a U.S. General level license (procedures are now in place only to take the equivalent of U.S. General or CEPT Novice exams). As the exam/license cost is 50 EUR (70 USD) per person, a major expense for today's youth in Kosovo, radio amateurs worldwide are invited to help the new hams with this entry level cost. See www.qrz.com/db/Z60A for further information - "you have the option of giving a personal gift to catch the Christmas spirit and to become a godfather in Amateur Radio". Please inform Hans, PB2T ([president@\[@\]eudxf.eu](mailto:president@[@]eudxf.eu)) or Martti, OH2BH ([oh2bh@\[@\]sral.fi](mailto:oh2bh@[@]sral.fi)) of your desire to help.

PMC CONTEST • The PMC Contest promotes contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world. Sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD), it will be held from 12 UTC on 4 January 2014 until 12 UTC on the 5th. Complete details can be found at www.s59dcd.si/en10/ [TNX S54X]

QSL 5B4AHY • Norman, 5B4AIE has taken over the QSL duties for David Bunn, 5B4AHY, who became SK on 20 November. [TNX 5B4AHJ]

QSL HPOINT • Vincent, F4BKV mailed about 50% of the direct cards for the Panama IOTA Tour on 12 December, the others will follow on the 23rd. Those letters will be sent from Hong Kong, he says; direct requests with French postage stamps on their SAEs will be processed in early January.



QSL T32AU • Dave, G4GED is not and has never been the QSL manager for T32AU (January 2012). "I have received many cards through the bureau which I will forward to the VE3 bureau sometime next year", he says. The DXpedition's website (www.t32kiritimati2012.com) still lists QSL via VO1MX, but the entry on qrz.com shows via VE3AAQ. G4GED no longer has "any logs for any T3 callsigns from the 1980s".

QSL ZC4LI • Phil, G3SWH has "at last finished importing all the hundreds of individual log files into a single file and uploaded it to both Club Log and LoTW". He has been able to recover some 312,000 QSOs, but "it is obvious that there are a number of log files missing". Check the on line log before requesting QSLs (www.g3swh.org.uk/zc4li.html). Also, please note that "following a decision by the RSGB QSL bureau not to process outgoing cards for non members, paper QSLs for this station are only available direct. OQRS is much preferred. Replies to QSL requests received so far will be mailed within the next few days". [TNX G3SWH]

QSL ZS2DL • As of 1 January 2014, NI5DX will no longer be the QSL manager for ZS2DL, as Donovan has decided that he will handle his own QSLing. NI5DX will continue to answer any QSL requests for contacts prior to 1 January 2014 until 1 March. At that time, ALL requests for a ZS2DL card must go direct to ZS2DL. All bureau cards must go to ZS2DL as NI5DX will no longer reply to bureau cards after 1 January. [TNX Golist]

QSL VIA RN3RQ • Sergey "Jack", RN3RQ is the new QSL manager for RA2FDX, N4AF and NY4A. QSL direct (Sergey B. Yatskiv, P.O. Box 87, Krasnogorsk, 143406, Russia) or bureau and LoTW; OQRS on Club Log. Jack will also be the QSL manager for RJ22DX (Kaliningrad) and RG22RQ (European Russia), which will be active from 1 January to 31 March 2014 to celebrate the Sochi Winter Olympics.

QSL VIA ZL3CW • Jacky "is in the process of moving in to a new home on December 19th", The Daily DX reports. His new mailing address is: Jacky Calvo, PO Box 88, Waihi Beach 3642, New Zealand. Mail sent to his old address will be redirected for one year. ZL3CW is the QSL manager for the recent N8A, W8A and 5W8A DXpeditions.



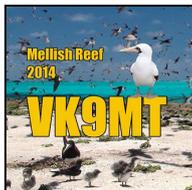
STORMY WEATHER: OH8X • Radio Arcala (OH8X) has lost its 100m (330 ft) tall tower that supported 160m and 80m Yagis. The structure weighed 40 tons (80,000 lbs) and did not survive recent storm Oskari's gusts of up to 68 knots. "The mammoth structure collapsed peacefully, not hitting any of the other six towers, not hurting people or damaging buildings", OH2BN reports. "It is suspected that automation designed to enable the array to find its most comfortable position in high winds somehow locked up and caused the structure to corkscrew and crumble down on its on base".

STORMY WEATHER: SV2ASP/A • The Daily DX reports that also Monk Apollo, the only active station from Mount Athos, has lost all of his antennas, which "fell down in the big wind storm last week". Apollo is currently "in Corinth, Greece for the olive harvest" and "does does not know when he will have the time to get something back up in the air".

T32: STARBUCK AND FLINT ISLANDS 2014 • DX World (<http://dx-world.net/>) reports that "a group of three operators plan to be active from Starbuck Island (OC-280) and Flint Island (OC-282) next March 2014. The cost of the ship is \$50,000 for a journey of about 20 days including 1-2 days activation in Starbuck and 3 days in Flint. In order to reduce costs the team are looking for two more hams who are willing to join them". If interested in participating in this IOTA adventure, please contact DX World.

T6EUPOL • This is "the official ham radio station of the European Union Police (EUPOL) Mission in Afghanistan". It is operated by Janusz, AK4JK. QSL direct only to Janusz Babol Vel Sobczyk, 8433 Southside Blvd, Apt 2711, Jacksonville FL 32256, USA.

W1AW WAS • Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/4 from North Carolina and W1AW/8 from West Virginia to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 1 January until 23.59 UTC on the 7th. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.



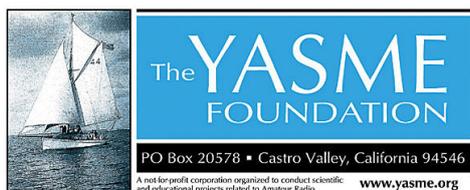
VK9MT • Many activities are underway as planning continues for the VK9MT DXpedition to Mellish Reef (28 March-9 April 2014) [425DXN #1173]. The latest Press Release (30 November) reports that Mike WA6O has joined the operating team, and Luciano PT7WA has been added as the pilot station for South America. "We have written approval to land on Mellish Reef from the Australian government", the team says. As for fundraising, "significant recognition" has been received from a number of organizations, and "we also began receiving assistance from individual DXers". With a total budget of around 127,000 USD, the team looks forward "to hearing from interested DXers, especially those that need Mellish Reef for an All Time New One". Donations are welcomed through the website (www.vk9mt.com, to be updated on or about 8 December). [TNX K5GS]

WRTC2014: ONSITE REFEREES ANNOUNCED • WRTC2014, Inc., host of the 2014 World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC), is pleased to announce the fifty-nine referees that will be monitoring the competing teams during the competition (12-13 July 2014). See www.wrtc2014.org/qualifying/referee-selection/ for an explanation of the referee qualifications and application process.



Call	Name	Call	Name	Call	Name
9A4M	Mate Botica	K6NA	Glenn Rattmann	UA9MA	Gennady I Kolmakov
CX7TT	Tom Morton	K7GK	Denis Pochuev	UT5UGR	Dmitry Stashuk
DL2OBF	Heinrich Langkopf	KC7V	Mike Fulcher	UT7QF	Igor Syerikov
EA5RS	Juan M. Chazarra	LY7Z	Andrius Ignotas	VA2WA	Victor Androsov
ES5RY	Toomas Soomets	LZ1CNN/T6LG	Ilian L. Gadzhhev	VE3EY	Nick Lekic
F6BEE	Jacques Saget	LZ2HM	Andrey S. Sachkov	VE3RA	Ed Kulchenko
G3SXW	Roger Western	N3RD	David Hawes	VE3XB	Yuri Romanov
G4BUO	Dave Lawley	N5AW	Marvin Bloomquist	VK2IA	Bernd Laenger
GM4AFF	Stewart Cooper	NF4A	Charles Wooten	VK4EMM	John Loftus
HA1AG	Zoli Pitman	OE6MBG	Michael S. Schwab	W0YK	Ed Muns
HA3NU	Lazlo Weisz	OH1RX	Jouko Hayrynen	W4PA	Scott E. Robbins
HA6ND	Gyorgy Valoczi	PA3AAV	Gert Meinen	W6OAT	Charles K. "Rusty" Epps
HB9CAT	Marco Zollinger	PY8AZT	Luc Moreira	YL2KL	Girts Budis
IT9GSF	Fabio Grisaf	RA3AUU	Igor "Harry" Booklan	YO9GZU	Tiberiu "Tibi" Tebeica
JH4RHF	Jun Tanaka	RA9USU	Dmitry Zhikharev	YU1EA/YT8A	Dusan Ceha
K4BAI	John T. Laney III	RW4WR	Alex Orlov	YU1LA	Ivan Mastilovic
K4RO	Kirk Pickering	S50XX	Kristjan Kodermac	ZL3CW/F2CW	Jacques Calvo
K5GN	David McCarty	S53R	Robert Kasca	ZS4TX	Bernie van der Walt
K5GO	Stan Stockton	SM6LRR	Mats Strandberg	ZS6EZ	Chris R. Burger
K5WA	Bob Evans	SP4Z	Wieslaw Kosinski		

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS • In 2008 The Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) established the Yasme Excellence Awards, to be awarded to individuals who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an individually-engraved crystal globe. The latest recipients, announced on 19 December, are:



- **Tom Roscoe, K8CX:** Tom is recognized for his dedication to collecting and publishing current and historical photos and other documents on his Hamgallery web site at www.hamgallery.com. Hamgallery is an excellent amateur radio resource provided free of charge to the online community. Tom is also the manager of the W3 QSL Bureau, contributing many hours to ensuring cards are delivered properly and promptly.
- **Lee Sawkins, VE7CC:** Lee's software is widely used to manage and

filter DX cluster spotting output. Without such filters, the output of the spotting network would be overwhelming and unusable. Lee's filtering software enables logging programs to integrate with the spotting network for contesting and general-purpose operation around the world. Lee supports the local DX and contesting community in British Columbia and will be representing Canada in WRTC 2014 as the Team Leader from the NA-12 region.

- **John Devoldere, ON4UN:** Along with building one of the premier amateur stations in the world, John's contributions to the DXing community have been extensive. Beginning with "80 Meter DXing," published in 1978, his book expanded to "Low-Band DXing," which in its fifth edition has become the most widely used handbook for operating and building antenna systems on the bands at 7 MHz and lower frequencies. The book contains important advances in HF amateur technology and encourages operation on these bands.
- **Michael Carroll, N4MC; Eldon Lewis, K7LS; Dean Gibson, AE7Q; and Joseph Speroni, AH0A:** these gentlemen have been instrumental in providing convenient access by amateurs to information maintained in FCC databases. In the case of N4MC, his Vanity HQ site became the single most popular resource for U.S. amateurs seeking to obtain a desired call sign, on-the-air identity being a fundamental element of amateur radio. He continues to maintain the National Silent Key Archive at www.silentkeyhq.com. K7LS and AE7Q have created similar online services that can be found at www.radioqth.net and www.ae7q.com. AH0A was a pioneer in accessing the FCC databases and providing useful summaries of licensing information. The services made freely available by these four individuals have greatly enriched and educated U.S. amateurs.
- **Ken Claerbout, K4ZW:** Ken is recognized for his work in support of the series of video seminars and lectures produced in association with the Potomac Valley Radio Club. Initially focused on contesting, the scope has broadened to include a variety of operating and technical topics. More importantly, the videos have encouraged others to publish similar "webinars" and archive them for viewing at any time.
- **Ashraf Chaabane, 3V/KF5EYY:** Ashraf has become an energetic representative on all fronts of amateur radio in Northern Africa and globally. He presents a positive role model for amateur radio across the entire Arab world with his enthusiasm and competitive spirit. His mission is to see the day when the administration in Tunisia issues him the first personal license in that country. Ashraf will also be representing Africa as the Team Leader for the African team in WRTC 2014.

YOTA • The Youngsters On The Air (YOTA) group will be operate several special callsigns through the end of December: EA7URA/YOTA, EI0YOTA, ES5YOTA, ES9YOTA, LY5YOTA, OH2YOTA, OK2YOTA, OM9YOTA, OM13YOTA, ON4YOTA, PA6YOTA, S513YOTA, SN0YOTA, SH9YOTA, YO0YOTA, YL13YOTA and YL2013YOTA. Information on the relevant awards (free of charge) can be found at www.ham-yota.com. [TNX ON9CFG]



Dr. Carlos Eduardo Levy Vazquez (**XE1YK**) passed away at 62 years of age. He served as president of the Federacion Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores (Mexico's IARU member society) on 2004-2008, and operated twice from Revillagigedo (1973 and 2007). Other recently reported Silent Keys include William H. Harper (**K9IW**), Kevin M. Bunin (**K4PG/C6APG**), Carlo Orfella (**IK1QQQ**) and Alberto Urano Silva (**LU1DZ**), originator and founding member of the Grupo Argentino de CW.



QSL ROUTES

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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3W7W	W3HNK	IR8IDXC	IK8WEJ	RT110RAEM	UA6YW]
3Z20SOT	SP1NQF	IY0CXII	IQ0RM	RU110RAEM	R9WXK
3Z3ZIMA	SP3SBY	J68FF	W3FF	RV110RAEM	UA3A
407ML	DL3ML	KC4AAA	K1IED	RW110RAEM	RT0Q
4S7KKG	DC0KK	LY2013SAT	LY3BY	RX110RAEM	R4IT
5R8IC	F6ICX	LY5YOTA	ON9CFG	RY110RAEM	R9XC
5T0JL	ON8RA	LZ110RAEM	LZ3SM	RZ110RAEM	RZ1ZZ
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CE2AWW	N7RO	R110RAEM	UA90A [d]	TM16C	F4DSE
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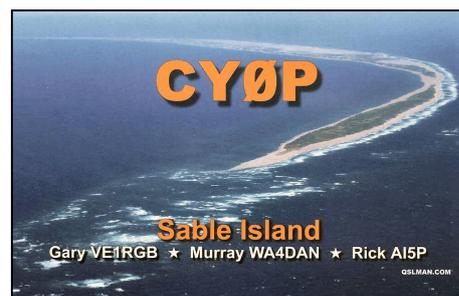
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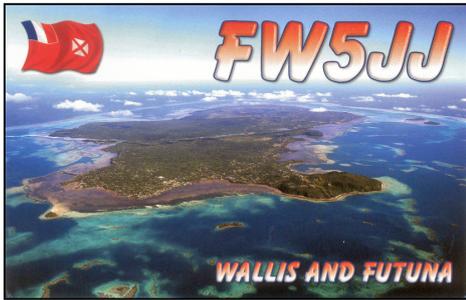
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