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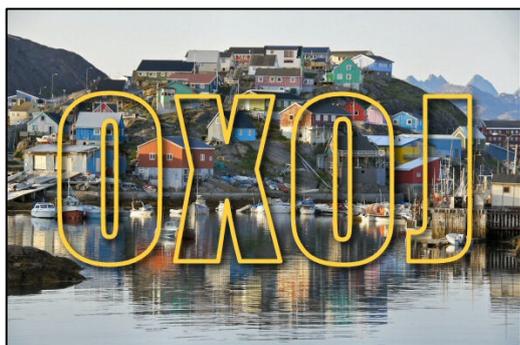
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# DX INFORMATION



**3A** - All ARM members are allowed to use the special callsign 3A70ARM on 1-31 October to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Association des Radioamateurs de Monaco. QSL via LoTW.



**3D2/R** - Darren, VK4MAP will be active holiday style as 3D2RAT from Rotuma Island (OC-060) on 13-29 September. He operates SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL direct to home call.

**40** - Members of Radio Club OK10MG will be active as 401OK/p from various locations in Montenegro from 29 September to 8 October. They will be QRV on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW, possibly with some FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via OK1VEI. See <https://amaterskeradio.cz/call401ok/> for more information.

**4U1ITU** - Several radio amateurs are part of the delegations involved in various events at ITU Geneva until 29 September. In their spare time they are QRV as 4U1ITU from the International Amateur Radio Club's station. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to IARC, P.O. Box 6, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. [TNX The Daily DX]

**4X** - Special stations 4X01G from Beit Zeida (Holyland Square O05HG), 4X02G from Dalijot Forest (Holyland Square P05HG), 4X03G from Rujm el-Hiri (Holyland Square O04HG) and 4X04G from Juhader Stream (Holyland Square Q05HG) will be active on 22-23 September. QSLs via 4X6ZM and logsearch on <https://www.iarc.org/golan>.

**5H** - Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active again as 5H3MB from Tanzania from 8 November to 8 December, while doing volunteer work at the Ikelu Hospital and Ilembula Orphanage. In his spare time he will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via IK2GZU (direct or bureau). [TNX IK2GZU]



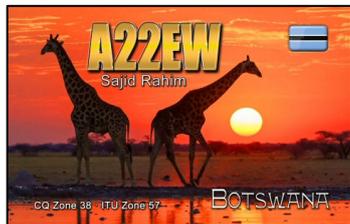
**5X** - Anders, SM0HPL is active again as 5X7W from Uganda until 27 October. He operates QRP with «weak but hopefully readable signals. Patience is needed on both sides!». QSL via M00XO's OQRS; QSOs

will be uploaded also to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL.

**6W** - Elvira, IV3FSG will be active again as 6W/IV3FSG from Senegal from 26 September to 16 October. Usually she operates SSB and digital modes in her spare time. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to IK2DUW.

**6Y** - Don, M0CVZ will be active holiday style as 6Y5DH from Jamaica (NA097) on 10-30 September. He will operate SSB on 40, 20, 17, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via Club Log and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

**9Y** - Celebrating Trinidad and Tobago's 47<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, special callsign 9Y47RD will be active on 22-25 September. QSL via LoTW.



**A2** - Sajid, VA3QY will be active as A22EW from his homeland of Botswana from 16 September to 8 October. He will be QRV on 20-10 metres and maybe 6 metres. QSL

via EA5GL.

**A6** - Taking part in the celebrations of Saudi National Day (23 September), the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign A60ARS on 17-23 September. QSL via EA7FTR. Individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign, and be QRV as A60ARS/0, A60ARS/1, etc. (see qrz.com for the QSL routes).

**A9** - Also taking part in the celebrations of Saudi National Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign A91ARS on 17-23 September. QSL via EC6DX.

**DL** - DARC Team SES will be active as DL110RG from 1 September to 31 December for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Life Saving Association (Deutsche Lebens-



Rettungs-Gesellschaft, the largest voluntary water rescue organization in the world), and as DL75BRD from 1 September to 30 June 2024 for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany

(Grundgesetz für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland) came into effect (23 May 1949). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR.

**DL** - John, AG7N will be active holiday style as DL/AG7N from Norderney Island (EU-047) on 18-23 September. He will operate mainly on 20 metres CW. QSL via LoTW, or direct to AG7N. [TNX The Daily DX]

**DL** - Look for DJ1JB/p, DJ4EL/p and DJ5TM/p to be active from IOTA group EU-042 from 28 September to 4 October. They will operate SSB on 80-10 metres. Their main QTH will be Pellworm Island, with brief side trips to nearby Hallig Gröde (2 October), Hallig Süderoog (3 October) and Norderoogsand (4 October). Check <https://twitter.com/rapanuiman> for updates.



**E6** - Michael, DF8AN will be active holiday style as E6AJ from Niue (OC-040) on 3-10 November. He will operate CW and digital modes (FT4, FT8, RTTY and hopefully some PSK31) on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via DF8AN, direct or bureau. He does not use LoTW or Club

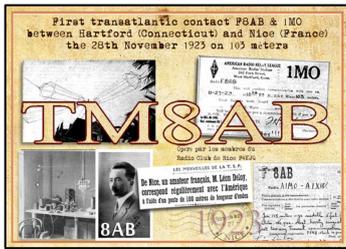
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**EI** - Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 EI4FOTA will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September over the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/EI4FOTA>.

**F** - Special callsigns to be active at various times during the 2023 Rugby World Cup hosted by France from 8 September to 28 October include TM23RBY (QSL via F8EFU and LoTW), TM23RUGB (QSL via F5KHG), and TM63RWC (QSL via F4KLW).



**F** - Once again the Radio Club de Nice will be active as TM8AB to commemorate the anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, FT8 and SSTV on 28-29 October; 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-



27 November; 2-3 and 9-10 December. QSL via F4KJQ.

**FO** - Vincent, K6VVK will be active holiday style as FO/K6VVK from two French Polynesia islands, namely Moorea (OC-046) on 25 September-1 October

and Rangiroa (OC-066) on 2-6 October. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8/FT4 on the HF bands and 6 metres. He will upload his log to LoTW, eQSL and Club Log; paper QSLs will not be provided.

**FW** - Jacky, ZL3CW will be active as FW2CW from FW1JG's QTH on Wallis Island (OC-054) on 20-30 November. He will operate CW only with a focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres, and will also participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as FW5N. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

**GD** - Torsten, DL4APJ and Udo, DL2AQI will be active holiday style as MD/DL4APJ and MD/DL2AQI from the Isle of Man (EU-116) on 10-19 September. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls (bureau or direct); MD/DL4APJ will also upload his log to LoTW, eQSL, Club Log.



**HL** - Look for DS1TUW/2 to be active from Taijik Island (AS-090) on 23-24 September. He will operate FT8 and CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW; Club Log's OQRS will be available for direct cards.

**HR** - Yuri, VE3DZ will be active as HQ9A from Roatan Island (NA-057), Honduras on 19-31 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. Outside the contest he will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via home call; plans are to upload the log to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX DX World]

**HV** - Fabio, I4UFH will be active from HV0A, Vatican City on 23 September. QSL via LoTW, or direct to IK0FVC.

**HZ** - HZ93ND, 7Z93ND and 8Z93ND are the special



callsigns for the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate Saudi National Day on 10-25 September. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log. See qrz.com for more information. Based on the number of lunar years, Saudi National Day commemorates the renaming of the Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz to the Kingdom

of Saudi Arabia (23 September 1932). Other national societies of Gulf Cooperation Council's neighbouring countries expected to join the celebrations include the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society as 9K9KSA (QSL via EC6DX), and the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society as A43KSA (QSL via EC6DX).

**I** - IN3IJB, IU3EDK and IU3ISK will be active again as IL3P from Pellestrina Island (EU-131) on 9 September. QSL via IU3EDK, direct or bureau.

**I** - Six ARI Monte Grappa members (IK3BSM, IK3QEZ, IU3FBL, IU3GJD, IU3QNW and IZ3ZBP) will be active as IQ3RP/3 from Fisolo Island (EU-131) on 16 September. They will operate mainly SSB on 40m.

**I** - Members of ARI Pordenone and ARI Belluno will be active as I13RDV on 1-31 October. The special callsign memorializes the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vajont Dam disaster (9 October 1963, when a massive landslide plunged into the reservoir, causing a 250-metre high megatsunami that killed nearly 2000 people). QSL via I13EHH.



via home call (direct or bureau), LoTW and Club Log.



Log's OQRS. Check <https://twitter.com/rapanuiman> for updates.



and bureau).

**J8** - Brian, GW4DVB will be active again as J88PI from Palm Island (NA025) on 2-10 October. Usually he operates SSB, SSTV and FT8 on 40, 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL direct to home call (see <https://www.g4dvv.co.uk/> for PayPal information).

**JA** - Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as JA4GXS/6 from Kami Koshiki Island (AS-037) on 16-17 September. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**JA** - Look for JE1HXZ/6 to be active from Kohama, Yaeyama Islands (AS-024) on 5-13 October. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8 and FT4 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW. [TNX DX World]

**JD1\_oga** - Kou, JP1IHD will be active again as JD1BQP from Chichijima (AS-031) Ogasawara from 26 October to 2 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via the bureau to JD1BQP, or direct only to JP1IHD; he will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log.

**JW** - Look for JW7XK (QSL via LA7XK and LoTW), JW9DL (QSL via LA9DL and LoTW) and JW6VM (QSL via LA6VM) to be active from the Svalbard Amatarradioklubb in Longyearbyen (EU-026) on 11-16 October. They will participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest as JW5X (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via LA5X). Outside the contest JW6VM will operate mainly CW, JW7XK will be on satellites, while JW9DL will operate SSB and FT8.



LZ1BJ.

**OH0** - OH0RY is the callsign for PA0VHA, PA2A, PE1NYQ and PG2K to participate in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest

**I** - Luca, IK5AEQ will be active on 40-6 metres as IF9/IK5AEQ from the Egadi Islands (EU-054) on 5-10 October. His main QTH will be on Favignana, with possible one day side trips to Levanzo and Marettimo. QSL

**I** - Markus, DJ4EL will be active as ID9/DJ4EL from Filicudi Island (EU-017) on 9-14 October, with side trips to Alicudi (11 October), Salina (12 October) and Vulcano (13 October) in the same IOTA group. QSL via Club

**ISO** - Luca, IK5AEQ will be active holiday style as IM0/IK5AEQ from San Pietro Island (EU-165) on 1-5 September. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on 80-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, or via home call (direct

**LZ** - LZ19HST is the special callsign promoting the 19<sup>th</sup> IARU World High Speed Telegraphy Championship to be held in Primorsko, Bulgaria (9-13 September). QSL via the bureau to

from the Aland Islands (EU-002). Outside the contest, on 17-30 September, they will operate mainly CW and digital modes on 160-6 metres. OH0RY QSOs will be uploaded to eQSL and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

**ON** - The ONZ Oostkust Radioclub (ON6HC) will be active on all bands and modes as OR79CLM between 13 October and 12 November, with main operations taking place on 3-5 November. The special call sign's suffix stands for Canadian Liberation March, the annual event that celebrates the liberation of the Belgian town of Knokke on 1 November 1944. QSL via the bureau. A certificate will be available: <https://www.onz.be/or79clm-award-request/>.

**OZ** - Special event stations OZ18CHR (Denmark), OY18CHR (Faroe Islands) and OX18CHR (Greenland) will be active on all bands and modes on 915 October to celebrate the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of HRH Prince Christian, second in the line of succession to the Danish throne



after his father. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. A number of awards will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/DB/OZ18CHR> for the details.

**OZ** - Dieter, DF2SD will be active as OV9R from Fano Island (EU-125) and Nationalpark Vadehavet between 16 and 30 September, including an entry in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL.

**PJ2** - Gabor, HA3JB will be active as PJ2/HA3JB from Curacao (SA-099) on 16-26 September. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on 80-6m, and will participate in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest. QSL direct to home call (OQRS on <https://www.ha3jb.com/oqrs.html>).

**SM** - Gaby, DF9TM and Frank, DL2SWW have been active as SD7M and SD7W, respectively, from Sturko Island (EU-138) since 18 September, and will remain there until 23 September. Their IOTA tour included activities from Orust Island (EU-043, 30 August-5 September) as SD7M/6 and SD7W/6, and Oland Island (EU-037, 7-17 September) as SD7M and SD7W. QSL via home calls (direct or bureau); all QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log.

**SM** - Frank, DH0JAE will be active again as SM/DH0JAE from Hano Island (EU-138) on 19-24 September. He will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call. [TNX DXNL]

**SV** - The Salamis Radio Amateurs Group will be active as SX480SNB on 16-30 September. QSL via LoTW. The special call sign commemorates the anniversary of the naval Battle of Salamis, fought in 480 BC between an alliance of Greek city-states under Themistocles, and the Persian Empire under Xerxes the Great.

**SV** - Frank, PH2M will be active holiday style as SV8/PH2M from Santorini Island (EU-067) on 13-20 October. He will operate FT8 on 80-10m. QSL via LoTW, or via home call; he will also use Club Log.

**SV9** - Seppo, OH1VR will be active again as SV9/OH1VR from Crete (EU-015) from 28 September to 3 October. He will operate mainly CW on 160-6 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

**T2** - The Rebel DX Group will be active as T22T from Tuvalu (OC-015) [425DXN 1683] from 21 September to 9 October. Plans are to have up to ten stations QRV on 160-6m FT8 (seven stations operating either F/H and normal mode), CW



(two stations) and SSB (one station). See <https://www.qrz.com/db/T22T> for the band plan and bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup> for updates. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.



**T32** - Bert, CX3AN will be active holiday style as T32AN from Kiritimati/ Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati on 4-11 October. He will operate CW and some SSB on 40-6 metres. QSL via EB7DX.

**T7** - Celebrating "Sammarinesi nel mondo" (San Marino nationals around the world), members of the ARRSM Radio Club will operate special event station T71SNM on 24 September. QSL direct to T70A.

**T8** - Look for T88FM, T88JH and T88MK to be active on various bands and modes from the Palau Radio Club on Koror Island (OC-009) between 12 and 19 September. QSL T88FM via JM1LIG (direct); QSL T88JH via JR3QFB (direct), LoTW, Club Log's OQRS and eQSL; QSL T88MK via JO3LVG (direct or bureau) and eQSL.

**TF** - George, K5KG and Charlie, K1XX will travel to Iceland and join the TF3D Multi-Multi team that will participate in the SAC CW Contest (16-17 September). Outside the contest, on 11-18 September, they will be QRV as TF/K5KG and TF/K1XX. QSL via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

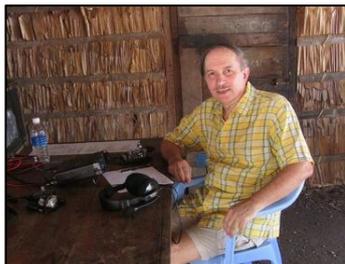
**TJ** - The next DXpedition organized by the Mediterraneo DX Club will see a large multinational team (IK5BOH, IU3PMA, IZ2GNQ, IZ4COW, IZ4UEZ, IZ8CCW, AG4W, DL8JJ, F6IRA, HB9DHG, HB9TOC, OK2WX, ON7RN) active as TJ9MD from Kribi, Cameroon on 2-15 November.

Plans are to have at least four stations active 24/7 on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. There will also be a station for EME. See <https://www.mdxc.support/tj9md/> for more information. QSL via IK2VUC.

**V3** - Dave, KM4DYR will be active as V31DN from Ambergris Cay (NA-073) and other islands on 1-9 October. His primary goal is to activate POTAs (Parks on The Air) on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**V6** - Operating under their individual call signs, a group from Japan will be active from Weno Island (OC-011), Micronesia on 18-21 September: V6AAA (QSL via LoTW), V6C (QSL direct to JH1NBN), V6WW (QSL direct to JA2NQG), V6Z (QSL via LoTW), V63FM (QSL via JI2UAY), V63OS (QSL via LoTW), V63SX (QSL via LoTW), V63VB (QSL via LoTW) and V63Z (QSL via LoTW). Activity will be on 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8.

**V6** - Cezar, VE3LYC has bought the plane tickets and updated the schedule for his upcoming operation from Micronesia [425DXN 1690]. He now plans to be active as V62P from Pulap Atoll (OC-155) on 1-7 November, and as V62S from Satawal Atoll (OC-299) on 9-16 November. Dates might change due to weather conditions and/or unforeseen circumstances, but «this is not going to shorten my stay on each atoll», he says. «If anything, my stays will be longer than originally planned». Johan, PA3EXX will be the



pilot station: Cezar will be unable to check his personal email account, so «those who wish to make a report or inform me of various issues» should send their messages to willemssen[.]multiweb.nl.

Cezar is «extremely grateful for the support received so far from several organizations and enthusiastic individuals. It was my decision and nobody else's to embark on this rather complex and expensive endeavour, and I am prepared to bear its cost». However, he wishes to encourage more IOTA chasers and DXers to support this project and assist him in offsetting some of those expenses: <https://v6iota.weebly.com/>.

**V7** - Lisa, KJ6GHN will be stationed on Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands for the next 3 to 4 years while she is on a permanent work assignment there. She will operate mainly SSB as V73ML in her spare time, mostly on Sundays and Mondays. QSL direct to Lisa M. Marks, PSC 701 Box 958, APO AP 96555, USA; she will also upload his log to LoTW and Club Log.

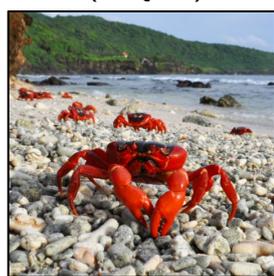
**V7** - V73AH is the callsign issued to Uli, DL2AH for his 4-16 October operation from Majuro (OC-029), Marshall Islands [425DXN 1685]. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to DL2AH.

**VK** - Previously active from Bruny Island (OC-233), John, VK1POR is now a resident volunteer caretaker on Deal Island (OC-195) until 1 December. He is fond of «the new digital modes» and uploads his log to eQSL and LoTW.

**VK** - *Amateur Radio*, the official journal of the Wireless Institute of Australia, will reach 90 years of continuous publication in October. To mark this milestone, the WIA has obtained the special event call sign VK90AR for use until 31 December by any

member of the WIA as well as any affiliated club. QSL via LoTW and M00XO's OQRS.

**VK9C** - JA1COU, JA3GEP, JH6RTO and JI1LET will be active as VK9QO from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) on 3-7 November. Main activity will be via satellite (QO-100, IO-117, RS-44), but they will also be QRV on 80-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4. QSL via JI1LET (HF QSOs) and JA3GEP (satellite QSOs).



**VK9X** - Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI will be active as VK9XGM from Christmas Island (OC-002) from 21 November to 5 December, including a M/2 entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8/FT4 on 160-10 metres with two stations. QSL via LoTW, or N3SL; logsearch on Club Log.

See <https://www.vk9xgm.com/> for more information.



**W** - Organized by the Citrus Belt ARC, the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Route 66 On The Air special event celebrates the historic US Highway 66. Twenty stations using 1x1 callsigns in the W6A-W6Z series will operate from cities along the "Mother Road" on 9-17 September. See <https://w6jbt.org/> for information about the event, participating stations and QSL routes.

**W** - Randall, KD8JN/4 will be active from Hatteras Island (NA-067) on 10-15 September. He will operate CW and SSB on or around the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

**W** - Members of the Port City Amateur Radio Club

(W1WQM) will be active as K1W from White Island, Isles of Shoals (NA-217) on 16-25 September. QSL via K1RX.

**W** - If you need Wyoming for your WAS Award, note that the Shy-Wy Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the "Come and Get Wyoming" W7Y special event for the fourth year in a row from 22 September to 2 October. Operators from across Wyoming will volunteer for one hour time slots to operate W7Y on a band and mode of their choice. QSL via LoTW. See <https://shywyarc.net/wp/comeandgetwyoming/> for more information.

**W** - Special event stations N0F, N1F, N2F, N3F, N4F, N5F, N6F, N7F, N8F and N9F, plus KF2IRE and VA3FIRE (Canada) will be active on 8-14 October for the Fire Prevention Week 2022. QSL cards for any of the FPW stations should be sent direct to Fire Prevention Week Special Event, c/o Siemens Fire Safety USA, 2 Gatehall Drive, Parsippany NJ 07054, USA. See <https://hamfire.com/> for more information on the event.

**XW** - Patrick F2DX, Vincent F4BKV, Diego F4HAU, Pascal F5PTM, and Julien F8AVK will be active as XW4DX from Laos on 16-27 November. Plans are to operate SSB, CW and digital modes with up to five stations. Their licence is only valid for 160, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau) and LoTW, or direct to F4BKV. Bookmark <https://xw4dx.f4bkv.net/> for more information and updates.



**YB** - Gianpi, IK1TTD will be active holiday style as YB2/IK1TTD from Pulau Menyawakan in the Karimunjawa Group on 8-22 October. He will be QRV mainly on 20 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via home call. IOTA Management has provisionally accepted Menyawakan as a new counter for OC-186, and will add it to the IOTA Directory at the end of the operation.

**YJ** - Chris, VK2YUS will be active again as YJ0CA from Port Vila (OC-035) Vanuatu from 22 October to 5 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres, mainly between 21 UTC and 10 UTC. QSL direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

**ZA** - Look for Achim, ZA/DL1DAW to be active holiday style from Albania on 4-11 September. He will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (bureau preferred). [TNX The Daily DX]

**ZA** - Antonis, SV1ENG will be active holiday style as ZA/SV1ENG from Lucove, Albania from 22 September to 1 October. Plans are to operate mostly CW, and possibly some SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log, or via home call (direct preferred). [TNX SV1ENG]

**ZF** - Mark, W5LAC will be «attempting portable QRP operation» as ZF2MS from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) on 22-29 September. Look for him on 20-6 metres FT8 or SSB. QSL via home call.

**ZL** - Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, ZL6WG is a special event callsign promoting the 98<sup>th</sup> NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available; <https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>.

**ZL7** - Holger, ZL3IO will be active as ZL7IO from Waitangi, Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 15-29 September, hopefully including an entry in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest (23-24 September). «Station set up will likely take a number of days», he says, but eventually he expects to be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, RTTY, SSB, FT8 and FT4. He plans to return in late October and late November. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DK7AO. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/ZL7IO> for updates.

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**E51D** • Started on 22 August, the DXpedition went QRT on 8 September at 18.23 UTC.

Using the RIB (Radio In a Box) system, nearly 57,000 QSOs were made on all bands from 160 to 10 metres, on FT8 (47.24%), CW (46.51%) and SSB.

There were three stations on the air, one locally operated and two remotely operated.

See <https://clublog.org/charts/?c=E51D#r> for the statistics.



**EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT: LESOTHO** • Following on from the success of 9N7EI (2017), 7Q7EI (2018), 5V7EI (2019) and V26EI (2023), the EI DX Group will be active as 7P8EI from Lesotho in early 2024. A 15-men team will operate on all bands and modes. QSL via M00XO's OQRS. Complete details are expected in due course.

**GB4PVM** • Paul, G4PVM was active as GB4PVM from St Mary's, Isles of Scilly (EU-011) on 10-15 September. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; in addition, he will upload his log to Club Log for IOTA QSO matching. Paper cards will not be available.

**IIA** • Organized by ARI Venezia and ARI Grado, this year's Italian Islands Activity Day will take place on 9 September (7-22 UTC). This is not a contest, just an opportunity for enjoying being QRV for island residents and casual activators alike.

## IOTA NEWS

- The logs for the **IOTA Contest 2023** island stations have now been added to the IOTA database and are available for QSO matching. Record-holders who have made IOTA contacts in an IOTA contest after 2003, can claim credit for them without submitting QSLs, provided that the contact details match. Go to <https://iota-world.org/>, log in, select ADD CONTEST QSOs under the MY IOTA tab, and choose either UPLOAD CONTEST LOG or MANUAL QSO ENTRY. The 2023 RSGB IOTA. Complete results for the 2023 Contest are available on <https://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfresults.pl?Contest=IOTA%20Contest&year=2023>
- IOTA Ltd has from 1 September 2023 established a **DXpedition Fund** to help reduce the costs of expeditions to the rarer and less accessible IOTA groups. Administered by the IOTA Board it will consider making grants to operations from IOTA references confirmed by less than 25% of IOTA members based on the last 10-year listing in IOTA's Most Wanted List. The grant request should be submitted more than 30 days prior to the operation's start. The evaluation and grant process is based on various criteria, including the rarity of the IOTA reference, planned number of stations on the air, of days operating, of contacts made, of bands and modes used, QSL and QSO matching practice and estimated cost of the expedition project. The Grant Application Form can be found here on <https://www.iota-world.org/dxpedition-fund-menu/grant-application.html>.

**KH2/DL2AH** • Ulrich, DL2AH has had to cancel his activity from Guam (16-30 September). He had «booked and paid from Germany via Airbnb a wonderful accommodation with a huge garden (space enough for five Triple Leg antennas)», he says, only to find out that «the offer was a fake! By lucky circumstances I found a new (affordable!) Airbnb - unfortunately without space for my antenna». His next stop will be Majuro, Marshall Islands as V73AH (4-16 October).

**QSL GALLERY** • The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,521 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2013-22), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: <http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>. [TNX F6AJA].

**QSL VIA EA5GL** • Pedro, EA5GL has picked up the QSLing for AT7SJ from St. Georges Island (AS-177, December 2021). See <https://www.qrz.com/db/EA5GL> for instructions.

**QSL VIA IT9EJW** • Alfio, IT9EJW has announced that all direct cards for the late XE2AA's IOTA tour (XF2C NA-135, XF30 NA-090, XF3M NA-045 and XF3H NA-045) have been mailed out. All remaining QSOs will be automatically confirmed via the bureau this month.



**SAC** • The 64<sup>th</sup> Scandinavian Activity Contest will be held on 16-17 September (CW) and 14-15 October (SSB), from 12 UTC on Saturday to 11:59 UTC on Sunday. Scandinavian stations (Åland Islands, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Jan Mayen, Market Reef, Norway, Svalbard and Bear Island, Sweden) will try to work as many non-Scandinavian stations as possible and vice versa. Complete information of the SAC events can be found at <https://www.sactest.net/>.

**UK/EI DX SSB CONTEST** • In partnership with the RSGB, the IRTS and the GMDX Group, the 2023 UK/EI DX SSB Contest will take place from 12 UTC on 30 September to 12 UTC on 1 October. The aim of this contest is to promote contacts between stations in the United Kingdom & Ireland and stations in the rest of the world. See <https://www.ukeicc.com/dx-contest-rules.php> for complete details. Next year's events will be held on 27-28 April (CW) and 31 August-1 September (SSB).

**W8S: SWAINS ISLAND**

- The 4-17 October DXpedition to Swains Island will be assisted by a **Pilots Team** whose job is to report on how things are going from their location and act as liaisons between the DXpedition and amateurs in their region: Europe and Africa (DL7JAN), British Islands (G4IRN), North America (N2AJ), South America (HK3W), Asia (E21EIC) and Oceania (VK3GK). Alex, PA1AW will be the Chief Pilot in charge of gathering all relevant information from regional pilots and channel such information to the W8S team on the island. See <https://swains2020.ildxt.eu/the-pilots-team/> for the details.
- Jari, OH6BG of VOACAP fame has made up a default **DX propagation chart** for the DXpedition to Swains Island. The timeframe in October as well as the antennas and power that will be used on the island are set by default, so you only have to put your grid square and antenna situation in the designated boxes and the chart will show you the best bands and times to make it into our log. The direct link to access the prediction chart is <https://www.voacap.com/dx/swains/>. In addition, Danny, KD5W has published a short video on how to read the VOACAP charts: <https://swains2020.ildxt.eu/propagation/>.
- The team flew to Pago Pago, American Samoa on 28 September. They will stay there for a few days to buy the latest supplies, do a final check of all the equipment, configure the laptops and radios, and - if they have time - be QRV as KH8/homecall for a few hours.
- They expect to reach Swains Island on 4 October, but everything depends on local conditions. When the operation is running, logs will be sent daily to M00XO, who will also update Club Log. Charles will take care of the **QSL management** for the DXpedition, see <https://swains2020.ildxt.eu/qsl-policy/> for the details.



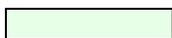
**ZD9W** • Yuris, YL2GM left Cape Town on 15 September. The voyage was delayed by two storms, and the ship reached Tristan da Cunha only on 27 September. However, she was unable to land passengers until 29 September at 8.30 UTC. Bookmark <https://www.lral.lv/zd9w/index.html> for updates.



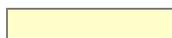
Pierre D. Tromp, ZS1HF passed away on 4 September. Born in 1962 and first licensed as ZR5KF in 1985, his activities from DX locations included YI9HF from Iraq (2007), ZS8M from Marion Island (2010-11), and ZD9M from Gough Island (2014).



## QSL ROUTES



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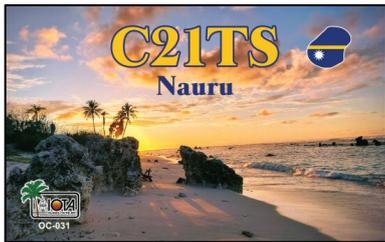
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