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Isla Beata (NA-122)

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#### **DX INFORMATION**



**3W** - Jean-Pierre, F6CTF will be active as 3W9JF from the island of Phu Quoc (AS-128) from 19 February to 6 March, and from the city of Hoi An (mainland Vietnam) from 16 March to 6 April. Plans are to be

QRV mainly on 80, 40, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via eQSL or direct to EA5GL. [TNX F8REF]



**5V** - Members of the EIDX Group (namely EI2II, EI2JD, EI4CF, EI4HH, EI5GM, EI9FBB, EI9HQ, EI9HX, DJ7JC, DJ9RR,F5JTV, F5VHQ and Y08WW) will be active as 5V7EI from Togo on 14-26 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres with up to five stations. Logsearch on Club

Log and QSL via M0OXO's OQRS, LoTW or direct to M0OXO. Bookmark <a href="https://5v7ei.com">https://5v7ei.com</a> for more information and updates. [TNX EI9FBB]

**5X** - The TT8RR & TT8XX DXpedition to Chad, originally planned for February-March [425DXN 1437], "has been put on hold for security reasons". Consequently, I2YSB



and his team (11FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT, IW1ARB and JA3USA) have rescheduled their activity from Uganda, which will now take place on 13-25 March. They will use 5X3C (CW, SSB and RTTY) and 5X3E (FT8), and will be QRV on on 160-10 metres with up to six stations; RTTY

will be used on 20m only. QSL direct to I2YSB. More information, including band plans, real-time logsearch and OQRS for direct cards, can be found at <a href="http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/">http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/</a>. [TNX IK7JWY]

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**8P** - Willy, KB8YRX will be active as 8P9CA from Barbados (NA-021) from 15 January to 4 February. He will operate mainly FT8 on 20 metres. QSL via LoTW or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**9M6 -** Saty, JE1JKL will be active again as 9M6NA from Labuan Island (OC-133), East Malaysia on 24-28 January. Main activity will be on 160 metres, including participation in the CQ WW CW 160-Meter Contest. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

**9U -** Shabu, MOKRI will be active as 9U4RI from Burundi on 15-25 February. He will operate CW, SSB and PSK31 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to MOKRI; logsearch on Club Log.

**9X -** Harald, DF2WO will be active again as 9X2AW from



Rwanda between 18
January and 14
February. He will focus
on 160-30 metres
(60m included) CW
and FT8. QSL via
M00XO's OQRS. On
23-30 January he will
be jornw or direct to

WJ2O (callsign TBA, but QSL via LoTW or direct to N2ZN). [TNX M0OXO]

**C5** - C5DX will be activated again on 16-23 February as part of a school trip to The Gambia. In his spare time Alan, G4DJX will operate mainly CW on 40-10m. QSL via LoTW or direct to G4DJX. [TNX NG3K]

**C6** - Heli, DD0VR will be active as C6A/DD0VR from the Bahamas (NA-001 and possibly other island groups as well) between 21 January and 2 February. Usually he operates QRP on 80-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via DD0VR, direct or bureau [TNX DX Newsletter]

CEOZ - Russian Robinson Club's members R7AL, RA1ZZ,



RK8A, RL5F, RW9JZ and CE1TBN will be active as XR0ZRC from Robinson Crusoe Island, Juan Fernandez (SA-005) on 11-27 March. They will operate CW, SSB and

FT8 on 160-10 metres with three stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via R7AL. See <a href="https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/xr0zrc">https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/xr0zrc</a> for more information.

**DL** - DL70AFUG (<a href="http://darc.de/l11/dl70afug">http://darc.de/l11/dl70afug</a>) will be activated at various times until 31 December. The special callsign celebrates the 70th anniversary of the first Amateurfunkgesetz (AfuG), the German amateur radio regulations that came into force on 23 March 1949. QSL via the bureau.

**DL -** Special callsigns DM70GER and DL70BRD are active until 31 December to mark the 70th anniversary of the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesrepublik Deutschland), formally established on 23 May 1949. QSL DM70GER via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to M0SDV. QSL DL70BRD via DK1YH (direct or bureau), Club Log's OQRS and eQSL; see <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/DL70BRD">https://www.qrz.com/db/DL70BRD</a> for information on the award.



**DL** - Special callsign DR50DIG is active throughout 2019 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. QSL via the bureau to DH1PAL. See

https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/ for information about the DIG.

**DU -** David, VE3OI has been active as DU3/VE3OI from Subic Bay (Luzon Island, OC-042) since 22 January and will remain there until 13 February. He operates CW (preferred) and FT8 on 40-15 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau).

**DU** - Christian, F4EBK will be active again as DU3/F4EBK from the city of Baliuag on Luzon Island (OC-042) in February and March. He plans to participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March). Usually he operates SSB on 20, 15 and 10m. QSL direct to F4EBK. [TNX NG3K]

**EI** - The Kerry Amateur Radio Group will be active as EI100YXQ at various times throughout 2019 to commemorate the centenary of the first voice transmission across the Atlantic, in an East-West direction, from Ballybunion (Ireland) to Louisbourg, Cape Breton (Canada). The original call used from the former Marconi radio station was YXQ. On the anniversary date of 19 March, activity will take place from the site of the former Marconi radio station in Ballybunion. QSL via EI9FVB, direct or bureau, and LoTW.

**EI** - Mark, EI3KD will be active as EI19RE throughout 2019. The special callsign is an amalgamation of the term Eire (Ireland) and 1919, and commemorates the centenary (21 January 1919) of the first Irish parliament. QSL via EI3KD.

**F** - Special callsign TM5CQ will be used in several contests between 26 January and 16 June in memory of Rafik Dandji, F5CQ (SK April 2018). Activity on the HF bands will be during the CW (26-27 January) and SSB

(23-24 February) legs of the "Coupe du REF" (the French HF Championship), as well as during the CQ WPX RTTY (9-10 February), the ARRL DX CW (16-17 February) and the CQ WPX SSB (30-31 March) contests. QSL via F4FRG. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

FG - Once again Philippe, F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 18 February to 11 March. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via F1DUZ (direct or bureau).

FM - Tom, K8BKM will be active as TO8T from Martinique (NA-107) on 12-19 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log or direct to K8BKM. [TNX NG3K]

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active again from Ecuador from



18 January February. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40-6 metres. Usually he is QRV as HC1MD from Tumbaco (Pichincha Province), as HC1MD/HC2 from Punta Blanca (Santa Elena Province) and as HC1MD/HC7 from

Papallacta (Napo Province). QSL via LoTW, or direct to K8LJG.

HC - Bill, K5YG will be active as HC5MWT from Cuenca, Ecuador on 18-23 February. He plans to operate mainly CW, with some SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

HC8 - David HC5DX, Bill W2WCM and Jim WB2REM will be active again as HD8M (http://www.hd8m.com) from



the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) from February to 6 March. They will operate FT8 "Fox & Hound" mode, SSB and CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's **OQRS** (direct and bureau) and LoTW after six

months; traditional cards via WB2REM (direct only).



HI - Tino, HI3CC and a group from the Loma del Toro DX Club (HI3LT) will be active as HI1LT from Isla Beata (NA-122) on 20-28 January. They will operate CW, SSB and

digital modes. QSL via W2CCW.

HP - JN1RVS, HP3AK, HP3SS, and HP3/WA6YJW will be active as H33J from Volcan, in the Chiriqui Province of Panama on 13-31 January. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 meres, with a focus on the low bands FT8. QSL via LOTW, Club Log's OQRS or via JA1HGY.

HP - Special callsign 3F1JMJ is active on 24-30 January for the World Youth Day (Jornada Mundial de la Juventud) and Pope Francis' visit to Panama. QSL direct to HP1RCP.

I - ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns throughout 2019 to honour twelve "Italian pioneers in



radio engineering": II4CAL (Temistocle Calzecchi-Onesti) in January, II4RGH (Augusto Righi) in February, II4MRC (Guglielmo Marconi) in March, II4SLR (Luigi Solari) in April, IIATSB (Alessandro Tosi

Ettore Bellini) in May, II4ART (Alessandro Artom) in June, II4MJR (Quirino Majorana) in July, II4BRD (Cesare

Bardeloni) in August, II4GRM (Gruppo Radiotecnico Milanese) in September, II4MNU (Ernesto Montu') in October, II4VAL (Giancarlo Vallauri) in November and II4TIB (Ugo Tiberio) December. in See http://www.arifidenza.it/ for complete information on the award. QSLs via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. [TNX IK4CIE]

J2 - Col, MM0NDX and Jonathan, MM0OKG will be active



from Djibouti in mid-April. They will operate as J20DX/p from the rare Sept-Freres Islands (AF-059) for 2-3 days and maybe from Moucha Island (AF-053) for about 24 hours. Their main target is AF-059, and actual dates might change sligthly. Bookmark https://j20dx.com/

for updates. They will also be QRV as J20DX/mm while at sea, and as J20DX from the mainland. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW; direct cards via MOSDV. [TNX DX World1

JD1\_oga Once again Makoto, (http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/) will be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 15-17 February. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands, including 630m JT9. QSL via home call direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log and updates via Twitter (@jd1bly). [TNX JI5RPT]



KP4 - KP4RV, KP4RD and other Radio Operadores del Este ARC's members will be active as KP3RE from Culebra Island (NA-249) on 22-24 February. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 "Fox & Hound" 80-10 mode οn metres. Announced FT8 frequencies are 3567, 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091,

24911 and 28091 kHz. QSL for this operation via EA5GL.

LZ - Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will



use twelve special callsians throughout 2019 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ1354PM (January), LZ391MW (February), LZ818PT (March), I 7117MI (April), LZ4970M (May), 17815NI (June), LZ1809PNS LZ304AE (July), (August), LZ304EW (September), LZ311HI LZ365BM (October), (November) and LZ4408SPA (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo.

Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2019" award can be found at <a href="http://www.lz1kcp.com/">http://www.lz1kcp.com/</a>.

**OK -** The Czech-Moravian Amateur Radio Transmitters association (OK5CAV) will be active as OL120AB from 20 January to 19 May to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the birth of Pravoslav Motycka (OK1AB). Generally considered the first radio amateur in Czechoslovakia, he was one of the first six legally licenced operators in 1930. See grz.com for information about the award. OSL via OK4RM, OK1DOM or the OK QSL bureau. [TNX OK4RM1

P4 - Mat, DL4MM will be active again as P4/DL4MM from

Aruba (SA-036) on 22-30 January. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 with a focus on the low bands and special attention for Europe and Asia. He will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as P40AA. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (preferred) or via DL4MM; LoTW after six months. [TNX NG3K]

**PA** - Theo, PA1TK will be active as PF6HPP from 10 January to 10 March in memory of his friend Laurent Griffart, F6HPP (SK November 2018). Main activity is expected during the Coup du REF CW (26-27 January) and SSB (23-24 February). QSL via PA1TK, direct or

bureau.



PJ4 - Norbert DJ7JC, Heye DJ9RR and Emil DL8JJ will be active as PJ4P from Bonaire (SA-006) on 22-30 January. They will operate mainly CW and FT8 on 160-10m (see qrz.com for the FT8

"Fox & Hound" frequencies), and will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to DJ5BWD.

**PJ4 -** Look for PJ4/WW4LL and PJ4/NN9DD to be active from Bonaire (SA-006) on 4-10 February. They will operate FT8, RTTY and SSB on all bands, and will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (9-10 February) as PJ4Z. QSLs via LoTW, or via K4BAI. [TNX NG3K]

**PJ4 -** PJ4/K2NG (QSL via WA2NHA), PJ4/K4BAI (QSL via home call), PJ4/KU8E (QSL via K4BAI) and PJ4/W2ID (QSL via home call) will be active from Bonaire (SA-006) on 13-20 February. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as PJ4A (QSL via LoTW or via K4BAI). [TNX NG3K]



PJ6 - PJ6/K4UEE, PJ6/K5AC, PJ6/NM1Y and PJ6/WC4X will be active from Saba Island (NA-145) on 11-18 February. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and possibly FT8 on 160-10 meters. QSL

via home calls. They will participate in the ARRL CW DX Contest as PJ6A (QSL via Lotw or direct to N4NX). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

**SM** - Celebrating its 50th anniversary, Sweden's National Society for the Active Visually Impaired (SK5CG) will be active as SF50CG throughout 2019. QSL via SM0BYD.

**T31 -** "Our preparations are on schedule", the T31EU team [425DXN 1433] reported on 9 January, and they are "looking optimistically forward to a successful



DXpedition". Six operators (DL2AWG, DL6JGN, DJ9RR, DM2AUJ, DK5WL and PA3EWP) will be active from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043) from 16 February to 5 March. Activity will

be on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes with three stations. "Subject to a reliable Internet connection", they say, "we will upload the log to Club Log on a daily basis. Otherwise the complete log will be uploaded upon our return". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via DL2AWG (direct or bureau). The websiste for the DXpedition is on <a href="http://www.kanton2019.de">http://www.kanton2019.de</a>.

**T8** - Nobu, JA0JHQ (<a href="http://pandasan.jimdo.com/">http://pandasan.jimdo.com/</a>) will be active again as T88PB from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 25-28 January. He will focus on 160 metres CW, including participation in the CQ WW 160-Meter Contest.



QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JA0JHQ.

TI - Mike, W1USN and Bob, AA1M will be active as homecall/TI5 from Atenas, Costa Rica on 2-13 February. They will

operate CW, SSB, some digital modes, and hope "to catch a few of the FM satellites". QSLs via LoTW or via home calls (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

**UA9 -** Vasily R7AA, Eugene UA6EX, Leonid UA7A and possibily others will be active from two most wanted IOTA groups between late July and early August. Tentative plans are to be QRV with two stations as R63RRC from Popigay-Ary Island (AS-063) on 24-28 July, and as RQ73QQ from Bol'shoy Begichev Island (AS-152) on 30 July-2 August. More information and updates at <a href="https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/r63rrc">https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/r63rrc</a>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via R7AA.

 ${f V3}$  - The following operators are expected to be active

from Belize in the next coming weeks:

 Art, NN7A as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize from 31 January to 6 February. He will operate mainly CW on 80-



10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via NN7A (direct or bureau).

- Francesco, IK0FUX as V31UX on 1-8 February; QSL via LoTW or home call and logsearch on Club Log
- Olli, DH8BQA as V31FO (https://www.dh8bqa.de/) on 6-18 February. His plans include participation in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (9-10 February) and the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February) as V37DX. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.
- Madison W5MJ (V31IT), along with Robert K5PI (V31AT), John WC0W (V31TP) and others, on 12-19 February. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as V3T. QSL V31TP and V3T via LoTW or WC0W; QSL V31IT via M0URX's OQRS; QSL V31AT via LoTW or K5PI.
- George, W2AIV as V31GF from 23 February to 2 March. He will operate SSB with some slow CW and possibly PSK31 on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LOTW.
- Victor, WB0TEV (V31VP) and Scott, K5PS (V31CQ) from 26 February to 5 March, including a multisingle entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as V31VP. Outside the contest they will operate mainly SSB, FT8 and RTTY (V31VP) and mainly CW (V31CQ). QSL V31VP via Club Log's OQRS, or via WB0TEV (direct or bureau); QSL V31CQ via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via K5PS (direct or bureau).

**V4** - Bernie, W3UR will be active again as V47UR from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 8-20 January. He will be QRV holiday style on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**V4** - K1KA will be active again as V47KA from St Kitts (NA-104) on 11-25 February. He will be QRV on 160-10 metres, and maybe 6 metres if conditions are good, with a focus on FT8. QSL via LoTW, or direct to K1KA. [TNX NG3K]

**VE -** Sergey, UT3UA and Yuri, VE3DZ will be active as VE2/UT3UA and VE2IM from Zone 2 on 22-29 January.

They will focus exclusively on 160 metres, with Asia and Oceania as their main targets. They will also participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as VE2IM. QSL VE2/UT3UA via home call; QSL VE2IM via LoTW or direct to VE3DZ. [TNX NG3K]



VE - VE3FU as VO2AC, VE9CB as VO2AAA and VO1HP will be active from the Point Amour Lighthouse, Labrador (Zone 2) between 22 and 29

January. They will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as VO2AC. Expect activity before the contest on 160m "as they get their wire vertical array and beverages working", and if time permits also on 80, 60 and 40 metres, as well as via satellite (AO-85, AO-91 and AO-92) from grid GO11. QSL VO2AC via LoTW or VE3FU (direct or bureau); QSL VO2AAA via VE9CB. [TNX NG3K]

**VE** - Mike, VE7ACN will be active as VE7ACN/7 from Cortes Island (NA-091) on 25-29 January. He will operate CW and SSB and possibly FT8, with a focus on 40 and 30 metres for Europe. He will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest as VE7ACN. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via VE7ACN. [TNX The Daily DX]

**VE -** VO1AX, VO1FOX and VO1JQB will be active as VD1NUQK from 26 January to 26 February. The special callsign commemorates the anniversary of the USS Truxtun and USS Pollux naval disaster that occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on 18 February 1942. NUQK were the callsign letters of the USS Truxtun. QSL direct only to VO1AX.

**VE -** VY0ERC, the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located on Ellesmere Island (NA-008), will be active again from 3 February to 29 March. Plans are to be on SSB, CW and digital modes as time and weather permit. QSL via M00XO's OQRS. [TNX M00XO]

**VP5** - Adrian, AA5UK will be active as VP5/AA5UK from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands from 28 February to 8 March. He will operate FT8, RTTY and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to AA5UK. Updates will be posted to Twitter (@AA5UK). [TNX AA5UK]

**VP6** - The operators for the DXpedition to Pitcairn Island [425DXN 1441] are EY8MM, JR4OZR, K0IR, K0PC, K9CT, K9NW, N4GRN, N6HC, N9TK, W0GJ, W0VTT, W6IZT, W8HC and WB9Z. They will arrive on 17 October, and will remain 14 days on the island. This will be an all band, all mode operation with transportation to and from the island provided by the RV Braveheart. Plans are for eight stations, with monoband Yagis for the high bands and verticals with good radial systems and directional receive antennas for the low bands. Updates and more information can be found at <a href="https://pitcairndx.com/">https://pitcairndx.com/</a>.

**XV** - Bogdan, SP2FUD as XV9FUD and Zen, SP2GCJ as XV9ZT will be active from Vietnam on 4-18 February.

They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-12 metres. QSLs via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via SP2GCJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

**XZ** - Akio, JE2QIZ (AC7XZ) has been in Myanmar for the last couple of years, and finally received his license and



callsign (XZ2B) on 11 January. He is allowed to operate between 20-300 MHz with 25 watts, and within "only 20 kHz from the band edge" (so operate only CW", he says). The license is valid for 150 days only. The QSL

manager is JH3SIF, who says that "it will take several weeks before the cards are designed and printed". QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), or direct to Kiichiro Onishi, 3-19 Tomogaoka, Suma-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo-ken, 654-0142, Japan).

**YB** - Emmanuel, F5LIT will be active again as YB9/F5LIT from Bali Island (OC-022) from 27 January to 6 February. QSL via home call (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

**Z6** - Mome, Z32ZM is active again as Z68M from Kosovo from 25 January to 5 February. This time he will focus on



160, 80 and metres; he operate FT8 on the normal frequencies using the multi answer protocol of (not to V2.07 he confused with the "Fox & Hound" mode: see Z68M on qrz.com for

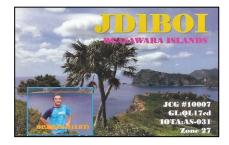
more information). QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

**ZK3** - ZK3X is the callsign for the DXpedition to Nukunonu, Tokelau Islands [425DXN #1441] that will take place for ten days between 1 and 15 October. Current team members include KO8SCA, N7QT, R7KW, RW7K, SV2BFN, UR0MC (Co-Leader), US0KW, UT5UY (Co-Leader), UT7QF, UT8IO, UX0LL, VE7NY, VK3FN,



VK3FY, WD5COV, YT1AD (Team Leader) and ZL3WW. Up to six stations will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres, with a focus on the low bands and 6m EME. More information

will be available in February, after YT1AD visits Fiji and Samoa. The website for the DXpedition is up and running at <a href="https://tokelau2019.com/">https://tokelau2019.com/</a>.







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**3Y0I** • "Atlantic Tuna" is the name of the ship that is expected to take the 3Y0I team to Bouvet Island. She is currently "being refurbished from her very bottom to her top", the team reported on 2 January, and added that "getting the ship ready is a time and money consuming process that requires a lot of patience and flexibility from us". While there still are "some technical obstacles keeping the 'Atlantic Tuna' in the shipyard", the team members "are aware

we start to face a situation [where] the most suitable and safe weather permitting season to reach Bouvet Island is about to slip away". See https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/meet-the-atlantic-tuna/ for the complete release and pictures of the ship.



**3Y02: REFUNDS** ● Refunds are now available to those who helped support the unfortunate 2018 DXpedition to Bouvet. "We now have returned our sea container to the US, paid our final bills, and sold equipment to raise funds", K4UEE (3Y0Z Co-leader and Chief Financial Officer) posted on 7 January. "After all this, I am happy to report we have a balance in our accounts. I am able to offer you a 48% refund of your original contribution to 3Y0Z. All supporters of our DXpedition are offered the same percentage regardless of whether they are a DX Foundation, DX Club, Individual DXer or DXpedition team member. Many of you have contacted me and indicated that you do not want any refund. So, I want to give everyone several options:

- OPTION 1: I want the refund. Please use my paypal email address

  No checks or wire transfers please. I respectfully ask that you do not take a refund IF your contribution was
- OPTION 2: I do <u>not</u> want the refund; please donate my refund to the 3Y0Z team
   Each member of the DXpedition team has invested considerable money, time and effort to try to make this DXpedition a success.
- OPTION 3: I do <u>not</u> want the refund; please donate it to the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDF) in my name
   This will help fund future DXpeditions worldwide.
- OPTION 4: I do <u>not</u> want the refund; please donate it to the International DX Foundation (INDEXA) in my name

This will help fund future DXpeditions worldwide.

**DEFAULT OPTION:** if you do not respond, we will divide your refund pro-rata (proportional) between the 3Y0Z team, NCDXF, INDEXA and German DX Foundation (these are our largest financial supporters)."

The deadline for requesting Option 1-4 is 15 March 2019, and the contact email address is dxped@comcast.net.

"If I do not hear from you by the deadline", Bob says, "I will assume the Default Option". [TNX K4UEE]

**425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE** • The December 2018 issue is now available for download at <a href="http://www.425dxn.org/index.php">http://www.425dxn.org/index.php</a>. [TNX IZ3EBA]

AISP: CLOSING LOGS • On 1 July Rick, AISP will close and discard the logs for the callsigns he used between 1993 and

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2009: 3A/AI5P, 3D2PX, 5B4/AI5P, 5W0HR, A35PX, AI5P/6Y5, AI5P/CY9, AI5P/KH0, AI5P/KH2, AI5P/VK9N, E51APX, FG/AI5P, FK/AI5P, FP/AI5P, FS/AI5P, GD/AI5P, GJ/AI5P, GU/AI5P, M/AI5P, PJ7/AI5P, TI5/AI5P, V2/AI5P, V31PH, V47/AI5P, V73PX, VP2E/AI5P, VP5/AI5P, VP9/AI5P, XE2/AI5P, YJ0PX, ZF2XP, ZK1APX, ZK2PX, ZL/AI5P and ZL7/AI5P.

**CLUB LOG: K6VVA** • On 22 January Rick, K6VVA uploaded 30,000+ QSOs to Club Log to provide "QSO Matching" for his past DXpeditions to the following IOTA groups:

NA-023	VP2V/K6VVA and VP2VVA	2009
NA-041	K6VVA/KL7 and KL8C	2007 and 201
NA-048	C6AVA	2013
NA-050	K6VVA/KL7 and KL8C	2013
NA-054	C6AVA	2012
NA-065	K6VVA/7	2012
NA-066	K6VVA/6	2011
NA-091	K6VVA/VE7	2011
NA-152	K6VVA/KL7	2013
NA-178	K6VVA/6	2006
NA-184	K6VVA/6	2011
NA-242	K6VVA/KL7	2011





"There are still 5,000+ QSOs to upload for NA-106 (KP2) from an old computer when some data retrival issues get resolved", he says.



**CLUB LOG: REAL-TIME QSOS** • "Club Log has a new experimental feature, where you can include a widget on any web page (in an iFrame) which will display your last 10 QSOs. The display updates automatically whenever a new QSO is uploaded; there is no need to refresh the page". See <a href="https://g7vir.org/">https://g7vir.org/</a> for instructions.

**CQ WW 160-METER CW CONTEST** • Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many USA States (CONUS plus District of Columbia), Canadian provinces, and countries as possible Utilizing the 160m band (see <a href="https://www.cq160.com/">https://www.cq160.com/</a> for complete rules). This year's event will run on 25-27 January, from 22:00 UTC to 22:00

UTC. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cg160c2019.html.

DAYTON TOPBAND AND CONTEST DINNERS • The 30th Top Band Dinner will be held on 17 May, followed by the 27th Contest Dinner on the 18th. Both the events will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton, Ohio. See https://www.topbanddinner.com/ and https://www.contestdinner.com/ for tickets and other information.



DX SOUND CLIPS • Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2018 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2018/. The collection of 118 clips (MP3 format) covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 21 full years of sound clips available.



INDEXA NEWSLETTER • The Winter 2019 edition (#124) of the International DX Association's Newsletter (INDEXA) is now available for download at <a href="http://www.indexa.org/newsletters.html">http://www.indexa.org/newsletters.html</a>. It contains a complete report by Diego Thobie, F4HAU on the Saint Brandon (3B7A) DXpedition which occurred in April 2018. "We are trying an experiment with this issue of the newsletter. One of our new directors, Otis Vicens (NP4G), has labored alongside your editor to produce a Spanish translation", specifically aimed at the large Spanish-speaking population worldwide. "We hope this effort will indicate there is sufficient interest in continuing with a Spanish translation". [TNX K8YC]

IOTA BASH 2019 • The 15th annual IOTA Bash will be held on 29-30 March in New Braunfels, Texas. The agenda includes presentations by Igor UA9KDF and Andy UA9LDD (RI0B), Cezar VE3LYC (H44/H40 expeditions), Ed K5WQG (P29 adventures) and Mike K9AJ (NA-207). Complete details can be found at https://irefradio.com/iota-bash/.



IOTA DXPEDITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD • The first year of the Island Radio Expedition Foundation's (IREF) "IOTA DXPeditioner of the Year" award [425DXN 1392] has come to a close and the calculations are being made to determine the winners. "While IREF has been monitoring activations all year long, we want to be certain that all expeditioners who activated new, rare or multiple IOTA islands during the year to make sure that IREF has your expedition results. There

may have been individuals who have been a part of multiple expeditions that might have been missed. Please send an email ab5ebdxer[@]gmail.com with your expedition information. The rules for the Award can be found at https://irefradio.com/activator-award/".

**IOTA NEWS** • "The last date for mailing applications or score updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2019 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 31 January 2019", G3KMA posted to <a href="https://iota-world.org/">https://iota-world.org/</a>. "If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. It is important that participants who have not updated since the 2014 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January".

MOST WANTED LIST • The "Most Wanted 100 Countries Archive" maintained by Tom, K8CX (http://hamgallery.com/countries/) covers the years 1993-2018 and counting. The charts show the Top 100 DXCC Entities moving up and down the list from year to year; data come from The DX Magazine (2014 and before) and Club Log (since 2015).

Club Log's latest Most Wanted List, generated on 28 December 2018, can be found https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log

(currently 542.3 million log entries available for analysis) and, to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked. The most wanted charts are rebuilt once per month, on average.



OPDX MAILING LIST • On 11 January the server that Tedd, KB8NW had used since the late Eighties was "hacked and wiped", and the OPDX Bulletin's mailing list "is probably gone for good". the time being, the weekly bulletins can be still read For http://www.papays.com/opdx.html (see OPDX #1398 for further information). Those needing to contact Tedd should use kb8nw[@]hotmail.com or kb8nw[@]arrl.net

POSTAL RATES (CANADA) • Effective 14 January, the new base prices for standard letter items up to 30g are CAD 1.27 (for destinations in the US) and CAD 2.65 (international). Stamps are subject to taxes that can vary from Province to Province. Actual rates can be calculated through the Find a Rate on-line

service provided by Canada Post (https://www.canadapost.ca/).



**POSTAL RATES (FRANCE)** • Effective 1 January, the rate for International Priority standard letters up to 20g mailed from Metropolitan France to all international destinations (except the French Overseas Departments, Andorra and Monaco) is EUR 1.30 apiece (about USD 1.49). The

complete Price List can be found on <a href="https://www.laposte.fr/">https://www.laposte.fr/</a>.

QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 16,457 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2008-17), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: <a href="http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/qalerieqsl.php">http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/qalerieqsl.php</a>. [TNX F6AJA].

RST SPECIAL EVENT • Members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA) will be active between 15 January to 28

February from different locations in Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Greenland using all NCDXA "RST" callsigns (KL7RST, VY1RST, VE8RST, VY0RST and OX7RST) plus N1RAC/KL7, which will be QRV from Fairbanks, Alaska. QSLs direct to K7ICE.

**SWODXA DX DINNER** • The 34th DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2019 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 17 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. Dinner tickets can be ordered on <a href="http://swodxaevents.org/">http://swodxaevents.org/</a>; programme details and a list of the door prizes will be on the website as they become available. [TNX W8GEX]

**USI 25TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD** • The United States Islands Awards Program (USI) celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2019, and is offering a special award for both chasers and activators running from 1 January to 31 December. See <a href="http://usislands.org/25th-award/">http://usislands.org/25th-award/</a> for the details. USI covers islands that are within the 50 states of the United States, and the U.S Territories and Protectorates. These islands can be in lakes, rivers, and along the coastal shore line.

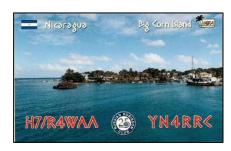
**VP6D: QSL CARDS** • The cards for VP6D are expected to be placed in the mail system by early February. They will be mailed from the United Kingdom, so please allow for mail system delays before asking for the status of your card(s). All requests received up to the mailing date will be included in the first mailing; confirmation requests after the first mailing will be processed on a regular basis. Bureau cards will be mailed to the world QSL bureaux quarterly. If you already requested confirmation via OQRS or by direct mail, the system will not allow duplicate requests. [TNX K5GS]

**WRTC 2022** • The initial Qualification Rules for the World Radiosport Team Championship 2022 are now available for review and discussion at <a href="http://wrtc2022.it/en/">http://wrtc2022.it/en/</a>. The final Qualification Rules will be published on 31 January, and the first qualifying event will be the ARRL International DX CW Contest (16-17 February).

+ **SILENT KEY** + Francisco "Tito" Burzi, LU3EAQ passed away on 5 January aged 81. An accomplished CW operator, he was active as LU3ZM from the South Orkney Islands during the Sixties. [TNX LU6EF]







## **QSL ROUTES**

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B8CW	N4GNR	GB0XMS	M0TVU	OM777FL	OK1FML
3V8SF	LX1NO	GB1WH	M0OXO	P49X	WOYK
3W3B	E21EIC	GB8KW	G0UKN	PJ2ND	K8ND
3W9ND	LZ1COM	GS8VL	моохо	PJ2SM	EC5AHA
3Z100PW	SP3POW	HB30YCY	нвзусу	RA19NY	RQ7L
4K6AG	RW6HS	HB90EPE	HB9EPE	RC19NY	RQ7L
4L8A	K1BV	HB90FVR	HB9FVR	RI1ANV	RN1ON
4X0M	IK2DUW	HB90FXL	HB9FXL	RI1ANW	RN1ON
5P9Z/P	DL7UZO	HB90TIA	HB9TIA	RK19NY	RQ7L
8P0P	WOSA	HF100A	SP2ZFT	RM19NY	RQ7L
8P9NX	WOSA	HF100K	SP1ZZW	RO19NY	RQ7L
9A60KDE	9A2VR	HF100L	SP8ZHY	RT19NY	RQ7L
9н3үү	DL2JRM	HF1000	SP5ZHJ	RU19NY	RQ7L
9M2MRS	PA0RRS	HF100P	SP7ZHP	RW19NY	RQ7L
A25DJ	DJ2HD	HF100S	SP2ZCI	RZ19NY	RQ7L
C5SP	SP3PS	HF100WW	SP3PWL	SF50CG	SM0BYD
C5YK	ON7YK	HF2019HNY	SP2PBM	SN100LAW	SP3KPH
C6ACL	VA7XZZ	HF80PGB	SP2TMT	SN100ZN	SP2KPD
CX2AQ	EA5KB	HI3Y	RW6HS	SN50CUG	SP3CUG
CX2DK	EA5GL	HI8S	EA5GL	SO100PW	SP3PGS
D41CV	HB9DUR [d]	HK1MW	N200	SO100PWJ	SP3J
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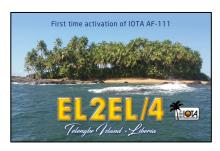
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DF13BUD	DL1RUN	HS0ZLS	нв9гін	ST2ND	ST2M
DF13DEJU	DM2TO	HS0ZME	SM6NT	SU9VB	UA4WHX
DF13MUC	DL8UUF	HZ50SAT	HZ8SAR	TZ4AM	WOSA
DF13PAR	DM7MA	II2COMO	IK2AQZ	V5/ZS1AO	DJ2HD
DF13STO	DL1HZM	II4CAL	IQ4FE	V5/ZS1WO	DH3WO
DL70BRD	DK1YH	JW7QIA	LA7QIA	VY1JA	N3SL
DP0GVN	DL5EBE	JY5MM	IK2DUW	W2HRU	N2MUN
DP1POL	DL1ZBO	LX0RL	LX1KQ	XU7AMG	BD4HF
DQ600UNI	DL5KVV	LY2018XMAS	LY2QT	YF9CDL	IK2DUW
DS3EXX/4	DS3EXX	LZ1354PM	LZ1KCP	YJ0AFU	VK4AFU
DS3HWS/4	DS3EXX	LZ35PAR	LZ1ZF	YO14IPA	YO3AS
EG1PPE	EA1AUM	LZ50ZF	LZ2UW	YP2019HNY	YO3KPA
EM30N	UR4NWW	MTOIXD	M0OXO	YP6XMAS	YO2MSB
EP2LMA	EA5GL	OE120MF	OE6XMF	YV1KK	OH0XX
ER4DX	ER1FF	OF9X	ОН2ВН	ZP4KFX	IK2DUW
EX0DX	HB9DUR	OG95AA	ОН8АА	ZP6TT	IK2DUW
G8BBC	G4BIP	OM777AD	OM0AD	ZZ5P	PY2GTA

CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3V8CB	LX1NO	DU3LA	W3HNK	OY1OF	M0URX
4K6AG	DC9RI	E51DWC	OK1DWC	OZ2SPACE	OZ1ACB
4K9W	DL6KVA	EA9KB	EA7FTR	РН70РН	РА7НРН
407CC	UA4CC	EA9LZ	EA5KB	PJ2DD	PF4T
4U1A	UA3DX	EG1PIN	EA1URV	PJ4DX	M0URX
4U73B	9A2AA	EG4UAG	EA4FR	PU0FDN	PY7RP
5B4ALX	IZ4AMS	EH5TYF	EA5RKB	R900BL	UF1M
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5Z4FV	N3ZS	EI100YXQ	EI9FVB	RI1ANM	RX3ABI
7X5JF	DJ8QP	EL2EF	N200	RI1ANX	RK1PWA
7X5KBS	M0SDV	EM10UCF	UR7UT	S79AA	OE 6MBG
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9G1SD	AB0GC	EP4HR	IK2RZQ	SN0UNESCO	SP9KDU
9G5AR	N4GNR	ET3AA	N200	SN100IP	SP3PML
9G5RV	DL8MEZ	EY8MM	K1BV	SN100PW	SP3ZAC
9G5ZS	ZS1XB	FG80J	F4AVX	SN170WL	SP3ZAT
9J2B0	G3TEV	FM5BH	W3HNK	SN19WOSP	SP5PPK
9K2GS	EC6DX	FM5FJ	KU9C	SN1WOSP	SP1PMY
9K2YM	EA5KB	GB139SQN	G4NRZ	SP85NISKO	SQ7FPD
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9M2TO	JA0DMV	н33J	JA1HGY	SV9/LZ3FN	LZ1PM
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9Q6BB	W3HNK	HC5DX	W3HNK	T88RH	JR6DRH
9V1EA	EA5GL	HC5EAJ	N9EAJ	TG9ANF	VE7BV
9V1YC	W5UE	HC7AE	EA5GL	TI2CF	W3HNK
9X9PJ	N4GNR	HC8GET	OE3GEA	TO7D	F6ITD
A41CK	A61BK	HF0DKI	SP2DKI	TR8CR	F6AJA
A41KB	ON7LX	HF5WOSP	SQ5ABG	TY2AC	DL9USA
A41KJ	N4GNR	HF7SIEMA	SP7PTK	UN8LWZ	RW6HS
A41NN	A61BK	HG100CFB	HA60I	V31AE	EB7DX
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A61Q	EA7FTR	HZ1SK	IZ8CLM	V47UR	W3UR
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A92FF	EC6DX	KH2L	W3HNK	VU2RBQ	DJ9RB
AU2HAM	VU2NRO	KL7SB	NI5DX	WP3R	W3HNK
C31CT	EA3QS	LZ11C	LZ2DB	YB8UTI	YB3MM
CE2SV	N7RO	LZ300J	LZ1YE	YI3WHR	IK2DUW
CO6RD	EA5GL	NL8F	N7RO	ZF2LC	W2SM
CP4BT	DJ2BW	NP2J	K8RF	ZF2PG	K8PGJ
CT7ANG	м0охо	OD5QB	YO3FRI	ZP5DA	EB7DX

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DR50DIG	DH1PAL	OH0Z	MMOM	ZS6CCY	K3IRV
DU1IST	JA1HGY	ON2019PELT	ON1TO	ZS6TVB	N4GNR



**OSLs** received direct through managers: 3W9JK, 4O6AH, 5A1AL, 5R8AL, 5R8UP (AF-057), 5W0GC, 6V1A, 7Q7EI, 7Q7M, 8P9AE, 8Q7DX, 9K2YM, 9M2YDX, 9X0T, 9X0Y, 9Z4A, A52BH, AH2R, AP2AM, BW9W (AS-155), C31CT, DP1POL, E44WE, E6Y, EF8R, EL2EL/4 (AF-111), EP6RRC (AS-189), ESOUG/8 (EU-178), FJ/F6CUK FM/DL7VOG, H44SHD (OC-149 ), HS3NBR/p



(AS-145), J48ALO (EU-072), J68GD, J68GU, J13DST/1 (AS-008), J13DST/6 (AS-047), K9AJ/VYO (NA-207), KG4AS, KG4HF, KP4/EI9FBB (NA-249), LA5RIA (EU-036), LX1TI, OX3LX, OY9JD, P4/DL6RAI, PJ2/G4IRN, PJ4K, PW7I (SA-046), PZ5T, R750Z, RI0B (AS-054, AS-087, AS-104, AS-121), RI1ANC, RT65KI, RW2F, T32TV (OC-084), TF3SG, TK/S57C, TK0C, TO60K (AF-027), TT8KO, UN6LN, VA7XW/VE2 (NA-038), VE7ACN/7, VE7ACN/VE2 (NA-084), VK9MA (OC-072), VK9XG, VK9XT, VP2MUW, VP2MZM, WP3C, XT2BR, YJ0GC, YS1MAE, Z23MD, ZD9CW, ZL7X, ZY6V (SA-019).

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