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DX INFORMATION





3B7 - Members of the OM7M Contest Club and the Czech DXpedition (namely Group Ruda OK2ZA, David OK6DJ. ОМЗКАР, Sylvia Rudv омзрс, Martin OM4MM, Joe OM4MW and Lubo OM5ZW) will be active as 3B7M from the St Brandon Islands (AF-015) from 24 February to 5 March. They

will operate CW, SSB, FT8/FT4 and RTTY on 160-6 metres with four stations around the clock. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OK6DJ. See https://3b7m.com/ for their QSLling policy and other information.



4X - The Israel Amateur Radio Club will be running three special event stations, celebrating the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah and Christmas. Hanukkah station 4Z8NER will be active on 18-26 December; Christmas stations 4X8XMAS (from Beit and Jimal) 4X9XMAS

(from Latrun) will be active on 23-25 December. QSLs via 4X6ZM, LoTW and eQSL. A certificate will be available, see https://iarc.org/christmas/ for information.

5U - Giorgio, IU5HWS has been back to Niamey, Niger



since late November, and expects to remain there until around 20 December. In his spare time he will be active as 5UA99WS on 80-10 metres SSB. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

6W - Earl, WA3DX will be active holiday style from Senegal between 22 December and 20 January. He will operate FT8 and some SSB on 40-10 metres. Specific locations may include Dakar and Mbao as 6W1/WA3DX, Kaolack and Marloj (one of the Saloum Islands, not IOTA) as 6W6/WA3DX. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home

8Q - Vadim, R6CA will be active as 8Q7CA from the Maldives (AS-013) on 13-22 December. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call. [TNX DX World]

9A - 9A66AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA will

be using throughout 2023 to mark his 66^{th} year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. [TNX 9A2AA]



9U - Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9U4WX from Burundi on 4-27 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via IZ8CCW. The complete log will be uploaded to LoTW after 5-6 months. See https://www.mdxc.support/9

u4wx/ for more information.



A4 - A450RS is the special callsign for the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society to celebrate its 50th anniversary during December. It was established on 23 December 1972 under the patronage of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said al

Said, A41AA, OSL via EC6DX.

A6 - A60BHR is the special callsign for the Emirates Amateur Radio Society to take part in the celebrations of Bahrain National Day on 10-16 December. QSL via EA7FTR. Individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign, and be active as A60BHR/0, A60BHR/1, etc. (see grz.com for the QSL routes).

A6 - A60QATAR is the special callsign for the Emirates Amateur Radio Society to take part in the celebrations of Qatar National Day on 18-22 December. QSL via EA7FTR. Individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign, and be active as A60QATAR/0, A60QATAR/1, etc. (see qrz.com for the QSL routes).

A9 - Celebrating the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will be active as A91ND on 1-16 December. QSL via EC6DX. Also taking part in the celebrations will be the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as HZ1BHR on 10-16 December, as well as the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society as 9K9BHR on 12-18 December.

C5 - Andre, ON7YK has been back to Bijilo, Gambia since 28 November, and will remain there until 24 February. In



his spare time he is QRV as C5YK on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via eQSL, LoTW (updated on a monthly basis), or direct to home call; logsearch on

http://www.on7yk.eu/

h-logbook.php. [TNX The Daily DX] **D4 -** Harald, DF2WO will be active again as D44TWO from Sao Tiago (AF-005), Cape Verde on 3-21 January. He will operate FT8 with some SSB and CW on 160-6 metres, and via the QO-100 satellite. QSL via M0OXO's OORS.



DL - Celebrating «100 Years of Broadcasting in Germany», special callsign DB100RDF will be in use from 1 January to 31 December. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923.

EA - Special callsign EE44C will be active on 3-18 De-



cember to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the promulgation of the Spanish Constitution of 1978, which marked the culmination of the transition of Spain to democracy. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to

EC5WR.

EA - Members or URE La Vega will be active as EH7JCB on 20-30 December to mark the 120th anniversary since Julio Cervera Baviera, an early pioneer in the development of radio, founded the Spanish Wireless Telegraph and Telephone Corporation. QSL via eQSL, or via EA7KET.

EA - Special callsign EG1NMP will be active on 7-10 January in remembrance of the wreck of the *Monte Palomares* (10 January 1966). QSL only via LoTW and eQSL. The Spanish freighter sank in the North Atlantic, and only six of her 38 crew were rescued. One of those survivors was the ship's electrician Manuel Gonzalez, VK3DRQ, whose first-hand account of that tragic sinking can be found on https://maritimeradio.org/indistress/1966-monte-palomares/.

F - The Radioamateurs du Val d'Oise (F4KKT) will operate special callsign TM6DEO on 9-21 December in memory of their friend Marcel Chaillou, F6DEO, who passed away on 21 December 2021. QSL via the bureau.

FW - Darren, VK4MAP will be active holiday style as FW/VK4MAP from Wallis & Futuna in late December until «the first half of January». He will operate SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX DX World]

FY - Pierre-Jean, F4GPK will be active again as FY/F4GPK from Kourou, French Guiana from 26 December to 8 January. QSL via eQSL, or direct to home call. [TNX DX World]

GM - Special event station GB2KW will be active again on 1-28 January from near Inverness, Scotland using



vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. QSL via LoTW. Also active from England, especially over the «KW Weekend» (7-8 January), are expected to be

GB0KWD, GB4KW, GB5KW and GB8KW.

HC - John, N9EAJ plans to renew his HC1FIT callsign and be active again from a mountaintop location near the city of Otavalo, in the Imbabura Province of Ecuador, from 29 December to 22 January. He will operate SSB and some CW on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to N9EAJ. [TNX The Daily DX]



HH - HH75RCH is the special callsign for the Radio Club d'Haiti, established on 29 March 1948, to celebrate its 75th anniversary. Look for activity from 1 January to 1 May. QSL via

Club Log's OQRS, or via N2OO.

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m HZ}$ - HZ20SAT is a special callsign for the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate the 20th anniversary

of the launch of the Saudi satellite SO-50 (20 December 2002). Look for activity on SO-50 on 11-20 December; see qrz.com for more information.

I - Throughout 2023 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns dedicated to a specific Italian city or site related to Guglielmo Marconi's experiments and achievements:



II4TRN (January),

II4STL (February), II4ANC (March), II4BRI (April), II4GNV (May), II4SSM (June), II4SPZ (July), II4GAR (August), II4CGD (September), II4SML (October), II4CLT (November) and II4CDV (December). QSLs via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See http://www.arifidenza.it/ for detailed information about the «Marconi Was Here!» award.

J3 - Mike, M0MDS will be active as J38TB from Grenada (NA-024) on 21-30 December. He will operate FT8, SSB and slow CW mostly on 40, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call.

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active from Tanega, Osumi Islands (AS-032) from 25 December to 10 January. He will operate SSB and CW as JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JS6RRR/6, and will use JI3DST/p, JJ5RBH/p and JS6RRR/p on FT8. The QSOs will be made available for both Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

JD1_oga - Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as



JD1BMH from (AS-031), chijima Ogasawara from December to 2 January. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10m. QSL JD1BMH (bureau), or JG7PSJ, direct to and logsearch on

http://jq7psj.starfree.jp/jd1bmh/. He does not use LoTW or PayPal.

KP4 - Manuel, WP4TZ will be operating portable from Isla de Vieques (NA- 249), Puerto Rico from 29 December to 3 January. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres. [TNX DX World]

LA - LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign will be in use from 1 January until 31 December. QSL via the bureau, or direct.

LU - Hernan, LU1COP will be active as LP1A/E from Isla Martin Garcia (SA-055) on 8-11 December. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10m. QSL via LoTW, or via EA7FTR.



LZ - Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ319TS (January and February), LZ522ME (March and April), LZ78KA (May and June), LZ1015RW (July and August), LZ288MS (September and October), and LZ600PA (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the «All Saints 2023»

award can be found at https://www.lz1kcp.com/.

OE - OE40XTU is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024.



OH - Celebrating the Christmas Holiday Season, the OH9A team is once again active as OG1XMAS on all bands and modes between 28 November and 26 December. QSL via LoTW (preferred), Club Log's OQRS, or direct to OH1NOA.

OH - Once again Santa Radio, OF9X (Old Father Nine Xmas) will be active on 16-31 December on all amateur radio bands CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OH2BH. «For this troubled year Santa has established a special theme to focus the region that



will be suffering in this Christmas most. Santa's puzzle is dedicated to those suffering children: xxAxA xxxAIxI (three plus four letters). In this puzzle the letters I and A are presented on multiple times while the other 7

single letters are released as part of the report received from OF9X, such as 599RA. The first letter is from the operator name, and the second is one of the seven different puzzle letters. The operator roster includes Rami OH2BCI (R), Martti OH2BH (M), Era OH2CV (E), Arttu OH2FB (U), Arto OH2KW (O), Juha OH2LQ (J), Pekka OH2TA (P), Anne OH2YL (A), Pauli OH5BQ (L), Timo OH5LLR (T), Alex, UT5UY (X) and others. Additional questions and the completed puzzle should be sent to of9x@sral.fi; the top-10 will be presented and awarded on https://www.qrz.com/db/OF9X by 1 January 2023».

ON - UBA Section Bruxelles-Est (ON5UB) will be active as OR78NUTS on 9-11 December to commemorate the 78th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. The suffix of the special callsign is General Anthony C. McAuliffe's famous single-word reply in response to a surrender ultimatum. QSL via ON5UB.

ON - OQ95RCL is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR.



PA - Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns PH22XMAS will be active on 6-28 December, while PH23HNY will be QRV from 28 December to 31 January. QSL cards will not be available.

PJ4 - Jeff, WA2BOT, who has been QRV as PJ4/WA2BOT from Bonaire since 20 December, will be using PJ4JP during the RTTY Roundup. The contest will start at 18 UTC on 7 January, and will end at 23.59 UTC on 8 January, see https://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup for the rules. QSL both callsigns via LoTW only.

S2 - Barring any setbacks, team S21DX will be active from Dhal Char Island (AS-140) on 10-16 December [425DXN 1636]. Plans are for six operators (S21AM, S21BK, S21D, S21MK, S21OM and S21RC) to be QRV with two SSB stations, one FT8 (F/H) station, and one station for QO-100 satellite (SSB). QSL direct to EB7DX; all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. See https://s21dx.org/ as well as https://www.facebook.com/s21dx for information and updates.

S5 - Special event station S523PMC will be active from 8

December until 8 January to promote the PMC Contest,



sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role

and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 7-8 January (complete information on http://www.s59dcd.si/).

SM - Once again the unique and still operational long wave transmitter, with callsign SAQ, at the Varberg Radio Station at Grimeton (southern Sweden) will be activated on VLF 17.2 kHz on 24 December. The message transmission will take place at 8 UTC and the transmitter will be tuned up from around 7.30 UTC. Built in 1922-24, the Varberg Radio Station has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2004. As for the amateur bands, Grimeton Radio Station SK6SAQ will be QRV on CW (3535, 7035 and 14035 kHz) and SSB (3755 and 7140 kHz). QSL SK6SAQ via the bureau or direct to Alexander GVV Radiostationen, Grimeton 72, SE-432 98 Grimeton, Sweden. See https://alexander.n.se/en/ for more information.



SM - 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on https://www.sk5aa.se/. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to

SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG.

SP - Special stations SP90ENIGMA (QSL via SP3PGR) and SP90ENG (QSL via SP3PDO) are active until 15 January to mark the 90th anniversary since Polish cryptologists first broke the Enigma cipher.

TI - Joe, VE3BW will be active as TI7/VE3BW from Guayabo de Bagaces, Costa Rica from 23 December to 3 January. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL via VE3BW and LoTW.

TR - Roland, F8EN will be active as TR8CR from Gabon between 29 December and mid-March 2023. He will operate CW on 30-10 metres. QSL via F6AJA, logsearch on http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]



UA - Special callsigns R2023NY and UE23NY will be active from 28 December to 8 January for the annual «Russian New Year» radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club. QSLs via RQ7L.

UA_ant - Alex UG1A (ex RD1AV), Ivan UB1AQB and Zachar (ex UH4NAE) will be active from Vostok Station,



Antarctica (AN-016) as RI1ANC until March 2024, and as RI30ANT (30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club) from 1 January to 31 March 2023. In their spare time, they will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on vari-

ous bands. QSL RI1ANC via RN1ON (Club Log's OQRS for bureau cards only), QSL RI30ANT via RZ3EC. [TNX RN1ON]

VK - VI75G is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023.

QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau).



VK9N - Marcelo, ZL1MTO will be active holiday style as VK9MTO from Norfolk Island (OC-005) from 29 December to 5 January. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on 20, 15 and 10 metres.

QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call. **VK9W** - Sands, VK4WXW has been on Willis Island (OC-



007) since October, and will remain there until the end of April 2023. He works at the Australian Bureau of Meteorology's weather monitoring station on the island, and in his spare time he is QRV as VK9WX. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

VP2M - Thaire, W2APF will be active again as VP2MDX from Montserrat (NA-103) from 3 January to 28 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via W2APF. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP8 - Jonathan, 2E0KZN now expects to be stationed at the Royal Air Force (RAF) Mount Pleasant Complex, Falkland Islands (SA-002) until sometime in January, as his stay has been extended [425DXN 1630]. He is QRV as VP8TAA from the RAF club station, and as VP8TAA/p while on SOTA activations. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.

VU - Team POTA India will be active as AU2SOA («Santa On Air») between 15 and 31 December. Look for activity on FT8, SSB and SSTV from various locations - see qrz.com for the details. QSL via eQSL.

YU - Special event station AT22ICJ will be active on 21-27 December during the 25th edition of the International Cultural Jamboree being held in Moodbidri (near Mangalore, southwest India). Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and FT8. QSL only via LoTW.

VU - The Erode Amateur Radio Club (VU2EOD) will conduct a Field Day operation on 24-25 December, and be active as AT2EOD on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m SSB and FT8, and via QO-100. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

VU - Special event station AT18BSG will be activated on 1-15 January for the 18th National Jamboree of Bharat Scouts and Guides to be held in Pali, Rajashthan. QSL via VU2NRO.



VU - Once again the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2WB) will provide assistance during the Ganga Sagar Mela on Sagar Island (AS-

153). This is the annual gathering of Hindu pilgrims to take a holy dip in the Ganges, where the river merges with the Bay of Bengal. Expect some activity on the HF bands as AT2WBRC on 5-17 January. [TNX The Daily DX] **VU_ant -** A member of the 42nd Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica, Sunny, VU2CUW will be based at Maitri Station, Antarctica for about one year. In his spare time he will be active as AT42I. OSL via VU2CRS.

W - Brad, N9EN will be active again as W4A on 16-18 December, commemorating the birthdate of Edwin H. Armstrong, the electrical engineer and inventor who developed FM radio and the superheterodyne receiver system. He will operate CW only on 160-10 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

W - The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31



January. Look for K3Y to be aired from the ten US call areas (K3Y/0 through K3Y/9), plus /KH6, /KL7

and /KP4. See https://skccqroup.com/k3y/k3y.php for information about the event and QSLing instructions.

XT - Harald, DF2WO will be active again as XT2AW from Burkina Faso on 4-17 December. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on all bands, with plans to be QRV also on QO-100. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.

XW - Vincent, F4BKV will be active as XW4KV from Laos



on 2-23 December. Main activity will be on QO-100 from as many as 12 grids (details on https://f4bkv.net/xw4kv.html), with some activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres planned for 13-18 December. QSL via F4BKV and LoTW.

YO - YR1400VT is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1400VT. QSL via eOSL.

ZF - Edmondo, VA3ITA will be active holiday style as ZF2IT from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 29 December to 5 January. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL only via LoTW.

CARIBBEAN TOUR ● Heli, DD0VR and Bigi, DE3BWR will visit and be active from Aruba (P4/DD0VR) on 16-23 December, Curacao (PJ2/DD0VR) on 23 December-5 January, and Bonaire (PJ4/DD0VR) on 5-13 January. They will run 15-10 watts on SSB, and 5 watts on CW. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]

WRTC 2023 AWARD

• Promoting the World Radiosport Team Championship to be held in July in conjunction with the IARU HF World Championship, several special callsigns will be activated between 1 and 31 January on the five classic bands (80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres) CW and SSB:



4X22WRTC (Israel); 8B0RARI (Indonesia); 8N1WRTC (Japan); 9A22WRTC (Croatia); 9M6WRTC (Malaysia); (China); CQ7WRTC BY1CRA/WRTC (Portugal); DA22WRTC (Germany); E2WRTC (Thailand); EF2WRTC (Spain); EF8WRTC (Canary Islands); GB2WC (United HZ1WRŤC Arabia); II4WRTC, IIOWRTC, Kingdom); (Saudi II2WRTC, II3WRTC, II4WRTC, II7WRTC, II8WRTC, II9WRTC, II1WRTC, II5WRTC, II4WRTC. IO1WRTC, IO8WRTC and IR1WRTC (Italy); IO0WRTC (Sardinia); K4W (Puerto Rico); LZ0WRTC (Bulgaria); N0W, N1W, N4W, N5W, N6W, N7W and N9W (USA); OM22WRTC (Slovak Republic); PY5WRTC and ZV7W (Brazil); SPOWRTC (Poland); SXOWRTC (Greece); TM2WRTC and TM3WRTC (France); UP7WRTC (Kazakhstan); VE2WRTC (Canada); W6W (Hawaii); YL4WRTC (Latvia); ZL6WRTC (New Zealand). A number of certificates will be available the of after end the event: https://www.wrtc2022.it/award for the rules.

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2023 DX ULTRA-MARATHON • The True Blue DXers Club announces the 2023 DX Ultra-Marathon, a year-long operating event to be run from 1 January through 31 December 2023. Launched in 2021 and intended to promote everyday activity on CW and SSB, this initiative's aim is to get people on the air and contact as many different stations as possible, on as many bands as possible, in as many DXCC Entities and WAZ Zones as possible over the duration of a full year.

Participation is open to all amateurs: you do not need to sign up for TBDXC membership, but you have to register for the marathon; see

https://www.tbdxc.net/marathon for information.





2023 IOTA HONOUR ROLL & ANNUAL LISTINGS • The last date for submitting applications or score updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2023 Honour Roll and Annual Listings is 31 January 2023. If submitted after that date, they will be processed in the normal way, but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. Where packages with cards are involved, these need to be posted/dated before 31 January. Participants who have not updated since the 2018 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2023. Those who have not logged into their record for more than two years, will need to revalidate their registration through in-

fo@iota-world.org. Do not leave it to the last moment as you may run out of time. [TNX G3KMA]

CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2023 • Registration is now open for the 2023 Contest University (CTU), to be held on 18 May at the Hope Hotel near Dayton, Ohio. See https://www.contestuniversity.com/ for the details. This is the venue for all contest-related activities taking place during the Dayton Hamvention (CTU, Contest Super Suite, Top Band Dinner, Contest Dinner, etc).

CQ DX MARATHON • The CQ DX Marathon 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 2023 edition will start at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. Complete details can be found at https://www.dxmarathon.com/.



DX MENTOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM • The Southwest Ohio DX Association, SWODXA announces the DX Mentor Recognition Program «to recognize and reward amateur radio operators who have played a key role in helping other amateur radio operators achieve DXCC» (note that «those amateurs receiving the mentoring must be under 30 years of age during the calendar year for the award»). The award will be presented at the SWODXA DX Dinner, held annually in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention. The judging committee will be staffed by SWODXA representatives, as well as a representative from both the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) and the International DX Association (INDEXA). See https://www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program/ for more information and the application form.

FT8WW • Thierry, F6CUK arrived at Alfred Faure station on Ile de la Possession, Crozet Islands (AF-008) on 20 December, and has been ORV as FT8WW since 24 December at 22.30 UTC. The callsign commemorates the 60th anniversary of the first amateur radio activity from Crozet, conducted by Roger Baudelot, FB8WW (December 1961-February 1962). For the time being, Thierry operates FT8 and some CW on 30 and 20 metres. On FT8 he transmits on even periods (00 and 30) using 250 watts and MSHV, which enables him to make up to three QSOs in parallel using the F/H). http://crozet2022.r-eregular FT8 protocol (not See f.org/news.html for the latest information from the island. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, which will be opened when the first batch of blank QSL cards arrive from the printer. See https://clublog.org/charts/?c=FT8WW for statistics, geo propagation, and more.





MARCONI CLUB'S QSO PARTY DAY ● The 5th edition will be held on 7 January from 7 to 21 UTC, on 80, 40 and 20 metres CW. Complete rules can be found on http://www.ariloano.it/marconiclub/. ARI Loano Marconi Club is a member of the International CW Council (https://internationalcwcouncil.org/) which «promotes and aids in the retention and growth of International Morse Code as a mode of communication between amateur radio operators». [TNX IK1QBT]

QSL CQ7P • The Portuguese DX Group, CS5DX (ex CS1GDX) is receiving QSL requests for recent QSOs with CQ7P. That was the callsign used by Joao Rafael, CT1BOP during this year's CQ WW DX SSB Contest, and the QSLs should go direct to Joao

Rafael Almeida, Colegio Campo de Flores, Estrada Nacional 10-1, Lazarim, 2829-514 Caparica, Portugal. Cards already received by the PDXG will be forwarded to him. [TNX CT4NH]



QSL GALLERY • "Globetrotters" is a new gallery that Jean-Michel, F6AJA has added to the large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website (http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galeriegsl.php). It «focuses on the QSLs used by those who have travelled the world», and for the time being it contains 839

QSLs. Those who operated under an individual or group callsign from «at least 50 Current or Deleted DXCC Entities can be included in this album. It is absolutely certain that some globetrotters are missing, so your cooperation is needed. If you are one of them and eligible for this album, or know of one or more OMs that could be included, thank you in advance for your help».

T33T • Team T33T made 97,193 QSOs (FT8 86545, FT4 7186, SSB 3457, CW 5) with 17,211 unique callsigns on 5-25 November. The complete statistics can be found on https://clublog.org/charts/?c=T33T#r. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. «We will concentrate now on a humanitarian project called *Hams for Banaba Kids*», they announced on 26 November (https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/). «We will continue what Zorro JH1AJT (SK) started years ago. Information will be sent to the public after we're back home to Europe. There's a lot of simple things to do for those kids. It will cost us almost nothing to make them happy».



TN8K 2023 • The TN8K DXpedition to the Congo [425DXN 1637] is confirmed to take place between 6 January (arrival) and 21 January (departure), with «full operation» planned on 10-19 January. The team has secured a location «in the flat terrain within sight of the ocean. We will have an area of approximately 6000 square metres at our disposal, which is fenced, so we should feel safe. The view in all directions is unobstructed so we can point our antennas without problems to all continents. There is also enough space around for installing beverage antennas; the only complication can be grazing herds of cows».

The team will carry «17 pieces of checked baggage of 23 kg, and eight pieces of cabin baggage of 12 kg. That's a total of 487 kilograms of material». Two diesel generators will provide power around the clock; they will «regularly alternate in operation», so «we can expect minor outages needed to

switch the entire local network to the second generator». The estimated consumption for two weeks is about 1400 litres of diesel at «roughly 0.8 USD per litre plus delivery costs to the QTH». This is «the most expensive project implemented by the Czech DXpedition team to date», and donations will be gratefully accepted. See https://www.cdxp.cz/ for more information, including a revised band plan.

«To make the operation of the TN8K expedition more attractive, we decided to announce a competition for the official expedition T-shirt». The first stations from EU, NA & SA, AS and VK/ZL & Oceania «with the most slots on Club Log will receive a free official expedition T-shirt from us as a thank-you. Only the first station from a given area with the maximum number of slots can win. It is not only the number of slots that matters, but also the speed of who reaches this number first».

VK5KI • Effective 5 December, VK5KI is the new callsign for Tony, VK5AVB, a resident on Kangaroo Island (OC-139) who operates mainly SSB. Originally granted to VK5GR, the callsign was used from Kangaroo thrice (July 2020, January 2021 and M00X0 will July 2022). Charles, continue as the QSL manager for VK5KI (QSL /www.m0oxo.com/ogrs/logsearch.php), [TNX VK5GR]

VK9NT DXPEDITION BOOTCAMP 2023 • Chris, VK3QB and others will be active again as VK9NT from Norfolk Island for 12-14 days during the second half of March 2023 (indicatively on 15-28 March, dates to be confirmed). This time they will be running a "DXpedition Bootcamp", and are inviting people to register to attend and be a part of the event. They are still in the planning phase of this DXpedition, but are ready to accept expressions of interest: see http://dxpeditionbootcamp.net/helloworld for information.



W8S: SWAINS ISLAND • The DXpedition has been postponed once more, as «at the moment it is impossible to charter a ship for March 2023», PA3EWP reported on 11 December. The government ship *Manu'atele* has a fixed schedule and cannot sail to Swains to drop the team off and pick them up two weeks later. Negotiations continue, however, and the project «has certainly not been cancelled, but again postponed. As soon as it is possible, we will go to Swains». Bookmark

https://swains2020.lldxt.eu/home/ for updates.

WORLDWIDE HOLYLAND DX CONTEST (WWHC) • Effective with the 2023 edition, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary since the foundation of the Israel Amateur Radio Club and the establishment of the State of Israel, the traditional Holyland Contest will become the Worldwide Holyland DX Contest: any station anywhere can work any other station for points; contacts with 4X/4Z stations will attract more points. The contest will take place on 14-15 April, from 21.00 UTC on Saturday until 20.59 UTC on Sunday (24 hours). The rules are on https://www.iarc.org/iarc/Content/docs/Holyland2023eng.pdf.



YASME EXCELLENCE AWARD • Established in 2008 by the Yasme Foundation (https://www.yasme.org/, the Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups 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 latest recipient, an-



nounced on 15 December, is the CW Operators Club, widely known as CWops (https://cwops.org/). The Award «recognizes the contributions to amateur radio by CWops in support of training and on-the-air activities that promote Morse/CW operation, leading to more interest in and sustained CW activity around the world».

YOTA CONTEST 2022 ◆ The third session of this year's YOTA Contest, organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), will take place on 30 December (1200-2359 UTC) on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. The complete rules can be found on https://ham-yota.com/contest.

3Y0JBOUVET ISLAND 2023



The fundraising has been extremely successful, and the team has reached 100% funding of their 715,000 USD budget. Additional donations will help reduce the operators' fees. Also, «only upfront supporters will receive the benefits of being prioritized during the QSL/LoTW process».

The team will assemble in London, and on 11 January they will depart from RAF Brize Norton with a military flight to Port Stanley (Falkland Islands), where they will arrive on 12 January in the evening. Departure for Bouvet is now expected on 14 January; depending on weather and sea conditions, the voyage will take 11 to 14 days. It will be possible to follow the vessel on https://share.garmin.com/3y0i.

On 7 December Ken, LA7GIA posted the following update about setup plans and FT8 to the expedition's Facebook group ($\frac{https://www.facebook.com/groups/3093983840726129/$):

Our camp build up plan consists of 4 distinct steps that have been matured and developed during the last 2.5 years, based on lessons learned from other DXpeditions. Lesson 1 is be prepared to go onshore Bouvet during a short WX window. Thus, if our only chance is going onshore during a 3h WX window, we will bring our lightweight equipment in Step 1. Step 2 is defined as expanding the station setup with yagis. Step 3 is bringing on the lowband antennas, and Step 4 is the final step where we complete our setup.

We have had some feedback on FT8 and the operation. Because we plan to run 12 stations at peak times, going QRO on FT8 is a question about logistics, fuel and risk.

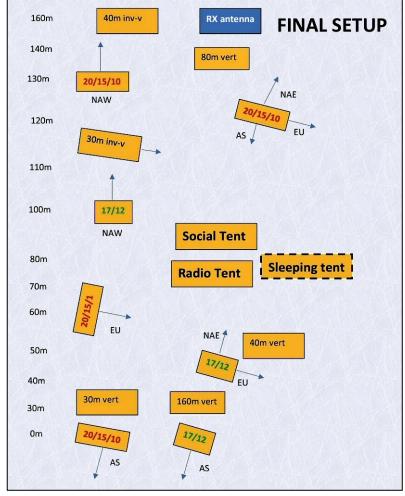
A lot of amplifier failures on DXped are due to high power and human failures. Thus our setup minimizes this risk by running the 4 FT8 machines as much as possible on the yagis, no setting changes allowed by operator. FT8 operator can adjust the number of streams, redirect his call to specific continents or adjust the dB level of receiving stations.

The machines will be running on fixed 100W. We will start with 2 streams, and we might also go single stream. We will monitor our signal reports before an adjustment.

Bringing fuel for amplifiers is also a constraint logistic wise, all fuel has to go into the zodiac and onto the shelf, please understand that this is not a fly in/out DXPed - we're running on generators. We will on Bouvet continuously check the available fuel, we have an inline electronic metering system. Based on available fuel we can

- (1) increase the heat in the tent (our tent is not heated 24/7!),
- (2) go QRO on CW/SSB,
- (3) go 500W on FT8, two machines max due to power output bottlenecks,
- (4) start the 1000W waffle machine.

Please note the RF output power levels are thus initial power levels during start up! Thus FT8 QRO operation >100W is a question about logistics, power rating of the generator circuits and how to dispatch the load, but also an energy constraint and amount of fuel available.



Given we can handle the power output and energy constraints, we will try 2x500W on FT8, that might as well include 160/80m. However, our lowband ops are likely to be able to man the 160/80 station during the 8h opening, only in the case we're not able to man the 160/80m we will discuss to put the FT8 machines on lowband.

We're not ruling it completely out, but seeing the strong team of CW/SSB ops this is unlikely to happen, but not impossible. We have low band ops paying \$25,000 to go on this trip for their lifetime 160m experience. I personally doubt all of them will be sleeping during prime time!

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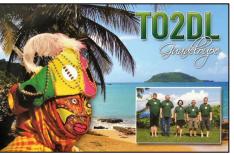
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3B8M	M00XO	CX2BR	EA5GL	OK6W	OK1MU
3B8X	PF0X	D4L	IK2NCJ	OT7T	ON4DS
3B9FR	M00XO	DU6/PE1NSQ	EA5GL	OX7AKT	OZ1ACB
3B9KW	M0CFW	E2X	E20GMY	OX7AM	OZ1ACB
3v8ss	LX1NO	E7CW	E73ESP	P35A	5B4AQN
3Z95PRK	SP9MRP	EF6T	EA3AIR	P44W	N2MM
4K6FO	DC9RI	EH2EUS	EA2TP	P44X	DJ4MX
4L9M	R3XA	EH5FPM	EA5JDN	PA10FF	PH0NO
409KOM	EB7DX	EI90IRTS	EI6AL	PA75DXCC	PA0ABM
4U1UN	HB9BOU	EL2EF	N200	PJ4/KU8E	K4BAI
4U1WB	KK4HD	ER1KAA	ER1FF	PJ4A	K4BAI
5H3FM	HB9DSP	FK8CE	N4GNR	PR2E	PY2AA
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5R8CG	PG5M	G5AT	м0охо	PZ5CO	UA2FM
5R8MM	DL2AWG	G5WS	м0охо	R2022DX	RQ7L
5R8PA	PA5X	G6XX	м0охо	R80URAN	UA4AJD
5R8WG	DL2AWG	G6ZZ	моохо	SN95PRK	SQ9FMU
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B0A	BA4TB	ISO/OM2TW	OM2FY	XV9K	DJ6TF
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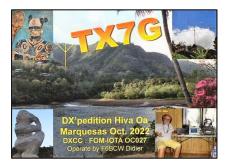
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