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DX NEWS

3Y0K Bouvet Island -update April 11

As per yesterday's Breaking News posted on social media, the 3Y0K DXpedition has – at the moment – stopped taking donations. Ken, LA7GIA says:
'Unfortunately, the financial risk for the small team is too high and we will spend the next few weeks in April assessing the situation and deciding what to do. We will explore all possible options and will return with more information once we have reached a conclusion. We will not collect donations in this period.'

N5J, Jarvis Island DXpedition—update

The Dateline DX Association is pleased to announce that due to the increasing interest in our DXpedition to this rare DXCC entity we are adding another local operator to our team. Please welcome KO8SCA, Adrian Ciuperca, to our at-island team. A well known and experienced DXpeditioner, Adrian works as an IT consultant, a much needed component to any remote operation. He is a newly inducted member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame and a YASME award of Excellence winner.

Adrian has taken part in over 30 DXpeditions to destinations including W8S Swains Island, 3Y0J Bouvet Island, J2, Z6, OJ0, VP2V, PJ2, PJ4, A5, ZK3, V8, TX0M/TX0A, 6O, 9M0, FJ, FM, J3, J8, VK9C, VK9X, VP5, VP9, and Z2. Recently he has been a guest operator at 4U1UN and HV0A



The DXcellence Award

In April 2021, NCDXF announced the creation of an award – “The DXcellence Award”. To be awarded to the outstanding DXpedition of the last twelve months, which received funding from NCDXF. The award is intended to recognize excellent in a DXpedition, exemplified by practices, ethics, management, transparency, impact upon the DXing community, and lastly exhibited FUN! At our annual board of Directors meeting at the IDXC in Visalia last weekend, we voted to award this year’s award to [TX5S Clipperton Island DXpedition](#). This award was presented to K5GS just before his presentation at the evening dinner. In addition, a \$5000 donation to the group will be made. <https://www.dx-world.net/the-dxcellence-award/>

VK5FIL Flinders Island OC-261 –update April 17

We are now in Day 3 of full operation here on Flinders Island. We have up to 4 stations active, mostly 100W but one has a linear and a beam. As this is a dual WWFF Parks (VKFF-0175) and IOTA (OC-261) activation, there are a lot of callers. I am keen however to make sure that any IOTA chaser who wants OC-261 gets a chance. We can run CW, SSB and digital modes. If there are any IOTA Chasers who specifically want to try a sked and have not been successful in the pileups, please drop a PM to vk5fil.dx@gmail.com and we will try to schedule it in. (If we have missed a band opening also let me know so we can try to be there for you). Our last high power transmissions will be ~Saturday afternoon around 0600z and we will be completely QRT by 1400z 20th April. (The barge will be picking us up around 0100z 21st April).

A8OK Liberia –update April 17

[UPDATE @ 2230z] As the A8OK DXpedition soon draws to a close, the team reached 120,000 QSOs. This was the last full day of operations.



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

6Y, JAMAICA Akira, JA7FYF is operating as 6Y/AC6XT until April 26.

7Q, MALAWI Don K6ZO and Bill KC4D are active as 7Q6M and 7Q7WW until May. See more on QRZ.com.

A5, BHUTAN Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P will be active between April 19 and May 4. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OQRS.

<https://a5.dxpedititions.org/>

CE0Y, EASTER ISL Ben DL6FBL, Win DK9IP and Lutz DM6EE are operating as CD0Y until May 6. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. Updates on <https://www.qrz.com/db/CD0Y> On FT8 they use MSHV software. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via DJ4MX. Plans depening internet are to use Club Log Live Stream.

E6, NIUE Gavin, ZL3GAV is operating as E6SP until April 28. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 10 and 15 meter using SSB and FT8. Livestream will be possible on Club Log. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/E6SP>

EL, LIBERIA The Czech DXpedition Group (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZC, OK2ZI and OK6DJ) is active as A8OK until April 19, with "full operation" expected on until 16 April. Activity with multiple stations from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, PSK). The idea is to use Club Log's Livestream. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ.

FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK is operating as TO4VV on April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

FO0, AUSTRAL ISL Jeff K5WE and Craig W5CCP are operating as TX7W from Raivavae until April 30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS or via K5WE.

<https://k5we.com/tx7w/>

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

JD1, OGASAWARA Harry, JG7PSJ will once again be operating as JD1BMH between April 22 and May 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Look for KH0/JA6REX, KH0/W6HZH and WH0B between April 25-30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using FT4/8. Cards for KH0/W6HZH and KH0/JA6REX will not be available, but they will upload their logs to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL; QSL WH0B via LoTW, eQSL or direct to JA6VQA.

KH9, WAKE ISL Tom NL7RR is active during his spare time as call/KH9 until May 15. Mostly around 0600z-0800z. QSL via home call, LoTW.

P4, ARUBA Peter, K1AV is active as P4/call from the Ariok National Park (AW-0001). QRV until April 24. QSL via home call.

PJ4, BONAIRE TJ, PE1OJR is once again operating in 'holiday-style' as PJ4TB until April 28. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using a vertical and/or end-fed wire. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

TI, COSTA RICA Reiner, DL2AAZ is QRV as TI2/call until April 20. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

On the scene...TT8RR, TT8TT and TT8XX Chad, assembling the Spiderbeam



TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition team with Franco I1FQH, Alfeo I1HJT, Tony I2PJA, Silvano I2YSB, Angelo IK2CKR and Stefano IK2HKT will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) and as TT8TT (sat QO-100) until April 30. Operation with 4 stations from 80 to 6 meter plus 1 station dedicated for sat operation. Operations will start on FT8 (F/H at first, and normal mode on standard frequencies when the pileup decreases), other modes will follow. The hottest period of the year approaches (temperatures expected to reach 43 degrees Celsius in the shade) and the team has already taken measures by procuring an additional backup power generator, as the on-site generator will not be able to run 24/7. QSL via I2YSB.

V2, ANTIGUA Mike, DF8AN is active until April 19. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly FT8 (1839, 3570, 5357, 7056, 10133, 14095, 18097, 21095, 24925, 28095 kHz) with some RTTY and CW. QSL via DF8AN direct or bureau.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is operating as V51WH and V55Y until end April. QSL via home call.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Diya, YI1DZ is once again active as Z81D starting mid-April. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via OM3JW.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA Rob, PB5X is operating in 'holiday-style' as ZS6/call until April 21. QSL via PA1AW direct or bureau, LoTW.

Coming up soon

9X, RWANDA Harold, DF2WO will once again be active as 9X2AW from Kigali during May 2-17. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB with some FT4/8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/9x2aw>

A2, BOTSWANA Remo, HB9SHD will be active as A25SHD from different locations in Botswana. QRV during his spare time between April 30 and May 13. QSL via home call.

OJO, MARKET REEF A Norwegian team with LB5SH, LA1UW, LA3EAA and LB0VG will be

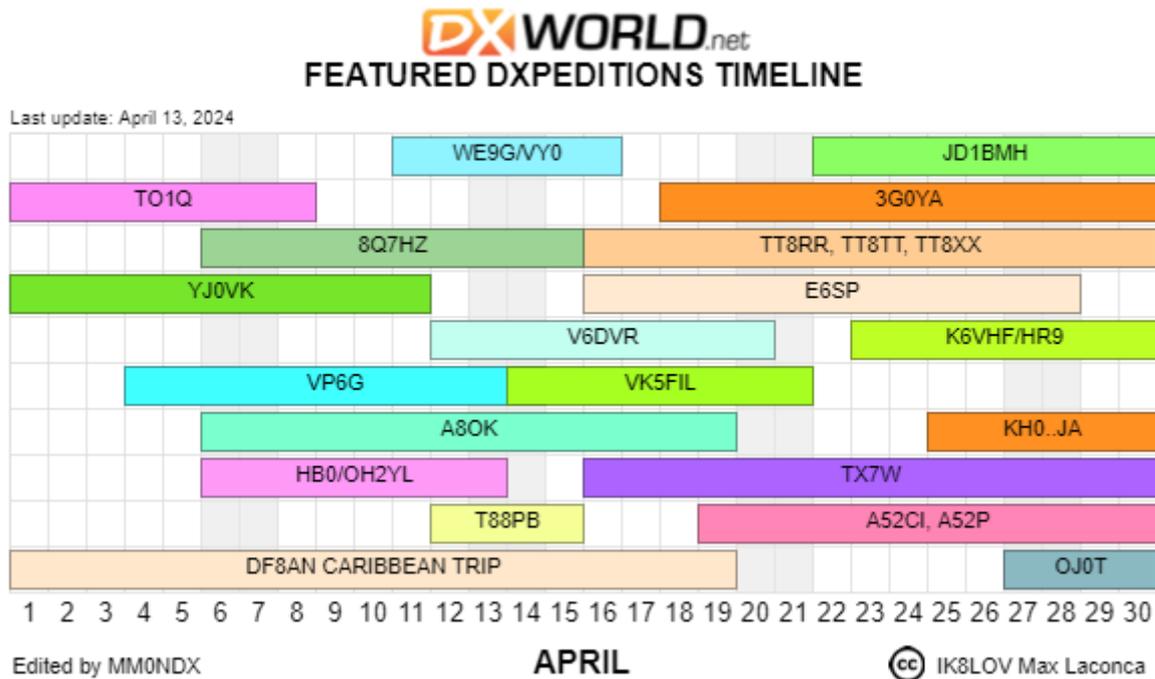
operating as OJ0T and OJ0/calls for FT8. Operation between April 27 and May 4 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS will once again be active as YJ0CA between April 28 and May 9. QRV on SSB only (operating hours are expected to be mostly between 2100z and 1000z). He uses a 1/4 wave vertical with elevated radials for 40m, and various dipoles & verticals for other bands. QSL via home call.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dave, G4WXJ will once again be QRV as ZC4RH between April 28 and May 9. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via DK6SP, LoTW.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW sometime April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

DXCC Timeline



On the scene...Michael DF8AN as VP2MMN Montserrat – now QRT



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR (also JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 & JR8YLY/6) will be active from Miyako-jima AS-079 during April 24 to June 26, 2024. QRV on 160-6m, SSB/CW/FT8 using the various calls mentioned on different modes. Participation in the CQ WPX CW contest as JS6RRR. All QSL info on QRZ.com.

EUROPE

EU-008 Isle of Coll A team with G0AZE, G0VQO, M0EBJ, M0GLV and M0KVK is operating as GB0SIC until April 20. Operation on most bands using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log or direct via G0AZE.

EU-050 San Domino Isl Claudio IU6RVC and Marcelo IW6PLZ will be QRV as IL7/calls on April 19-21. QSL via IU6RVC direct.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl John, AD8J is operating in 'holiday-style' as HR9/call until April 28. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8 and maybe some SSB. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

NA-057 Roatan Isl Alex, K6VHF will once again be active as HR9/call between April 23 and April 30. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

OCEANIA

OC-011 Chuuk Isl Kevin, N4DVR is QRV as V6DVR until April 20. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via LoTW.

OC-261 Flinders Isl The team that activated VK5TIL last year is active again this year from Flinders Island, South Australia until April 21. 6 Operators (VK5GR, VK5PAS, VK5HS, VK5LA, VK5FR and VK5GA) are running all modes from 160m-70cm, including both both terrestrial and satellite modes. We will be participating in both the IOTA programs (OC-261) and the WWFF programs, with the main station is located in VKFF-0175 and additional island portable activities also planned from the two other parks zone VKFF-1717 and VKFF-4307 while there.

The last IOTA activation from the island was by Craig VK5CE/P back in August 2013 so this has been dormant for some time now. We hope that the combination of IOTA and WWFF activity will be of interest not only domestically but globally as well. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO via his OQRS service. Cards and LoTW will be available at the appropriate times. We are also looking at how we might use Club Log during the event as well. [website](#) .

Coming up soon

ASIA

AS-024 Yonaguni Isl Sam, 7K1EAS will be operating as call/JR6 during April 30 and May 2. Operation on 40, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call or OQRS.

EUROPE

EU-029 Lolland Isl A team of 8 Belgium operators will be active as 5P5LI during April 29 to May 5. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and Digi. Also active daily on 2m/70cm via ISS. QSL via ON6EF. No LoTW. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3A, MONACO Col, MM0NDX and Steve, MM0SAJ will again be active from Monaco during September 5-9 as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus likely to be on low bands in their evening and 6m if propagation permits. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

On the scene...E6SP Niue



THE REMINDERS

Caribbean trip by Eric GM5RDX

My 2024 Caribbean Islands DXpedition will see me operating from both the Dutch and French sides of St Maarten as PJ7/G5RDX and FS/G5RDX. Additionally, I'll be entering the IOTA contest from Anguilla (VP2EGM) and then spending a few days on St Kitts (V4). This trip will take place during the last two weeks of July.

African tour by Pista HA5AO

Pista, HA5AO – celebrating 50 years anniversary of his HAM license – informs DX-World that he will be active from four African countries in September/October 2024. The operating sites are within 40-80 km circle of the common borders of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia. Ten days of operation can be expected from each country on CW, SSB, and FT8 from 80m up to 6m. The licenses are in hand, the QTHs are booked. He will use K3S and FT-710 transceivers with KPA 500 power amplifier. The antenna is a DX Commander vertical for 40-6m bands and multi-band inverted-V (80m-6m) on a 12m HD Spider pole, donated by Spiderbeam. The planned schedule is as follows,

03-13 September, Zimbabwe, Zambezi National Park as **Z22AO**, QRA: KH21ww

14-23 September, Zambia, Victoria Falls region as **9J2AO**, QRA: KH22wc

24 Sept-04 October, Botswana, Chobe National Park as **A25AO**, QRA: KH22oc

05-14 October, Namibia, Katima Mulilo region as **V5/HA5AO**, QRA: KH22dm

Other details, QSL policy and OQRS can be found [here](#).

3D2C, CONWAY REEF Lance, ZL1LDP informs DX-WORLD that he will be active from Conway Reef in May this year. He departs for the reef on May 6th and will be as signing ZL1LDP/MM on the way there aboard catamaran "RAYFIKI". Once on Conway Reef, he will be active mainly on 10m but hopes to take a 5-band Hexbeam space permitting on the yacht which is limited. He's currently waiting on his 3D2 callsign for this activity. More to follow..

4W, TIMOR LESTE Alan, VK2MET/VK1AO will once again be active as 4W/VK1AO from Dili during August 17-30. Operation mainly from 40 to 12 meter using CW and FT8 in QRP power. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They

have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

60, SOMALIA Look for 6O3T with Fabri IV3JPP, Paolo IV3DSH, Frank IZ8GCE, Maurizio IV3ZXQ and Mauro IV3AZV sometime 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL information and more details on <https://dxexplorer.net/>

On the scene...Jeff K5WE and Craig W5CCP at Papeete, Tahiti.



8Q, MALDIVES Felix, DL6JF will be operating from Helengeli as 8Q7JF between June 16 and June 29. Operation in 'holiday-style' using CW and digi. QSL via DM5JBN, LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Christia, OE3DEC will be operating as 8Q7EC from South Male Atoll between July 1 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' using SSB only on 20 meter. QSL via home call, bureau only.

8Q, MALDIVES Rolf, DO4RKR will be operating in 'holiday-style' as 8Q7KR from Joy Island between May 19-31. Operation on 10 meter SSB only using low power. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

8Q, MALDIVES Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE Pedro, CT7AHV will once again be operating as C91AHV during June 1-15. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. Pedro hopes to livestream on both Club Log and You Tube. QSL via H/c, LoTW.

Further details and specific information, with daily updates of frequencies etc will be published on QRZ.com, and here on DX-WORLD.

CP, BOLIVIA An Argentinian team with LU1FM, LU7MT, LU9FHF, LU6FOV and LU7HN will be QRV as CP7DX from Tarija during May 11-19. Operation on HF. QSL via LU1FM, Club Log.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9 during August 26 and September 5. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Tino VE2GCE, Mark VA2MM, Malcolm VE2DDZ, Jonathan VA2XZA, John VE2YNI and Vlad VA2AN will be active as TO8FP during August 10-22. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, digi and sats. QSL via Club Log.

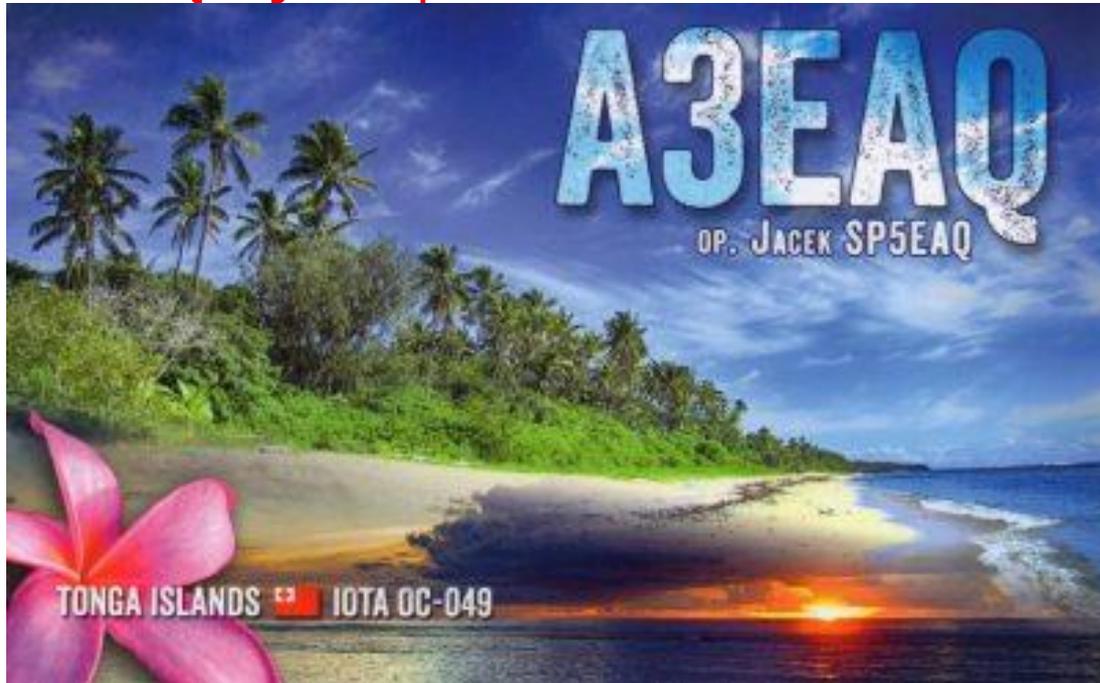
FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16.

An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

FR, REUNION ISL Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.

FR, REUNION ISL Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be operating as TO7PX between July 8-14. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW.

Back in time...A3EAQ Tonga 2013 operation



FS, ST MARTIN Gregg, W6IZT and Hal, W8HC will be returning to Falaise des Oiseaux, St. Martin (FS) for a one week DX-cation from June 25 to July 2. They will be active 6m-40m with a K3S, KPA500, HF vertical and sloping dipole for HF and 5 element LFA yagi for 6m. Gregg will be taking one, and possibly two, of his NexGenRiBs following the successful debut and remote operation from Robinson Crusoe Island, CB0ZEW. Gregg says that tentative plans are to identify a suitable location for the RiB on the Dutch (PJ7) side of the island while operating simultaneously from the French (FS) side. More information to follow.

FT/G GLORIOSO ISL Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL between May 24 and June 19. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. This one-man operation will be carried out in parallel with Marek's professional activities. He hopes to be QRV daily with two stations at the same time - one on FT8 and one on SSB or RTTY (he lacks sufficient knowledge of CW to manage a huge pile-up). There will be no activity on 6 metres, EME, or via satellite. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log on a daily basis; access to the Internet will be available for two hours a day, from 18 to 20 local time. QSL via F4FTV (direct or bureau); full LoTW upload will follow six months after the end of the DXpedition. [FT4GL](#)

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Joe, OZ0J will be operating between December 20 and December 31 (call pending). Operation from 80 to 10 meter but depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. He will operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound), but mostly FT8 because FY5FY and FY5KE are very active on CW, SSB and RTTY. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Website url to be added once callsign known.

J6, ST LUCIA Seth, N4XTT will be active as J6/call during August 10-17. Operation on 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

'I am also planning to activate POTA reference J6-0001, which hasn't been activated yet. This will be a part time operation (holiday style) using a 100w radio and a DX-Commander Expedition 40-10m vertical. Bands and modes: 40-10M; CW, SSB & FT8/FT4. I'm a youth op and looking forward to having fun on the island!'

JW, SVALBARD Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL between October 9-14. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

KH5, JARVIS ISL The Dateline DX Association has received a permission from the USFWS for a DXpedition to Jarvis. It's ranked number 9 in Europe's most wanted list. The small team of four,

consisting of George, AA7JV, Don, N1DG, Tomi, HA7RY and Mike, KN4EEI, will install 6 RIB stations on Jarvis, operating on 160 to 6 meters, using CW, SSB and FT8 modes. The on-island team will be augmented by 25 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America, running CW and FT8. FT8 operations will use the Fox/Hound mode. The RIB equipment, which makes an efficient small footprint operation possible, was developed with the support of the NCDXF. Operation will be around August 1 depending the WX. More to follow.

QSL preview



V4, ST KITTS BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Tim, N5TCH will be operating as V4/call between May 10 and May 17. Activity on HF during his spare time (mainly his mornings). QSL via QRZ.com and LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Dave, W2JO will be active as VP6??? (pending) Between May 30 and June 10. Low power operation and probably 100% CW. Dave is still deciding on what antenna he will take with him. More to follow. QSL via N2ZN and LoTW.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Bill, G0VDE informs DX-World that he will be active as VP6WR during September 5-15. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using vertical / wire antennas and PA. Modes: SSB & FT8, maybe some CW. QSL info to follow.

YJ, VANUATU Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-30. An entry in several contests is included. *'There are openings in the group for three to four more hams and their spouses. We are expecting excellent spring propagation for making European and North American contacts. Of course, the location will bring an abundance of Asian contacts as well. Antennas we plan on taking and erecting include parasitic phased verticals, BuddiHex Hexbeam, 160 Cable Help long wire, and 40-80 meter G5RV long wires.'*

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

ZK3, TOKELAU Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau end 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

EUROPE

EU-029 Lolland Isl A Belgian team with ON1BN, ON4AWT, ON6EF, ON6VJ, ON7TA, ON7VM and ON9DJ will be operating as 5P5LI between April 29 and May 6. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via ON6EF, direct or bureau.



The graphic features a blue background. At the top left, the call sign 'ZM7AG' is written in large, white, bold letters. Below it, in smaller white text, it says 'Operated by: Erik A Sjölund, SMØAGD'. To the left of the center is a circular logo for the Northern California DX Foundation, Inc., featuring a bridge and the text 'NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION, INC.'. Below the logo is the ICOM logo. On the right side, there is a black and white photograph of a man standing next to a radio station setup on a wooden table. A sign with 'ZM7AG' is visible in the background. At the bottom right, the text 'Tokelau Islands' is written in large, white, bold letters.

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-005 Santiago Isl Harald DF2WO / D44TWO (FT8 and CW) and Franz DG9KAN / D44KAN (SSB) will once again be active between June 8 and June 20. Operation mainly on 6 meter using FT8 and CW on all bands. <https://www.qrz.com/db/D44TWO>

ASIA

AS-073 Kapas Isl The Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be active as 9M4IOTA during May 31 and June 2. Operation on HF. More to follow.

AS-097 Pulau Besar An 11-man 9M2 team will be active as 9M2VM during May 31 to June 2. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via 9M2HUS; no LoTW. Contact 9M2HUS for further info if needed.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J from September 13 until September 22. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

OCEANIA

OC-063 Mangareva Isl Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.

OC-144 Mendanau Isl Irfan, YE4IJ will be operating as 7B4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes.

OC-144 Ketawai Isl The Bangka Belitung DXpedition Team, signing as 7B4K, will be active from Ketawai Island, OC-144 (Bangka and Belitung Islands) during May 24-26. QRV on HF bands.

Special calls



THE NEWCOMERS

DL, GERMANY DM60IOTA celebrates the 60th anniversary of the IARU programme and plans to operate from all German IOTA references (EU-042, EU-047, EU-127, EU-057, EU-128, and EU-129). Exact dates are not known yet. (TNX DXNL). QSL via DL2VFR.

HB9, SWITZERLAND Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi members of the USKA's Valais/Wallis Section will be active as **HB150GM** between April and December. QSL via the bureau to HB9Y. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI Montegrappa (IQ3RP) will be active as **II3GM** from 15 April to 15 May. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, special station **II50X** will be active on 20 April (7-15 UTC) from the Ximenian Observatory in Florence. A radiotelegraphic station, which was visited by Marconi, was set up at the observatory as early as 1912. QSL via IW5DPF, direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM OT2024EPIC is the special callsign for the Antwerp Port Contest Club (ON8APC) to promote the seventh edition of the Antwerp Port Epic cycling race. Look for activity between 19 April and 19 May (the actual day the race will be held on). (TNX DXNL)

VE, CANADA Radio Amateurs of Canada is once again holding a "Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day" special event in which it encourages as many amateurs as possible to contact as many RAC stations as possible. Operating across Canada from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC on 18 April, the RAC official stations will be **VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VE8RAC, VE9RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC** and **VY2RAC**. QSL via LoTW or via the bureau. Those contacting one or more RAC stations, on any band and mode, will be eligible for a certificate: <https://www.rac.ca/certificates/> (TNX DXNL)

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A100RKZ is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via

9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

A6, UAE In recognition of World Amateur Radio Day, the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign **A60WARD** (QSL via EA7FTR) between 15 and 24 April. Also expect activity by **A60WARD/0, A60WARD/1, etc.** (see <https://www.qrz.com/db/A60WARD> for the QSL routes for the various suffix extensions) (TNX 425DX)

CN, MOROCCO To celebrate World Amateur Radio Day and the 99th anniversary of the founding of the IARU, special callsign **CN99HR** will be active on 13-21 April. QSL direct via CN8RAH. (TNX 425DX)

CT, PORTUGAL CR50Y is the special callsign for members of the Rede dos Emissores Portugueses to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Carnation Revolution (25 April 1974), which resulted in the Portuguese transition to democracy. Look for activity to take place on various bands and modes on 19-25 April. QSL via CT1REP. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX 425DX)

QSL preview



DL, GERMANY The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW, and DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DP9GLHN is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DP75AFUG (special DOK 75AFUG) celebrates 75 years of amateur radio legislation in Germany between March 1 and April 20. An award is also available, see: <https://www.qrz.com/db/DP75AFUG>. Cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct via DL2VFR. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special event callsign **DA0RC** will be active around the FunkTag 2024 exhibition. QRV until April 27 with the special DOK FTK24. Sending a card is not necessary, there will be an automatic bureau service and also confirmations via the DARC's DCL system. Direct cards for the above time period only go via DL2VFR (d). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, DARC special event callsign **DA24WARD** will be active on 1-30 April. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN The Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society, was founded on 1 April 1949. Celebrating URE's 75th anniversary, a month-long activity will take place from 1 to 30 April. Look for **AO7SURE** and 18 other special stations representing the Autonomous Communities and Autonomous Cities of the country:

AO75AN Andalucia, **AO75GA** Galicia, **AO75AR** Aragon, **AO75IB** Islas Baleares, **EA6 AO75CA** Cantabria, **AO75IC** Islas Canarias, **EA8 AO75CL** Castilla y Leon **AO75LR** La Rioja **AO75CM**

Castilla-La Mancha **AO75MA** Madrid **AO75CT** Cataluna **AO75MC** Melilla and Ceuta, **EA9 AO75CV** Comunidad Valenciana **AO75MU** Murcia **AO75EU** Euskadi i.e. Basque Country **AO75NA** Navarra **AO75EX** Extremadura **AO75PA** Principado de Asturias In addition, **CQ75URE** will be active from Portugal. A large number of awards will be available: see <https://75aniversario.ure.es> for detailed information, logsearch and OQRS (to be activated after 30 April). (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND 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 from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

ER, MOLDOVA ER30ARM is a special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Society of Moldova (ER1KAA). Look for activity from 20 March to 30 April. QSL via the bureau, direct, and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Dominique, F5PTI will be active as **TM500NA** on 14-28 April to memorialize the 500th anniversary since the first European explorer, Giovanni da Verrazzano, visited nowadays New York City area and named it New Angouleme. QSL via F5PTI. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Special callsign **TM83JO** will be active for fifteen days between 16 April, when the Olympic flame is lit in Greece, and 26 July, when the flame ends its journey by lighting the Olympic cauldron at the Paris 2024 Opening Ceremony of. Look for activity on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via QO-100. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Active during various dates in April, May and July, look for **TO60CSG** from French Guiana. This special event callsign is used to celebrate 60 years of Europe's Spaceport based in Kourou. More info here. LoTW uploads end of every month.

HB9, SWITZERLAND Special callsign **HB50VC** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) from 18 March to 31 December. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW; QSL cards will not be provided, but a certificate will be available for download:

<https://award.dl1run.de/award/hb50vc/awardform.html> (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB20SP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20th anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

HH, HAITI The special event station **HI180RD** remains active until April 30, celebrating the 180th independence anniversary. An award is also available:

<https://independencia2024.org/contest/9>. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY Special callsign **II1GM** will be used on 1-30 April to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi. Various operators will be QRV from different call areas (e.g.

II1GM/1, II1GM/2, II1GM/IS0, II1GM/IT9, etc). QSL via eQSL, or direct to IK1VHX. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/II1GM> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI Asti will be active as **IR1GM** on 1-30 April. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IK1XPK. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Venezia (IQ3VE) will be active as **IR3POLO** between 1 April and 30 June. The special callsign commemorates the 700th anniversary since the death of Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant and explorer who travelled through Asia along the Silk Road (1271- 1295). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

I, ITALY Members of ARI Sondrio (IQ2UL) will operate special event station **II2AUT** from 25 March to 7 May for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via the bureau and eQSL; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. Back in 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Special callsign **II4CLM** will be active on 1-30 April in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi. QSL via the bureau. Joining the celebrations will be IY4FGM (the amateur radio station at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation) and the club stations of the 17 ARI branches in the Emilia-Romagna region (namely **IQ4AD, IQ4AX, IQ4BQ, IQ4DJ, IQ4FA, IQ4FC, IQ4FD, IQ4FE, IQ4FH, IQ4FJ, IQ4HI, IQ4LH, IQ4PI, IQ4RA, IQ4RE, IQ4RN and IQ4SC**). Further information, including real time log search, can be found on <https://www.150marconi.org/>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: **II4DETR** (April), **II4SEAS** (May), **II4RDFE** (June), **II4INNV** (July),

II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR (September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award:

<http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LA, NORWAY Look for **LA400KBG** during 2024 to celebrate the 400th anniversary since the establishment of the Kongsberg silver mines and the Kongsberg town in 1624. Operation on different bands and modes. QSL direct only via LA1TV. The silver rich area measures about 5 x 20 km, and the richest mine, called The King's Mine, was mined to a depth of 1076 meters. The mining lasted to 1958, and the total silver amount mined has been estimated to about 2000 tonnes. (TNX DXNL)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special 15allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ543BN** (April), **LZ44IZ** (May and June), **LZ302IT** (July and August), **LZ1515IW** (September and October), and **LZ311PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE24BI draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874), Enrico, OE7AFT (IZ4AFL) will be active as **OE150GM** on 19-28 April. He will operate CW only. QSL via LoTW, or direct to OE7AFT ("neither SASE nor USD/EUR required"). (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REP In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April), Martin, OK1RR and Slavek, OK1TN will be active as **OL1WARD** on 1-30 April. They will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Special event stations **OR24WARD** and **OP24WARD** will be active on all bands and modes on 1-30 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via eQSL. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.uba.be/en/hf/awards/uba-awards>. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log. <https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LoTW, Club Log and e-qsL.

OZ, DENMARK Look for **SPOWARD** during April 18 to mark IARU World Amateur Radio Day. See QRZ.com for the details. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via OZ1ACB.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS To mark the 75th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (4 April 1949), special event stations **PA75OTAN** and **PA75NATO** will be active on 1-19 April and 20-21 April, respectively. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via the bureau. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA75NATO> for information. Additionally, during the weekend of 20-21 April, several other special stations are expected to be QRV from various Cold War locations in the Netherlands: **PA6KLD**, **PA75BBGB**, **PA75GOLF**, **PA75HS**, **PA75KLE**, **PA75KOC**, **PA75NAVO**, **PA75NN**, **PA75NSG**, **PA75PARE**, **PA75PBV**, **PA75YP**, **PC75NAVO**, **PD75SAS**, **PE75NATO**, **PG75NAVO** and **PH75NATO**. (<https://pa60cuba.nl/pa75navo-zendstations/>). (TNX 425DX)

SM, SWEDEN SK100FRK is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

SM, SWEDEN SK50B is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatorer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

SP, POLAND SN55DIG is the special callsign that Adam, SQ9S will be using until the end of the year to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. See <https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/> for information about the DIG. (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE SZOWARD is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Greece to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 15-30 April. Look for activity on all bands SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. See <https://sv2rck.gr/SZOWARD> for the certificate. (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Second Hellenic Republic, several operators will be active as **SX100D** on 13-21 April. Look for activity on 160-2 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to SV2GWY. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day, members of TRAC Izmir will be active as **TC3WRD** between 1 and 30 April. QSL via LoTW. A certificate will be available, see <https://tadx.org/awards>. (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, between 1 and 30 April amateur radio operators across Canada will be operating special event stations with special call signs such as **VC3RCAF and VE3RCAF** (Ontario), **VC9RCAF and VE9RCAF** (New Brunswick), **VE2RCAF** (Quebec), **VE5RCAF** (Saskatchewan), **VE6RCAF** (Alberta), **VE7RCAF** (British Columbia), **VO1RCAF** (Newfoundland), **VY2RCAF** (Prince Edward Island). QSL via operators' instructions. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event call sign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC-007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA Celebrating the 95th anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County, special call signs **YR95AR, YR95CC, YR95CH, YR95IN, YR95LI, YR95PE** and **YR95SE** will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was established almost a century ago. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR95AR> for more information. (TNX 42DX)

YU, SERBIA Organised radio amateurism in Serbia began with the founding of the "Society of Friends of Radio-Telegraphy and Radio-Telephony" on 15 July 1924 in Belgrade. Celebrating 100 years of Amateur Radio in the region, the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU1SRS) will be active as **YT100R** and **YU100R** from 1 April to 1 December. A certificate will be available: <https://www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/>.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event call sign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)
<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>

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