

## **DX bulletin 609**

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## **DX NEWS**

### **K8R American Samoa –update July 17**

The K8R team has now spent 6 days configuring the Jarvis equipment on American Samoa and testing the stations. We expect to be QRV for another 5 days or so. We depart for Jarvis on August 1. One of the important tests has been the first DXpedition use of SuperFox. In almost 6 days we have logged 16,000 SF QSOs. We have two stations configured for WSJT-X RC5. While most of the Hounds have had no trouble working us in the new mode, there have been some interesting items that have popped up on Hound's ability to consistently decode our signals. This has not been universal but some have yet to make a QSO.

<https://www.dx-world.net/k8r-american-samoa/>

### **3Y0K Bouvet Island –update**

We are still negotiating contracts for the DXpedition to Bouvet Island. This DXpedition will be a large scale operation with 20-24 operators and we are looking for 4-6 more CW/SSB operators to complete the team.

We are looking at various options on how to run the expedition, where the focus now is on helicopter logistics. Previously, at the end of June, we received the helicopter permit from the Norwegian Polar Institute and therefore have all the permits we need to activate Bouvetøya. The helicopter permit allows us to set up camp on the SE or SW side of the island.

<https://www.dx-world.net/3y0k-bouvet-2026/>

### **3D22 Rotuma –update**

Earlier today (July 12), the Rebel DX Group announced plans to be active from Tarawa as T30TTT. They also mentioned about another Pacific entity that they intend to put on air later in the year, and before going to Nigeria for their 5N5N DXpedition. We got word that a DXpedition to Rotuma is in the works with the unusual but correct callsign of 3D22 to be used. At the moment, we're QRX for more info and dates.

### **VK9CV Cocos Keeling –update**

The VK9CV team announces that they will also try to activate the 6m band. Check the [website](#) for frequencies and modes. Today, we received LoTW Certificate. **VK9CV** is valid callsign for DXCC. During the expedition, the team will upload to Club Log once a day. Livestream will not be active.

### **VP6WR Pitcairn Isl –update by Bill GOVDE**

*I'm planning to travel to VP6, Pitcairn Island in the Pacific, and be active between approximately 5th to 15th September 2024. I will initially be travelling to Tahiti on the 31st August, stopping there for a couple of days and then travelling on Air Tahiti to Margareva Island (Gambier) on the 3rd September. I then take the Pitcairn Island's boat – the 'Silver Supporter' – for the around 30 hour trip to Pitcairn. The return trip means I arrive back on Mangareva on 17th September but as*

the next flight back to Tahiti is on the following Saturday 21st, I'll be staying there for four days and plan to activate Mangareva as FO/G0VDE. I should return to the UK on the 24th September.'

### VK2/W7BRS Lord Howe Isl -update

'Been operating almost a week since the equipment finally arrived. I think I started rolling sometime last Friday maybe, I cannot remember.

At any rate, the number of Q's in the log is really low and I believe part of the reason is the fact VK2 as a prefix does not sound like Lord Howe Island. Despite the official rule changes, the Lord Howe Island prefix of VK2 does not register with people.

Most amateurs are used to VK9L being a prefix that indicates the location. And yet, despite all of the efforts to get the country-data files updated and so on, most just aren't aware of the fact that ACMA changed (or re-affirmed existing policy that was already esoteric) that Lord Howe Island is not VK9L.'

Active	Lord Howe Island	Pacific	UTC
Mode	UTC + 1030	UTC - 0700	UTC + 0
CW or FT8	5:30:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	7:00:00 PM
CW or FT8	6:30:00 AM	1:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM
CW or FT8	7:30:00 AM	2:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM
Eat	8:30:00 AM	3:00:00 PM	10:00:00 PM
SSB or CW or FT8	9:30:00 AM	4:00:00 PM	11:00:00 PM
SSB or CW or FT8	10:30:00 AM	5:00:00 PM	12:00:00 AM
SSB or CW or FT8	11:30:00 AM	6:00:00 PM	1:00:00 AM
Eat	12:30:00 PM	7:00:00 PM	2:00:00 AM
SSB or CW or FT8	1:30:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	3:00:00 AM
SSB or CW or FT8	2:30:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	4:00:00 AM
SSB or CW or FT8	3:30:00 PM	10:00:00 PM	5:00:00 AM
SSB or CW or FT8	4:30:00 PM	11:00:00 PM	6:00:00 AM
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SSB or CW or FT8	6:30:00 PM	1:00:00 AM	8:00:00 AM
Eat	7:30:00 PM	2:00:00 AM	9:00:00 AM
CW or FT8	8:30:00 PM	3:00:00 AM	10:00:00 AM
CW or FT8	9:30:00 PM	4:00:00 AM	11:00:00 AM
CW or FT8	10:30:00 PM	5:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM
Sleep	11:30:00 PM	6:00:00 AM	1:00:00 PM
Sleep	12:30:00 AM	7:00:00 AM	2:00:00 PM
Sleep	1:30:00 AM	8:00:00 AM	3:00:00 PM
Sleep	2:30:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	4:00:00 PM
Sleep	3:30:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	5:00:00 PM
Sleep	4:30:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	6:00:00 PM

### YJ0VV Vanuatu -update

DX Engineering has become a major sponsor for the October 2024 Vanuatu DXpedition. With their help there will be two stations on the air from October 16-30, 2024. Priority for the DXpedition will be the 2024 CQ WW SSB Contest on October 26-27. We will be operating High Power multi-multi. Vanuatu is an island nation between Fiji and Australia and accessible by commercial airlines. Plans for the DXpedition are being handled by Van Herridge, N4VGE/YJ0VV, who has made reservations at a luxury villa, Asana, just outside of Vanuatu's capital only 100m from the beach.

<https://www.dx-world.net/yj0vv-vanuatu/>

# **DXCC**

## **This week on air**

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

### **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/GM5RDX and FS/GM5RDX. Additionally, I'll be entering the IOTA contest from Anguilla (VP2EGM) and then spending a few days on St Kitts (V4/G5RDX). This trip will take place during the last two weeks of July.

19th – 23rd July St Maarten (NA105) – operating as **PJ7/GM5RDX** from primary QTH, or portable as **FS/GM5RDX**. I may be operating both callsigns on some days (ie FS portable in the morning and PJ7 afternoons and evenings). The majority of the operations will be from PJ7.

24th – 28th July Anguilla (NA022) – operating as **VP2EGM** (including IOTA contest).

29th – 31st July St Kitts (NA104) – operating as **V4/G5RDX** (Note: the authorities prefer me to drop the "M" RSL and have issued my licence accordingly).

**9H, MALTA** Look for 9H/LA8FTA between July 23 and August 1 on HF (SSB and FT8). QSL via LoTW.

**E5, COOK ISL** Steve, ZL4CZ / E51CZZ and Steve, ZL2KE / E51KEE will be active from Rarotonga (OC-013) and Aitutaki (OC-083) during July 20 to August 6. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using mainly 20-15-10. Possibly 160 and 8 depending on QRN and interest from DXers. Holiday-style activity with XYLS. QSL via LoTW.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** George, OK2KG is operating in 'holiday-style' as FG/call until July 23. Activity from 40 to 10 meter with a wire antenna. SOTA activities are planned during his stay. QSL via home call.

**IS0, SARDINIA** Ennio, IW1RBI is QRV in 'holiday-style' as IS0/call until July 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is back at the weather station until end September. Normally he stays for 3 months and is QRV during his spare time as call/JD1. Operation using CW and some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY direct or via JG8NQJ bureau, LoTW.

**JW, SVALBARD** Rikk, WE9G is active as JW/WE9G until July 20. Generally, during previous expeditions, he is QRV mainly on FT8. QSL via QRZ, LoTW, Club Log, HRDLog.

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** Until 25, look for K8R from American Samoa, primarily testing out all systems on all bands; CW, SSB and FT8 ahead of the Jarvis Island DXpedition. Actual signal reports will be appreciated, says George AA7JV.

**On the scene...AA7JV (K8R) and YL2GM (K8K)**



**KH9, WAKE ISL** Tom, NL7RR is back until end July. Operation during his spare time as call/KH9 on or around 14200 kHz between 06.00 and 09.30 UTC. QSL via home call direct.

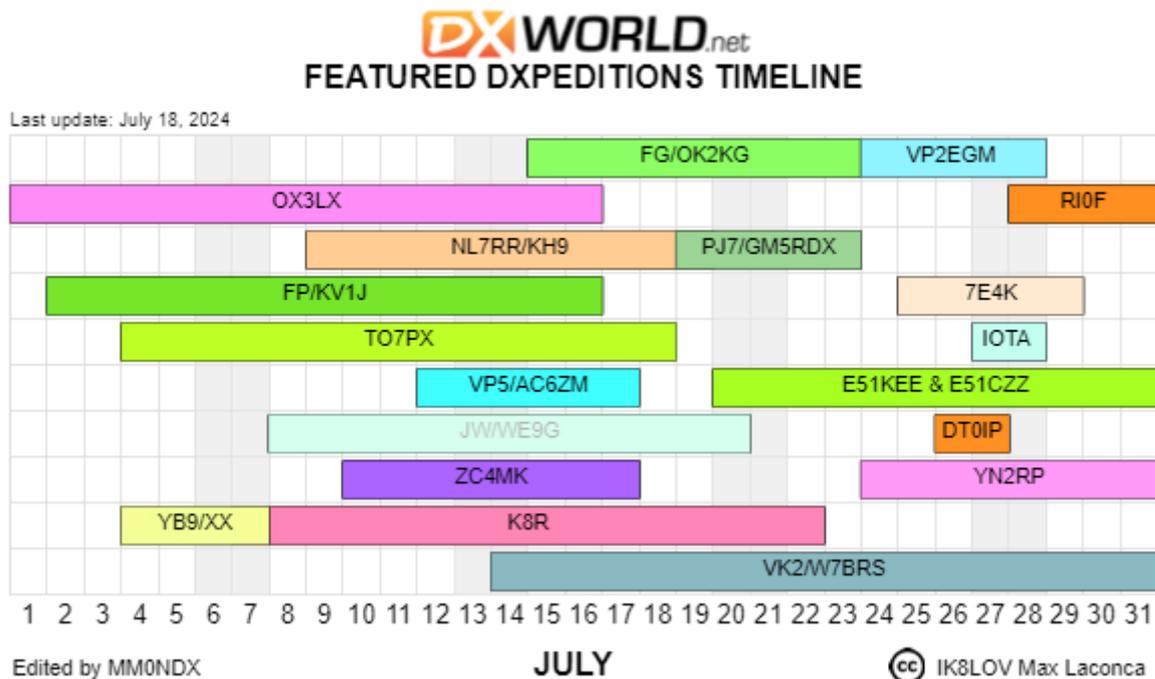
**OX, GREENLAND** Matt, K0MOS informs DX-WORLD that he will be embarking on a kayaking trip in South Greenland (IOTA NA-018 and/or NA-220) from July 20 to August 4, 2024.

During this time, he will be QRV as **OX/K0MOS/P** on 10, 15, and 20m SSB with 10W into an EFHW antenna. His primary objective is to explore the fjords and glaciers, so operating times will be sporadic and likely brief.

QSL direct to home call, or via LoTW in due course.

**VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL** Jeff, W7BRS is active as VK2/call until August 1. According to the Australian Communications and Media Authority's updated "Amateur Radio Call Sign Policy" [425DXN 1723], VK9 pre- fixed callsigns can be used only by operators located in an Australian External Territory other than the Antarctic. Lord Howe Island is part of New South Wales, hence the use of VK2/homecall. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

## DXCC Timeline



## IOTA

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#### **ASIA**

**AS-008 Shikine Isl** Take, JS6RRR/1 (also JI3DST/1, JJ5RBH/1 & JR8YLY/1) will be active from Shikine Island AS-008 during July 25-29. Operation from 40 to 2 meter using SSB, CW, FM and RTTY. QSL via QRZ.com info.

**AS-047 Minami Daito Isl** Haru, JA4GXS will be active as JA1XGI/6 during July 21-23. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW and FT8.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-028 Elba** Domenico, IK1MNF is operating as call/IA5 until end September. QRV from 20 to 6 meter using SSB. Log upload to Club Log and LoTW. QSL via home call.

**EU-040 Berlenga Grande Isl** CT1END, CT2IFE, CS7AWH, CS7AWL, and CS7BEK will be signing their calls /p and also CS5POTA from Fort Sao Joao Baptista on Berlenga Grande Island on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. QSL via homecalls, CS5POTA via CT1REP.

**EU-147 Bol'shoy Zhuzhmyy Isl** Russian Robinson team consisting R1MJ, R1BET & others / helpers will be active as RI1K during July 20-28. Grid: KP74sq. QRV on HF bands. QSL via R1BET

**EU-178 Kihnu** Ric, DL2VFR is operating as ES8/call, Ric mentions 'he demand seems to be rather high. QTH is clearly inside ESFF-0079. Working out of a battery, QTH is a tent, logging by hand. The LH (main picture) is a few km south.'

## **NORTH AMERICA**

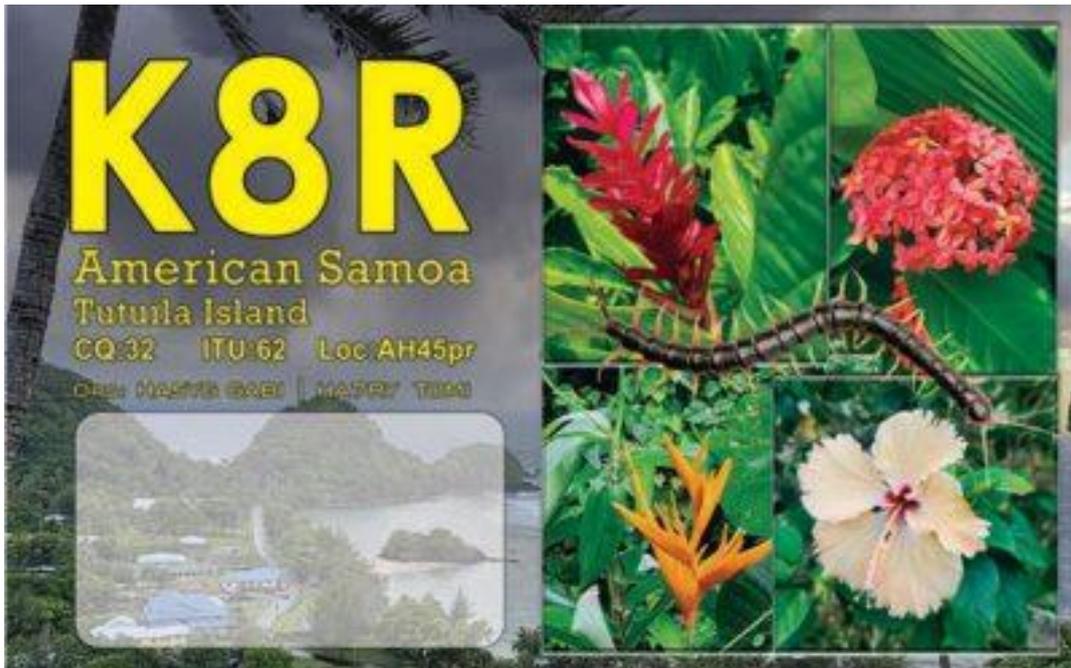
**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Pierre, VE3KTB will once again be operating as VY0ERC between July 21 and August 7. Operation during his spare time.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Alex, K6VHF/HR9 is QRV until July 22 from 160 to 6 meter using FT4/8 using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct or Club Log, LoTW.

**NA-067 Ocracoke Isl** Jon, WB8YJF is once again active as call/4 until July 22. Operation using CW, digi and some SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-144 Ketawai Isl** Look for 7E4K between July 23 and July 29, the Bangka Belitung team members will be QRV during the IOTA contest as 7E4C, outside the contest as 7E4K. QSL via LoTW, or via YE4FNN bureau or direct.



## **Coming up soon**

### **ASIA**

**AS-089 Sharapoy Isl, Torasavey Isl, Levdiev Isl** For the end of July and beginning of August, R1IB, R1II, and RL1I are planning activations of Sharapovy Koshki Islands (RR-06-03), Levdiev Islands (RR-06-42) and Torasavey Isl. (RR-06-40) as RI8KK. An activation of Halayngo (RR-06-62) as RI1PP is also possible. QSL via R1II.

**AS-135 Cheniushan Isl** Look for BI4SSB during the IOTA contest as multi 2 H/P. Possibly active on 6m and IO-117 (Grid: OM9VX) before contest. QSL via BA4TB.

**AS-147 Yagishiri Isl** Taka, JA8COE will once again be operating during the IOTA contest (July 27-28). Operation on HF and 6 meter outside the contest using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, Club Log. <https://blog.goo.ne.jp/takaja8coe>

**AS-148 Munyo Isl** Team DT0IP will be active on July 26-27, an entry in the IOTA contest is included. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 with 3 high power stations. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or 6K2CFI.

**AS-150 Lingshan Isl** Team consisting of BI4KKC, BA4KR, BA4MY, BG4NMT, BI4KKF, BI4LBR, BH4KRH and BH4IQZ will be active during the IOTA contest as BY4JN. They will use a combination of antennas and QRV on 80-6m also outwith the contest; CW, SSB & FT8. Grid: PM05cs. QSL via BA4MY, Club Log OQRS.

**AS-204 Paramushir Isl** Team consisting Vasily R7AA, Alex RW3RN, Vladimir RK8A and Yuri RM0F will be QRV from Paramushir Island, Kuril Islands, AS-204 as RI0F during July 28 to August 3, 2024. Grid: QO80bq. IOTA is 25.5% most wanted. QSL via R7AA.

<https://d Expedition.wixsite.com/ri0f>

### **EUROPE**

**EU-028 Giannutri Isl** Alessandro, IU3EDK and Carlo, IZ1KGY will participate in the IOTA Contest as IR5G from Giannutri Island. QSL via bureau or direct to IU3EDK.

**EU-040 Berlenga Grande Isl** CT1END/p, CT2IFE/p, CS7AWH/p, CS7AWL/p and CS7BEK/p will be active as CS5POTA on July 19-20. QRV from 80 to 2 meter using SSB, FM and digital modes. QSL for CS5POTA via CT1REP, others via home calls.

**EU-083 Gallinara Isl** Look for IP1X (IU1JCZ, I1NVU, IK1YDB, IU1LCU and IK1QBT) during July 27-28. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB multiop low power category. QSL via IU1JCZ direct or bureau, Club Log. More on QRZ.com.

**EU-138 Senoren Isl** Members of EDR Ballerup will be active as SM/OV2E between July 25 and July 29. An entry in the IOTA contest is included, activity on HF and perhaps 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via OZ0J for bureau or direct. Log upload and live depend on the internet connection.

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-144 Pulau Ketawai** Bangka Belitung team members will be active from Ketawai Island during July 25-29 as 7E4K. During the IOTA contest they will revert to using the 7E4C callsign. QRV on HF bands. QSL via eQSL, LoTW or bureau/direct to YE4FNN. <https://www.7e4k.com/>

**On the scene...Pierre, VE3KTB as VY0ERC on a previous operation from Ellesmere Isl**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**3X, GUINEA** After its E44CC DXpedition in 2020, F6KOP announced to go to Guinea (3X) in 2021 but Covid had arrived and the borders were closed. Today, F6KOP has the pleasure to inform the DX community that its 2024 expedition will be in Guinea, on the island of Kassa (Los archipelago) IOTA AF-051 from November 27 to December 9, 2024 with at least 12 operators. Activity expected from 160 to 6m and SAT. The previous major expedition (from Guinea) took place in 2016. Eight years later, 3X is in the top 100 on the most-wanted list. More info to follow in due course, including callsign..

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Alan VK2MET/VK1AO will be operating as 4W/call fromm Dili between August 19 and September 4. Operation mainly from 40 to 12 meter using CW and FT8 QRP style using dipoles. The most likely operating hours will be UTC 07:00am to 09:00am and UTC 23:00pm to 01:00am. QSL via eQSL, LoTW, HRDLOG, Club Log, HamQTH.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Gregor, S53RA will be operating as 8Q7GG between August 3 and August 13 from Fulidhoo, Maafushi, Thoddoo and maybe some other islands. Activity using a Xiegu X6100 and a vertical antenna QRP. Operation in holiday-style mainly in his evenings using CW, SSB and FT8.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Philippe, F1DUZ will once again be operating as FG4KH between October 22 and November 6. An entry in the CQWWSSB. QSL via home call, QRZ.com.



**YJ, VANUATU** Team YJ0VK is heading back to Vanuatu during August 20-27 saying they enjoyed the location and operating conditions so much earlier this year they have decided to head back for a short activation. As per last time, the bands will be 40-6m, and most of the operation will be CW with some FT8. The team comprises four operators: Luke VK3HJ, Chris VK3QB, Patrick VK2PN and Olgierd VK5XDX. More news to follow.

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **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](#).

**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).

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Kazu, M0CFW will once again be QRV as 3B9KW and as 3B9/call outside the contests. QRV during the CQWW SSB contest (Oct 26-27) and CQWW CW contest (Nov 23-24). Before and after the contest as 3B9/call -> October 20-30 and again November 17-27. QSL via LoTW.

**3D2/R, ROTUMA ISL** The Pacific Islands DXpedition Group (PIDXG) announces a team with Gregg, W6IZT; Hal, W8HC; Nathan, K4NHW and others will operate from Rotuma as 3D2Z between November 15 and December 4. The 6-man team will be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest is included (call TBA). In addition, 2 NexGenRibs will be operated by a team of young amateurs. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

**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.

**5W, SAMOA** Pete, ZL4TE will be QRV as 5W0TE from October 3 until October 10. *'Full credit to my XYL, she had no objection to my bringing the Icom 705. Given it is our silver wedding anniversary trip, I think she may be a keeper! I hope to operate CW, FT8 and D-STAR, holiday style. In anticipation of this latest trip, I have joined POTA and WWFF. I intend to activate at least one of the parks (more if I get time). Our accomodation is a good distance from many of the parks. It is still a way off, but at the moment I am going to cut and test some elements for EFHW antenna. Once the weather warms up I will give them an airing at a local park. I'm also trying to acquaint myself with the WWFF / POTA software.'*

**6O, 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/>

### QSL preview



**6Y, JAMAICA** Neil, GORNU will once again be operating as 6Y/call between October 23 and November 6. Activity on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**7Q, MALAWI** A team with EA7FTR, CT1BOL, 7Q6M and 7Q7CT will be operating as 7Q1 during October 23 and November 2. Operation on all bands and all modes. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. QSL via EA7FTR.

**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.

**A2, BOTSWANA** Look for Andreas DB8UX as A25UX between August 3 and August 9. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using low power FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**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.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Claudio, HB9OAU will be active from Sal Island as D44OA between October 24 and November 5. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**E6, NIUE** Jacek, SP5EAQ will be operating as E6AQ between October 22 and November 9. The QTH will be on the western side of the island, right by the ocean. This will be a SSB only operation from 80 to 10 meter. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. QSL via SP7DQR.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Look for TO2X during the CQWW SSB contest (M5RIC, GW4XUM, K1XX and W1MD). Before and after the contest they will sign as FG/calls. TO2X via LoTW.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Yann, F1SMB will once again be QRV as FO/call between August 15 and September 15. Operation on 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNX, OK2WX will be QRV during January 2025. More to follow.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A large team will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8g.com/>

**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!'*

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# KH9/KJ6GHN

**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active as J88PI from Palm Island between September 12 and September 21. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. [DXpedition 2024 | gw4dvh-website \(g4dvh.co.uk\)](#)

**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.

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Tom, KC0W will once again be active as KH0/call on 160 meter starting October. *'I have not been active on Top Band Since 2021. Antenna is a monoband 160 Meter Dipole & 1kW. This new antenna is a BIG improvement over the former 160 Meter antenna which was used to make almost 1,000 Top Band QSOs in 2021.'*

**KH5, JARVIS ISL** In March the Dateline DX Association was pleased to announce that it has received permission from the USFWS for a DXpedition to Jarvis Island National Wildlife Reserve this August. Jarvis is ranked nr. 18 on Clublog's global most wanted list. It is number 9 in

Europe. In some EU countries Jarvis is ranked as high as second most wanted on phone and digial. Jarvis is ranked higher than Bouvet (16) in Europe. It is 450 miles from Palmyra Atoll and 1500 miles from Hawaii.

An experienced team of five consisting of George, AA7JV, Don, N1DG, Tomi, HA7RY, Adrian, KO8SCA, and Mike, KN4EEI, will install 6 RIB stations on Jarvis. The at-island team will be augmented by 24 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America. All phone, 160 and 6 mtr operations will be done locally. The local ops will also operate CW and FT8 on all bands. The remote operators will operate on 80 to 10 meters using CW and FT8 modes. We are permitted 12 days of operation but the permit is good for the whole month of August to allow for weather issues. <https://jarvisisland2024.com/>

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** Rikk, WE9G will be active as WE9G/KH8 during August 15-29. Operation on HF using mainly FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW or Club Log.

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** A team with N5DD, W5MJ, K5PI and VE7KW is active as KH8T until September 16. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://www.kh8t.net/>

**OY, FAROE ISL** The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

**S9, SAO TOME** A team consisting N4XP, 5B4AQN, CT1BOL, CT1EEB, HI8RD, I8NHJ, KH7U, KJ7KOJ, K0IR, K3VN, N2WB, N6MZ, WB4JTT and W7YED will be active from Sao Tome as S9Z during November 11-20. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, Digi and EME on 432 mHz. <https://s9z.org/>

**V4, ST KITTS** Look once again for V47JA between September 18 and October 1. Activity from 6 to 160 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via W5JON direct or LoTW.

### **On the scene...snapped mast at VK2/W7BRS Lord Howe Isl**



**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Following their successful journey to Guyana under the callsign **8R7X**, the team is now setting their sights on a new destination in the Pacific region. Their next DXpedition will take them to the Marshall Islands, scheduled for February 2025.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available. Additionally, the team is in the process of launching a website, which will soon be accessible.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING** Members of OM7M and CDXP will be active from Cocos-Keeling island

as VK9CV during November 1-15. Team consists of OM5ZW, OM4AYL, OK6DJ, OK2ZA, OM3PC, OM4MM, OM4MW and VK5GR. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8, RTTY and SAT QO-100. <https://vk9cv.com/>

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

**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.

**VU4, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR** DX-Adventure announces a DXpedition with an international team of over 10 operators during the first quarter of 2025. QRV on all band using CW, SSB and digital modes. More to follow. <https://www.dx-adventure.com/>

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Antonio, I8KHC and the Mediterraneo Dx Club are planning a DXpedition as XT2MD between October 31 and November 11. A team with 14 skilled operators will be active with 5 stations non-stop from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IK2VUC.

**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>

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Oliver, W6NV will once again be QRV as ZD7W for the CQWW SSB and CQWW CW contest.

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

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the works for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info. It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8. Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather. No Spiderbeams. The 60, 80 & 160 meter antennas will be inverted L's with plenty of radials.

**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

### AFRICA

**AF-057 Nosy Faly** Shabu, MOKRI will be operating as 5R8SR possibly during September. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log. More to follow.

## THE REMINDERS

### ASIA

**AS-140 Dal Char Isl** 'We are planning to activate another IOTA in this December. Our main goal this year is to focus on hands on training and capacity building for the local HAMs to understand different types of HF antenna, Propagation and Pileup handling. We hope in coming days we will see more HF station doing DXing from S2.

After checking all the islands in the two groups, considering Logistics, Transport and Cost we have decided to do the IOTA from the same island as before (Dhal Char, AS-140). The other nearby island is not suitable due to antenna orientation problem and also drinking water is not available in all of them, some are not inhabited.'

### EUROPE

**EU-118 Flannan Isl** A team of five UK ops will attempt to activate MM0UKI from the Flannan Islands EU-118 in August. The uninhabited island group is 20 miles (32km) west of the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides. It is 6th 'most wanted' IOTA in Europe and 2nd in the UK (after Rockall). The team consists of Rockall DXpedition veteran Nobby G0VJG, John G4IRN, Paul G4PVM, Mike GM5AUG and Jamie M0SDV. The ferry tickets have been booked from Ullapool (mainland Scotland) to Lewis and a private charter boat will take the team to Flannan.

The trip is weather dependent – departure to the island is planned for 1st August, with the 2nd being a contingency day. Activity will be on 40m to 6m SSB and CW from three stations and will continue until the first available weather window for departure on 4th August or thereafter.

### NORTH AMERICA

#### **NA-119 Dernieres**

#### **NA-120 Marsh**

Dragan K0AP, Mike AD5A, Hector XE2K/AD6D and Mike AB5EB plan to be active from IOTA groups NA-119 (Dernieres) & NA-120 (Marsh) during the period October 4-8, 2024. Operation from NA-120 will be daytime only due to overnight restrictions.

Mike AB5EB says final layout of the stations is not complete but will likely be a combination of verticals and possibly a Buddihex which he used at [CB0ZA](#), and found it very portable and practical for IOTA. Team also plan on having a dedicated 6m station; October will not be ideal for 6m but with FT8 they hope to exploit any E-skip openings. Two different 1×1 callsigns to be announced later.

**NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl** Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025.

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

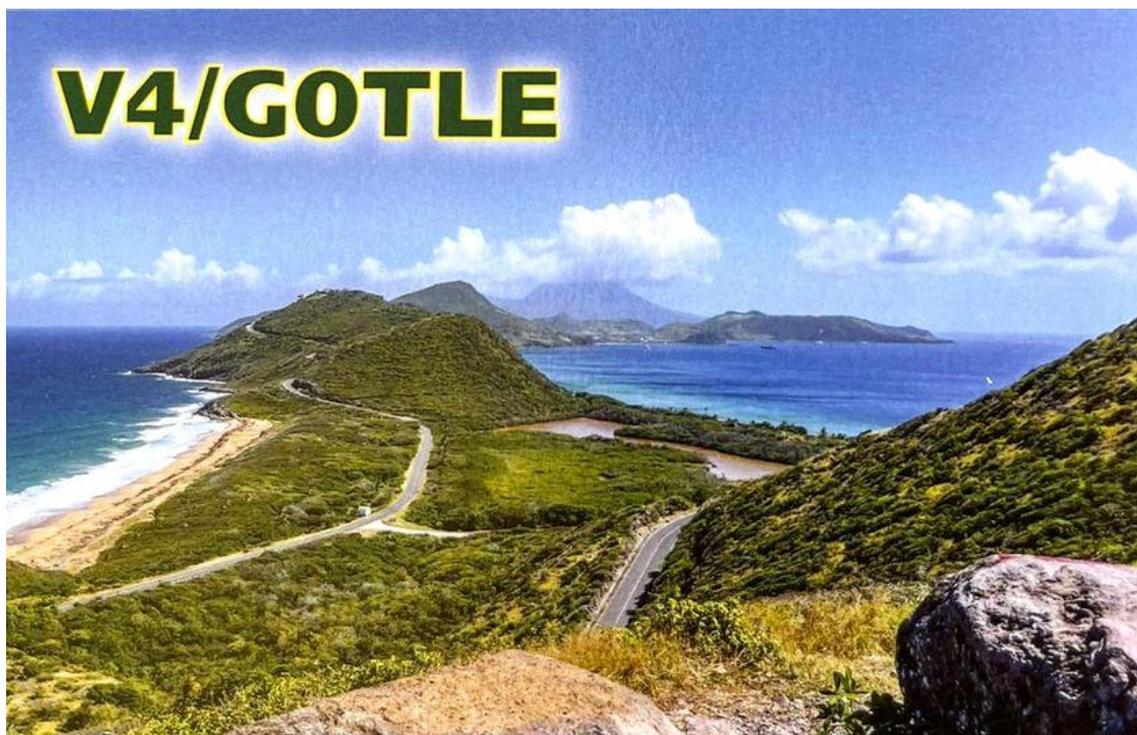
**OC-063 Mangareva Isl** Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.

**OC-133 Semporna Isl** 9M1Z will be active from Timba-Timba Island (1st confirmed QRV island) during the first week of September (specific dates to be confirmed soon). 2-3 days activity with possible QSY to another island later.

**OC-144 Mendanau Isl** Irfan, YE4IJ and team will be operating as 7E4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes + VHF/UHF satellite, FM and SSTV.

**OC-177 Pari Isl** The ORARI East Jakarta DXpedition team will be operating as 7E79RI during August 16-19. Operation on HF. More to follow.

## QSL preview



## Special calls

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**CT, PORTUGAL** Special event station **CR6B** will be active on 15-21 July for the 42nd International Motorcycle Rally in Faro, Portugal. Expect activity on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via CT1EHX. (TNX 425DX)

### **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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

**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.

**DL, GERMANY** Special callsign **DL0SOP** will be active on 1-31 July for the 66th edition of the Sea of Peace Award (see <https://dl0sop.darc.de/> for full details). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to DL4SVA. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** **DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney are using until end 2024 to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (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)

**F, FRANCE** During the Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay and the actual Olympic Games, look for **TM67OG** to be active for fifteen days between 25 June and 27 July, and **TM67JO** to be active for another fifteen days between 26 July and 11 August. The operators will be F1LFL (SSB), F5PZT (FT8 and FT4) and F5TFW (CW). QSLs via F1LFL, bureau or direct.

**F, FRANCE** Special event station **TM51JO** (to be active from 26 July to 9 August during the Olympic Games), and by **TM51JP** (to be active from 28 August to 8 September during the Paralympic Games). QSL for the three special callsigns via F5JYD, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** By the Landes 40 department, look for **TM40FO** July 26 - August 9 (Olympic games), **TM40IPC** August 28 - September 8 ( International Paralympic Committee).

**F, FRANCE TM100G** is the special call to celebrate 100 years of the first Olympic games in Paris. The first Olympic games occurred in Paris one century ago. QRV from July 10 until August 10. QSL via F5PYI.

**F, FRANCE TM111TDF** is a French special callsign to be activated for this year's 111th edition of the Tour de France. Look for activity on 17-21 July. QSL via F8GGZ. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Special callsign **TM83JO** is active on 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 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.

**G, ENGLAND** Joining Guglielmo Marconi's 150th anniversary celebrations, the Cornish Radio Amateur Club (GX4CRC) will be active as **GB150GM** from 27 April until 27 July. QSL via eQSL. This activity participates in the "Marconi 150 Award", organized by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) and the Coordinamento Stazioni Marconiane Italiane (CSMI) under the patronage of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation. See IR2GMCL below. (TNX 425DX)

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

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Special callsign **HB50VC** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) end 2024. 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 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

**I, ITALY** Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI's Board of Directors are active as **IR2GMCL** until July 27 during the "Marconi 150 Award". See <https://www.qrz.com/db/IR2GMCL> for the rules. Paper QSL cards will not be provided; electronic QSLs will be downloadable from the HamAward platform. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Celebrating Pesaro Capitale Italiana della Cultura (Italian Capital of Culture) 2024, members of ARI Pesaro and ARI Fano will be active as **II6CIC** from 1 June to 29 August. QSL via IQ6PS. (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 400<sup>th</sup> 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 callsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **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 OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE70VIE** is a special callsign marking the 70th anniversary of Vienna International Airport (IATA code VIE) from 21 June to 30 September. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW in due course, or via OE6VIE. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** Sylvia, OE5YYN will be active as **OE20SOTA** between 1 May and 31 October to mark the 20th anniversary since Austria joined the Summits on the Air programme. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/OE20SOTA>. (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-qls.

**OZ, DENMARK** Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the IOTA Programme, three special callsigns will be active on all bands and modes between 1 July and 31 August: **OZ60IOTA** will be used from mainland Denmark **5Q60IOTA/#** will be used by residents on Danish islands **5P60IOTA/#** will be used during island DXpeditions The suffix appended to 5Q60IOTA and 5P60IOTA will indicate the IOTA group as follows: /0 = EU-030, /1 = EU-171, /2 = EU-172, /5 = EU-125, /8 = EU-088, /9 = EU-029. There will be an activity calendar on <https://www.supersaas.dk/schedule/EDR/OZ60IOTA>. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via OZ1ACB. A number of certificates will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ60IOTA> for complete information.

**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 Radioamatörer 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** Marking the 25th anniversary since Poland joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, special callsign **HF25NATO** will be active from 1 May to 31 August. A certificate will be available for download on <https://hf25nato.spaward.pl>. QSL via LoTW, or via Club Log's OQRS (only 100 "limited edition QSL cards" will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** Special callsign **SN91LOT** will be active on 1-31 July to commemorate the 91st anniversary of the ill-fated flight of Lithuanian pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girenas. On 15 July 1933 they attempted a nonstop flight from New York City to Kaunas in a small airplane named "Lituanica". After crossing the Atlantic Ocean, they crashed on 17 July when they were only 650km short of their final destination. QSL via SP1PMY. (TNX 425DX)

**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)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign **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)

**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) are active as **YT100R** and **YU100R** until December. A certificate will be available: <https://www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/>.

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