



## **DX bulletin 613**

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## **DX NEWS**

### **N5J Jarvis Island DXpedition –update August 15**

In response to the requests to run normal Fox Hound mode because some stations are having difficulty with the SuperFox mode, effective 00:00 UTC 16 August we will convert one of the two WSJT-X stations to the old Fox Hound method.

We ask all stations who already worked us in the digi band mode to let those people still needed a digital QSO to work us. Check Club Log if you are unsure.

We will still have another station in Superfox mode. We hope this allows more stations to make it into the log on digi or even an ATNO.



### **C21MM Nauru DXpedition –update**

C21MM homepage has been online since July 28, 2024. In between we all got our visas for Nauru and Australia. On our way from Germany to Nauru there is an overnight stay in Brisbane. Today we would like to give you some insights on our logo. If you try to find something typical for Nauru, you always come across **phosphate mining**, which is a story about colonialism and how fast wealth can fade away. This is what the excavator stands for. However, there is still beautiful nature on the island like the endemic bird, the **Nauru Reed Warbler** which can be seen on the logo. We have to admit it's a slightly beautified version of it. The original can be seen on one of the stamps of the small island: To make the logo complete, the famous 5 band LZ beam is of course a must. Thanks to Vincent, F4CVQ for the artwork of the logo and Fred, DH5FS, for the idea.



### **VK9CV Cocos Keeling Islands –update**

Miro OM5RW has joined the VK9CV team. He's a very experienced operator and will focus on 160m.





## VU4X Andaman Islands –update

The DX-Adventure team is busy preparing for the next DXpedition to the Andaman Islands. They would like to know from you which bands are important, to get an overview per continent.

Vote [here](#).



## DXCC

### This week on air

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

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Alan VK2MET/VK1AO will be operating as 4W/call from 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.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Alex, SQ9UM will be active as D4UM during August 16-26. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8. QSO upload to Club Log.

**EX, KYRGYZSTAN** Darek SP9DLM and Greg SN9GM are active as EX/calls until August 20. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Yann, F1SMB is once again QRV as FO/call until September 15 from Tahiti. Operation on 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

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

**J6, ST LUCIA** Seth, N4XTT is active as J6/call until August 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!'*

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

**KH5, JARVIS ISL** 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 is augmented by 24 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America. All phone, 160 and 6 mtr operations are done locally. The local ops are also operating CW and FT8 on all bands. The remote operators are operating 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 is active as WE9G/KH8 until August 29. Operation on HF using mainly FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW or Club Log.

**OH0, ALAND ISL** Pasi OH2MZB, Tapani OH5BM, Jouni OH2JIU, Niko OH5CZ, Toni OH5CY + XYL and Juha OH5CW are active as OG0C until August 18. QRV from 160 meter to 70cm with a QSO target of 20-30K. They plan to run stations 24/7 using CW, SSB, Digi. Check vast array of

antennas to be used [here](#). QSL via OH5C.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Holger, DG3FEH is active as S79/call in 'holiday-style' until August 27. Operation mainly on 15, 20, 40 meter and QO-100 using SSB. QSL via home call, bureau.

**TK, CORSICA** Frans, DJ0TP is active as TK/call until September 4. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**TU, IVORY COAST** Yigitcan, TA2YGT is operating as TU/call until September 16. QRV mainly on QO-100 and perhaps some QRP style on 20 meter FT8

**V4, ST KITTS** Gary, G0FWX is QRV as V47FWX until August 24. QSL via M0URX OQRS.

**VE, CANADA** The Antigonish Amateur Radio Club wish to announce the Henry Island Lighthouse DX Expedition as VE1RTI. Henry Island is 6.6 klm from the village of Port Hood, located on Cape Breton Island, in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada. It will take place coinciding with (ILLW) Lighthouse Weeknd. We plan to operate only one of the 2 days weather permitting. Plan A is Saturday Aug 17. Operating hours are planned for 15:00 - 20:00 UTC Plan B is Sunday Aug 18 - same times.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Randy, K5SL is active as VP5/call until August 24. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**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.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Rafael, NN3RP is operating in 'holiday-style' as YN2RP until August 20. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or direct via NN3RP.

**ZA, ALBANIA** Luca, IU3MDI is QRV as ZA/call until August 20. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, home call and EQSL.

**ZD8, ASCENSION ISL** Gerald, G3WIP is operating as ZD8GB until August 17. QRV during his spare time on 20, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via EA5GL.

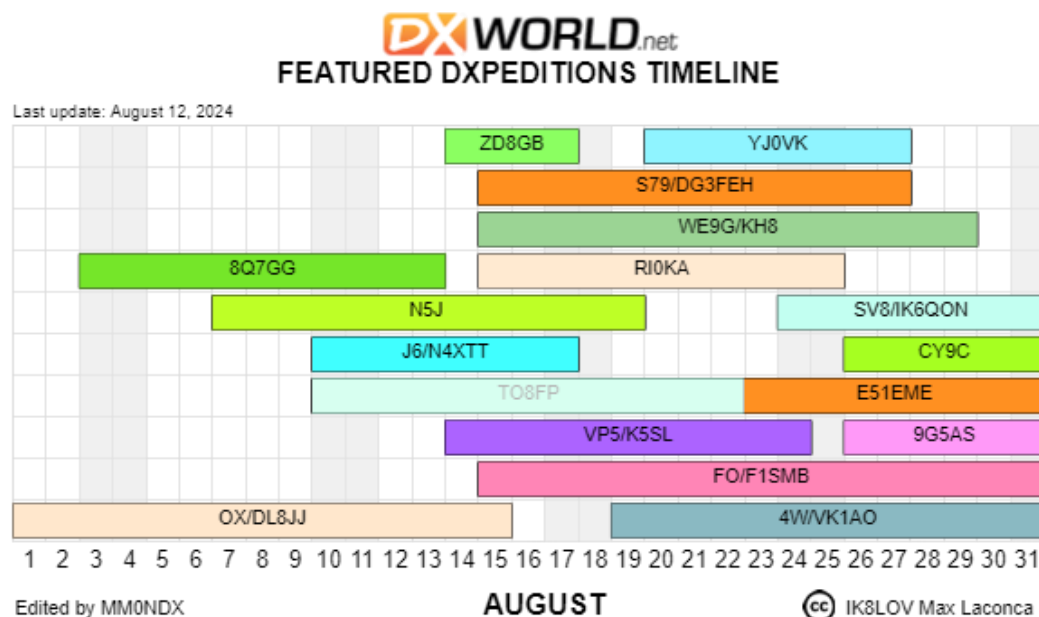
## Coming up soon

**9G, GHANA** Adam, M6NXW will be operating as 9G5AS from Breman between August 26 and September 4. Activity on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via HRD log and QRZ.com.

**E5, COOK ISL** Bob ZL1RS will once again be operating as E51EME between August 23 and September 15. Operation primarily on 6 meter FT8 and perhaps 10 meter if propagation is good. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

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

## DXCC Timeline





**On the scene...7Q1 meet in Lisbon with members 7Q7CT, CT1BOL and EA7FTR.**



## **IOTA**

### **This week on air**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-038 Ayon Isl** The RRC club is active as RI0KA (grid RP39XW) until August 29. Operation on HF with 2 Icoms, verticals and amplifier. QSL via RZ3EC.

**AS-093 Taehuksan Isl** Oh 6K2CFI and Ji DS1TUW will be QRV as D93H during August 15-17. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. Grid: PM24rq. Also HLFF-0015&0060 / POTA KR-0014&0073. WWFF schedule: HLFF-0015 on August 15-16th, HLFF-0060 on August 17th. Club Log [Livestream](#) will be enabled. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS and Direct via DS1TUW.

#### **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-075 Salamina Isl** Kostas SV8GGI and Vassilis SV1SXZ will be active as J45KLH from Koghi Lighthouse during August 17-18. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-111 Long Beach Isl** Members of the Old Barney Amateur Radio Club will be active as N2OB from "Old Barney", the Barnegat Lighthouse on Long Beach Island on August 17 (13-21 UTC). Activity is mostly on 20 meter SSB. QSL via N200

**NA-151 Tasiilaq Isl** Emil, DL8JJ is operating as OX/call until August 15. QRV during his spare time using CW.

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-177 Pari Isl** Operators of the ORARI Lokal Jakarta Timur will be operating as 7E79RI during August 16-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 with several stations. QSL via LoTW.

#### **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-055 Martin Garcia Isl** Carlos, LU8DCH will be QRV as call/D during August 15-18 from POTA-AR-001 and ILLW SA-022. QSL via home call, direct only.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Announced DX**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9L, SIERRA LEONE** F6KOP can now inform the DX community that its next expedition will take place by the end of 2024 to SIERRA LEONE (9L). This DXCC entity had already been activated by F6KOP in 2019 (9LY1JM) but is however in 80th position on the most wanted list.

14 operators are planned and "human" modes (CW and SSB) will have an important place in traffic. More information to come... (F2DX, communication manager).

**C9, MOZAMBIQUE** CX2AM, CX3AN and CX8FB will be active as C91BV during October 17-24. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

**FR, REUNION ISL** Michal, OM2DX will be operating as TO2DX between September 28 and October 7. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. Operation on HF using CW and digi. QSL via home call.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Gunter, DK2WH will be active as V51WH starting mid-September until early November. QTH from a farm close to Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter and 60 meter. An entry in the CQWW RTTY and SSB contest are included as V55Y.



**V5, NAMIBIA** The Norwegian ARD is planning a DXpedition as V55LA during end October and the first week of November. Still in planning phase, they are now working on the antenna farm layout and exploring the most ideal location. QSL via M00XO OQRS. More to follow, the website will soon be on air. <https://www.ardxpeditons.com/>

**VE, CANADA** Chris, VO1CH informs DX-WORLD that he will be active from CQ Zone 2 as VO2VC during September 26 to October 5. Participation in the CQWW RTTY contest (Sept 28-29). Before / after the contest on SSB & FT8/4. Equipment will be an ICOM IC-7300, AL80B amp, 3 Element Triband Yagi and ZS6BKW antenna.

### **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](#).

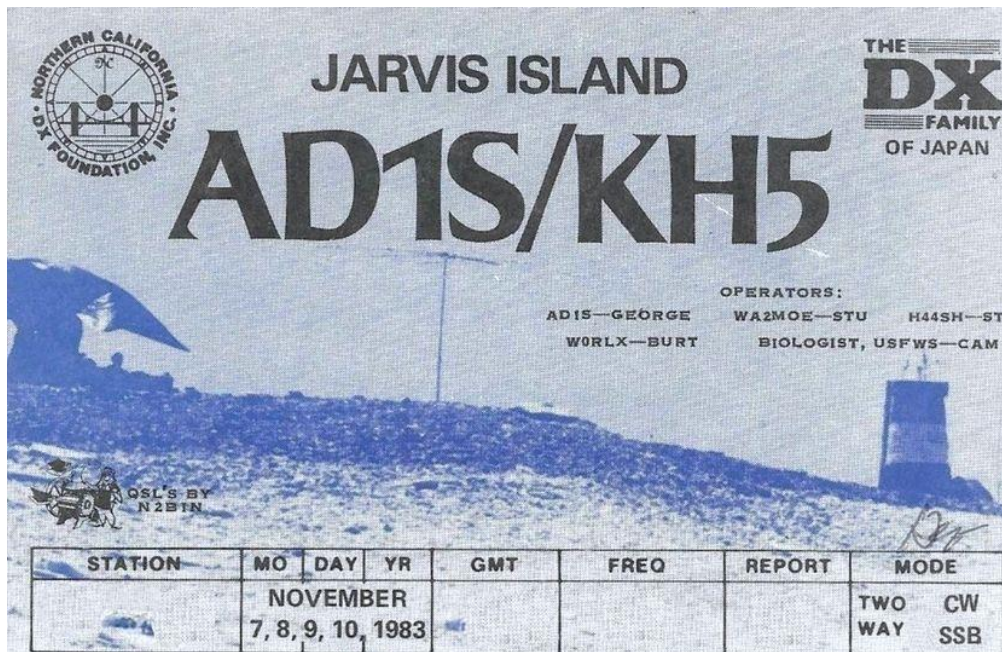
**3A, MONACO** Col, MM0NDX and Steve, MM0SAJ will again be active from Monaco during September 5-9 as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus likely to be on low bands in their evening and 6m if propagation permits. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

**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.

**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.'*



The image shows a QSL card for the Jarvis Island DXpedition. At the top left is a circular logo for the Northern California DX Foundation, Inc. The title "JARVIS ISLAND" is prominently displayed above the large call sign "AD1S/KH5". To the right, it says "THE DX FAMILY OF JAPAN". Below the call sign, the operators are listed: AD1S—GEORGE, WA2MOE—STU, H44SH—STU, W0RLX—BURT, and BIOLOGIST, USFWS—CAM. The card features a blue-toned photograph of a lighthouse on a rocky island. At the bottom, there is a table for logging QSLs.

STATION	MO	DAY	YR	GMT	FREQ	REPORT	MODE
	NOVEMBER						TWO CW
	7, 8, 9, 10, 1983						WAY SSB

**6O, SOMALIA** Look for 6O3T with Fabri IV3JPP, Paolo IV3DSH, Frank IZ8GCE, Maurizio IV3ZXQ and Mauro IV3AZV during September 9-30. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL information and more details on <https://dxexplorer.net/>

**6Y, JAMAICA** Neil, G0RNU 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.

**C2, NAURU** A team (T2C in 2023 and P29RO in 2022 and other activities in the years before COVID) will be QRV from Nauru in October 2024. Operation is planned with 5 stations 24/7 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. Due the complicated logistics, we plan to arrive with two teams: 6 team members will arrive on October 11, 2024. They will bring 2 stations. This includes the LZ wire beam and the LBS-pentaplexer. This means that operation in the first days will only occur on the high bands. The rest of the team will arrive on October 14 for another 12 days.

**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.

**E5, SOUTH COOK** Thomas, N2WLG will be active as E51WLG from September 1 until September 8. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and digi with an IC-7300 and a vertical on the beach. QSL via LoTW, home call, direct or bureau.

### On the scene...Mike KN4EEI at the RIB on Jarvis Island



**E6, NIUE** Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP for 3 weeks in April 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

**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** 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.

**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/M MARQUESAS ISL** A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNO, OK2WX will be QRV as TX7N during January 2025.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS will be QRV as FP/calls between August 31 and September 3. Operation will be as /P as the plan SOTA, POTA/WWFF and ARLHS sites while there using SSB and FT8. QSL via homecalls.

**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.

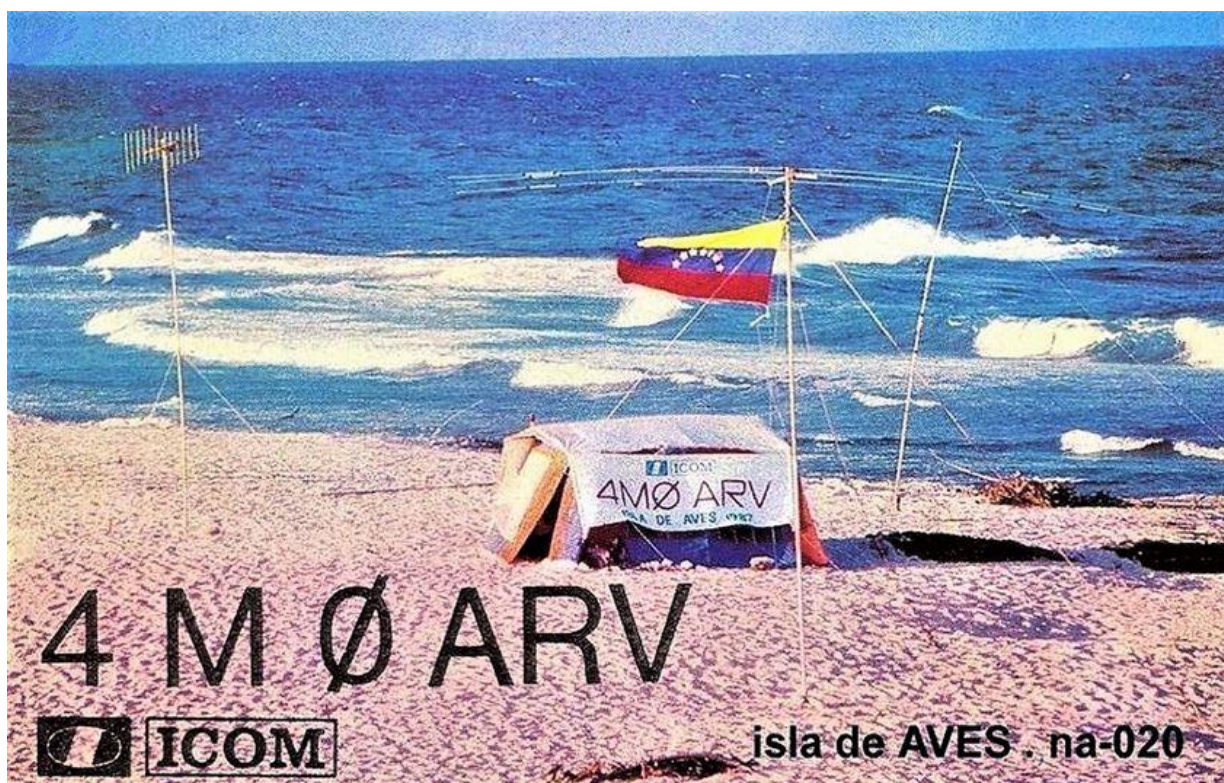
**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A large team will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8g.com/>

**HK0, MALPELO** Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a DXpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a DXpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

**J7, DOMINICA** Lucien FM5WD, Luca IV3JVJ and Ivan IK3ZAZ will be active as J75K from December 26 until January 4, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Koutarou, JP1IHD will once again be active as JD1BQP between October 22 and November 3. Operation from 160 to 6 meter mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

**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.'

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Ken, JO1VRK will be operating as KH0/AJ6VJ between December 30 and January 3. Operation on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter. QSL via LoTW.

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** Look for N5DD, W5MJ, K5PI and VE7KW as KH8T between September 2 and September 16. Plan is to include 2 stations from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 including the SuperFox mode. Possibly 160m, 60m and 6m if antennas and propagation allow. Equipment includes two K3, FTDX10, Expert 1.3K, Expert 1.5K, two Hexbeams, half squares, and verticals. QSL via M0URX. Donations welcome. See [website](#) for latest info.

**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.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Look once again for PJ4A during the CQWW CW contest. Team with K4BAI, KU8E, N8VW and N4RR, active before and after the contest as PJ4/calls.



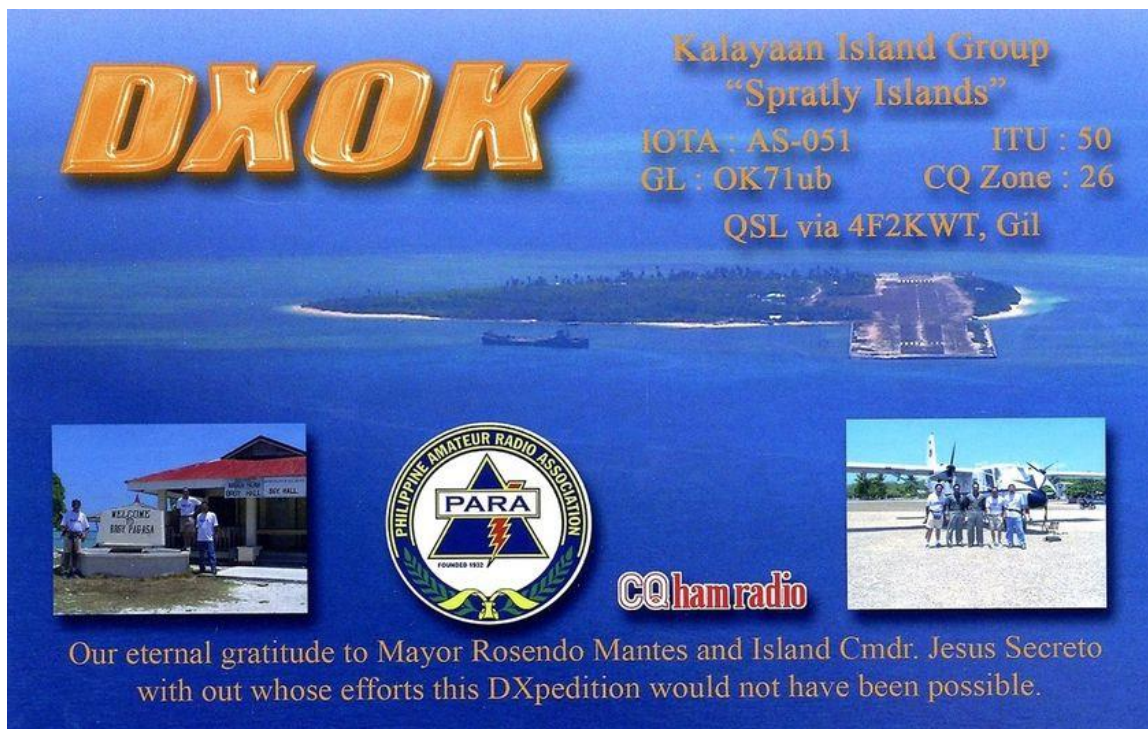
**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 8 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8. QSO upload via LoTW and Club Log, QSL via home call, LoTW.

**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/>

**TY, BENIN** Following on from the TY5C activity earlier this year (see below), Luc F5RAV informs via the "X" platform that a new DXpedition to Benin (again as TY5C) will take place during October '24 to February '25. Gerard, F5NVF will be there for four months while Luc will stay two weeks finishing just after the CQWW SSB contest. QRV on 80-10m.

**V4, ST KITTS** Rikk, WE9G will be QRV as V4/call during September 10-17. Operation mainly on digi from grid FK87pg. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

**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.



The poster features a large, stylized orange 'DXOK' logo at the top left. To its right, the text 'Kalayaan Island Group' and '“Spratly Islands”' is displayed in orange. Below this, technical details are listed: 'IOTA : AS-051', 'ITU : 50', 'GL : OK71ub', and 'CQ Zone : 26'. Further down, it says 'QSL via 4F2KWT, Gil'. The background is a blue sky over a tropical island with a runway. At the bottom, there are three smaller images: a building on the left, the 'PARA' logo in the center (a circular emblem with 'PHILIPPINE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION' and 'FOUNDED 1952'), and a group of people with an aircraft on the right. Below these images, a text block reads: 'Our eternal gratitude to Mayor Rosendo Mantes and Island Cmdr. Jesus Secreto with out whose efforts this DXpedition would not have been possible.'

**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 ISLANDS** A team with AG9A, KD4D, K5PI & K2KW will be active during December 9-17 with a participation in the ARRL 10m Contest as VP2VMM. Outside of contest look for holiday-style activity as VP2V/homecalls. VP2VMM via KU9C, LoTW.

**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** Team consisting of ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI. *'Dx-Adventure is proud to announce its next DXpedition, taking place in the first quarter of 2025. Our international team, consisting of more than 10 experienced operators, is eager to embark on this adventure.....'*

*This time, we are focusing on VU4 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, currently ranked 54th most wanted DXCC country. During this DX expedition, we will be active on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital.*

*This provides a fantastic opportunity for radio amateurs around the world to work this DXCC and IOTA.*



There will be more updates on our [website](#) – stay tuned for the latest news and details.'

**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.'*

### On the scene...XW4KV Laos



**YN, NICARAGUA** Mike, AJ9C will again be operating as YN2CC between November 19 and November 28. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQWW CW is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

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

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Chuma JM1GDA and Nagano JF3SFU will be active between November 2-22. Callsign is pending. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF. More to follow.

**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**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-206 Tashiro Isl** Kari, JQ7ELL will be operating as call/7 between August 31 and September 1. QRV on HF and 6 meter using SSB and FT8 with a multiband antenna and 50 watts. QSL via home call, bureau only.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-171 North Jutland** A team consisting PA1SVM, PA7JWC and PD2R will be active from Saeby (JO57GG) as OV2T and 5Q7DX during September 10-17. Operation from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB and Digi. Also active on satellite QO-100, RS-44. QSL info OV2T via PA0ABM and 5Q7DX via PA7JWC or LoTW.

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-054 Mafia Isl** Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 5H1WX between September 18 and October 6. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via I8KHC. More on <https://www.mdxc.support/5h1wx/>

**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.

#### **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-006 Aran Isl** A team with EI3HA, EI3ISB, EI5KO, EI6FR and EI9JF will be operating as EJ7NET between September 7 and September 11. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via EI6FR.

### **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 1x1 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.

### **On the scene...3D2BT**



## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**CN, MOROCCO** Taking part in the annual Youth Day's celebrations, members of the Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc (ARRAM) will be using the special prefix **5E61** on 17-25 August, while the national society will be running the special event station 5E61FJ. Celebrated on the birth day of the reigning monarch (21 August), Youth Day (Fete de la Jeunesse) is a public holiday in honour of the contribution of the youth to the Kingdom. (TNX 425DX)

**ES, ESTONIA** Celebrating the centenary of amateur radio in Estonia, special event station **ES1924TE** will be active on 5-18 August. QSL via LoTW, eQSL and QRZ Logbook; bureau cards can be requested on the event's website: <https://es1924te.erau.ee>. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE TM80LM** commemorates the liberation of Le Muy (dept. 83, Le Var) 80 years ago. QRV from the 15th to 18th. QSL via OQRS. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE** The radio club F4KIR from Saint Malo uses the callsigns **TM80CAL** (during August) and TM80LCA (during September) to commemorate their city's liberation 80 years ago. QSL via F5BNJ. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE** Vitaly, F4WBU will be active as **TM2024PG** on 12, 19 and 26 August, and again from 28 August to 8 September during the 17th Summer Paralympic Games. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Supported by a Dutch amateur radio team, special event station **TM80LM** will be active on 15-18 August to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the village of Le Muy

during WWII (16 August 1944). QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

**OK, CZECH REP OL24YOTA, OL1YOTA, OL2YOTA and OL3YOTA** are the special callsigns to be used during the YOTA Summer Camp 2024 to be hosted by the Czech Radio Club in Prague on 16-23 August. (TNX 425DX)

**XE, MEXICO 4A2MAX** honours the memory of Saint Maximilian Kolbe (SP3RN) during August. QSL via EA5GL, OQRS, LoTW, eQSL.

### Jarvis Island by N1DG



## 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** Members of DARC's Ortsverband Greifswald (DL0HGW) will be active as **DL250CDF** from 1 August to 30 September. The special callsign marks the 250th anniversary since the birth of the painter Caspar David Friedrich, an icon of the German Romantic movement. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, eQSL and LoTW. A certificate will be available, see <https://dl0hgw.darc.de/dl250cdf.htm> for information. (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** Celebrating the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, members of the Union des Radioclubs (URC) will use **TM2024JPP** on 28 August-9 September: <https://log-et-gsl.associations-radioamateurs.org/wp/boutique/> (TNX 425DX)



**F, FRANCE** The Radio Club du Val d'Issole (F8KGH) will be active as **TM80DP** between 9 and 27 August to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the landing operation ("Debarquement de Provence") of the Allied invasion of Provence during World War II (15 August 1944). They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-6 metres, and via QO-100. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, QRZ Logbook. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Special event station **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 **TM40IPC** August 28 - September 8 (International Paralympic Committee).

**GM, SCOTLAND** The Unicom Radio Club (URC) will be activating the special event callsign **GB1URC** from August 8 to September 4, 2024. This activation marks the official introduction of our international club to the amateur radio community. More info:

<https://unicomradio.com/gb1urc>

**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** 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: **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)

**LY, LITHUANIA** **LY35BW** and **LY35A** will be active on 1-31 August to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Baltic Way. On 23 August 1989 hundreds of thousands of people formed a human chain spanning across Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, demanding the reestablishment of the independence of the Baltic States. A special award will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/LY35BW> for the details. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ302IT** (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)

**OM, SLOVAK REP** Special station **OM80SNP** will be active on 1-31 August commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising (Slovenske Narodne Povstanie) during World War II. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OM2FY.

**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** 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 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** 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 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)

**YB, INDONESIA** Celebrating the 79th anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia's proclamation of independence (17 August 1945), special event stations **8H79RI, 8H79I, 8H79N, 8H79D, 8H79O, 8I79N, 8I79E, 8I79S, 8I79I** and **8I79A** will be QRV on 10-18 August. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW, FT8 and RTTY, plus via FM satellites. See <https://award.orari.or.id> for eQSLs and the "Indonesia Award 2024" (TNX 425DX)

**YO, ROMANIA YQ60YODXC** is the special callsign celebrating the 60th anniversary of the YO DX Club on 1-31 August. A number of certificates will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/YQ60YODXC> for the details. (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/>.