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DX NEWS

African tour by HA5AO –update

Pista, HA5AO provides a short update saying that he hopes conditions improve in the days ahead. At the moment he says propagation does not favour CW – even if signals are strong the QSB and distortion of the signal make it impossible to copy. In addition, the electricity is very unstable with frequent blackouts lasting some minutes to hours.

Future plans with ON6TT and SM7PKK

Seasoned DXpeditioners from yesteryear, Peter ON6TT and Mats SM7PKK plan on sailing and DXpeditioning for the next few years to come. They say they might not have been active a lot in the past years, but now have solid plans ahead in the spirit of YASME, tracing back steps of Danny Weil. They will cross the Atlantic (in January 2025) where Mats may sign **SM8Z/MM** occasionally as they sail. Once in the Caribbean, first stop is J3 – Grenada.

Picture is of Peter and Mats at a recent meet-up.

ON6TT team member of AH1A, 3Y0PI, FO0CI, VK0IR + more

SM7PKK team member 3D2AM, T33R, 3D2CT, T31T + more



3Y0K Bouvet Island 2026 DXpedition –update

This is a challenging project logistic-wise where vessel and helicopter must be coordinated, and the contracts placed sufficient time ahead. We have studied various offers for boat and helicopter services, in line with the scope of this project.

Due to the postponement from 2025 to 2026 we also had to renegotiate the terms. We are now in the final stage of negotiating the vessel and helicopter contracts for the 3Y0K Bouvet Island DXpedition anticipated for 2026.

We have agreed on the important price elements in these contracts, and will release more info once we have all details completed.

For now we aim to fully finance this trip upfront. This is a major DXpedition where we also team up with a small private group to share the cost and risk for this DXpedition.

In addition the funding of this trip significantly depends on us building a team of 20 operators to finance the budget. We're 14 operators and are actively looking for another 6 operators to complete the team. As we are approaching the final stage of the negotiations we are again reaching out to anyone who wants to join our team to participate in this one in a lifetime adventure.

We estimate to stay around the island for 21 days and the total duration should be around 40 days. Should you wish to join our team please contact admin@3y0.no or Cezar VE3LYC directly. For Peter I, we are still looking for another 3 operators before the team is complete.

3D22 and 3D2V Rotuma –update September 18

Next Monday (Sept 24) or Tuesday (Sept 25) the Rebel DX Group will leave for Rotuma. The sailing takes about 48 hours. Currently, there's some bad weather around Rotuma with 4.5m high seas and 30kts wind so they are watching carefully before departing. Estimated QRV around end of next week.

3D2Y Rotuma 2024 –update

Gregg W6IZT reports that fundraising continues for the upcoming 3D2Y DXpedition to Rotuma Island. "With continued support from our sponsors and donors we are on target to meet our funding goals, but we still have a way to go."

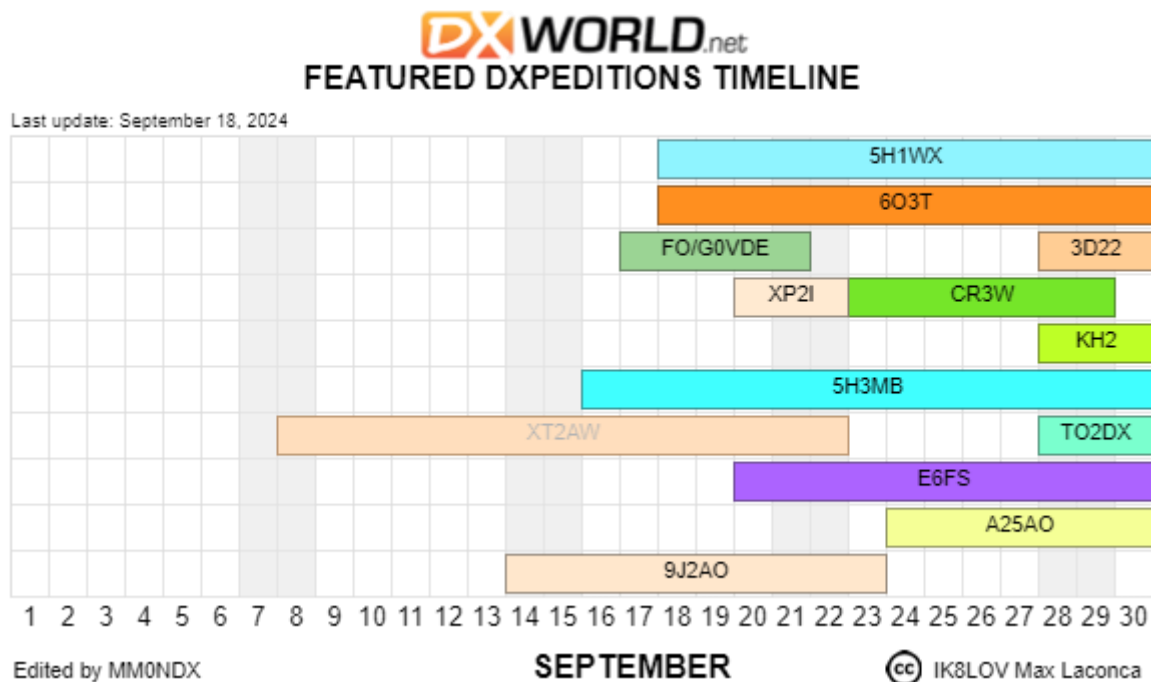
The shipment of most of our equipment has arrived in Fiji, cleared Customs, and is in storage awaiting transfer to the boat that will take our gear to Rotuma. To minimize the cost of air freight the team is carrying 2 x Elecraft K3s and 3 x KPA500s. Baggage constraints on the flight to Rotuma are strictly enforced, limiting what we can carry with us.

The DXpedition runs from November 15th to December 4th.

Funding raising efforts continue for the November DXpedition. Please consider supporting the 3D2Z Rotuma DXpedition by visiting our website for details: rotuma2024.com



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N5J – The DXpedition to Jarvis Island by Don Greenbaum, N1DG

The Next Generation: **8R7X** – Guyana 2024 by Philipp Springer, DK6SP

CB0ZA – The Juan Fernández Story by Otis Vicens, NP4G

TJ9MD Cameroon DXpedition by Steve Werner, AG4W

T2C – A lightweight DXpedition to Tuvalu by Werner Hasemann, DJ9KH

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DXCC

This week on air

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African tour by Pista HA5AO

Pista, HA5AO – celebrating 50 years anniversary of his HAM license – informs DX-World that he is active from operating sites within 40-80 km circle of the common borders of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia. QRV from each country on CW, SSB, and FT8 from 80m up to 6m. Pista use a 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,
14-23 September, Zambia, Victoria Falls region as **9J2AO**, QRA: KH22wc
24 Sept-14 October, Botswana, Chobe National Park as **A25AO**, QRA: KH22oc
Other details, QSL policy and OQRS can be found [here](#).

3D2, FIJI Mike, VK3BDL is operating in 'holiday-style' as 3D2MA until September 23. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via home call.

3D2, ROTUMA Look for 3D22 and 3D2V until September 24 or 25. Operation with 3 operators

on the island and several remote ops via Starlink. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using mainly FT8, CW and some SSB. There will be experimental FT8 operations. One five bands (10, 12, 15, 17, 20) there will be different frequency used for NA and JA, and a different frequency for EU. There will be 10 radios running simultaneously for this idea on those bands. Other bands will be shared old way.

4L, GEORGIA Stephane, F4JZW is active as 4L/call until September 30. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using 10W and a wire. QSL via LoTW.

5H, TANZANIA Maurizio IK2GZU is operating as 5H3MB until October 11. He is a volunteer at the Ikelu hospital. During his spare time you can find him on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call bureau or direct, LoTW.

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

E6, NIUE Fred, DH5FS will be operating as E6FS from the Kaliki Lodge between September 20 and September 30. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF using wire antennas. QSL via home call.

J8, THE GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB is once again operating as J88PI until September 21. QRV on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

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.

OX, GREENLAND Henning, OZ2I informs DX-World that he will be active from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland as XP2I during September 20-22. Actual QTH is Black Ridge - about 200 meter ASL - Grid: GP47PA. QRV on 80-10 (maybe 160) CW only. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

On the scene...9A24RRC with Andy RZ3EM (CI-184 Krbela Vela)



TI, COSTA RICA Richard, HB9FHV is visiting the town of Quepos, Costa Rica and is active in 'holiday-style' as TI8/HB9FHV until September 29. QRV using a simple wire from 40 to 10 meter with 100w. QSL via QRZ.com or eQSL

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

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is active as V51WH 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.

XT, BURKINA FASO Harald, DF2WO is once again operating as XT2AW until September 29. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT4 with also QO-100 SAT. LoTW upload after the DXpedition.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA Lance, W7GJ is QRV as ZD9GJ until September 30. This will be primarily a 6m EME DXpedition, using Q65-60A in the "Q65 Pileup" mode. See <https://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/> for detailed information and instructions. When not "aimed up at the moon", he may operate SSB or FT8 on 6m TEP. QSL via LoTW, or direct to W7GJ.

Coming up 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.'*

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.

HBO, LIECHTENSTEIN Leo, DL2COM and Roman, DL3TU inform DX-World that they will be active (CW only) from the Principality of Liechtenstein end of September or early October 2024. Weather permitting they will operate Field Day style for two days from the summit of Augstenberg (2359 meters A.S.L.) using 50-100 watts and directional antennas. The location has been carefully chosen to allow a good take off to JA/VK/ZL, the target areas. Both ops say they are happy to log as many callers as possible but will focus on the JA/VK/ZL during UTC morning. Updates, such as the exact dates, will be published on their QRZ.com pages and here on DX-World. QSL via their home call signs, LoTW, direct or bureau.

KH2, GUAM Hirata, JH3DJX will be operating as KH2/call between September 29 and October 2. Operation in 'holiday-style' between 40 and 10 meter using mainly CW and FT8. QSL via home call.

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.

IOTA

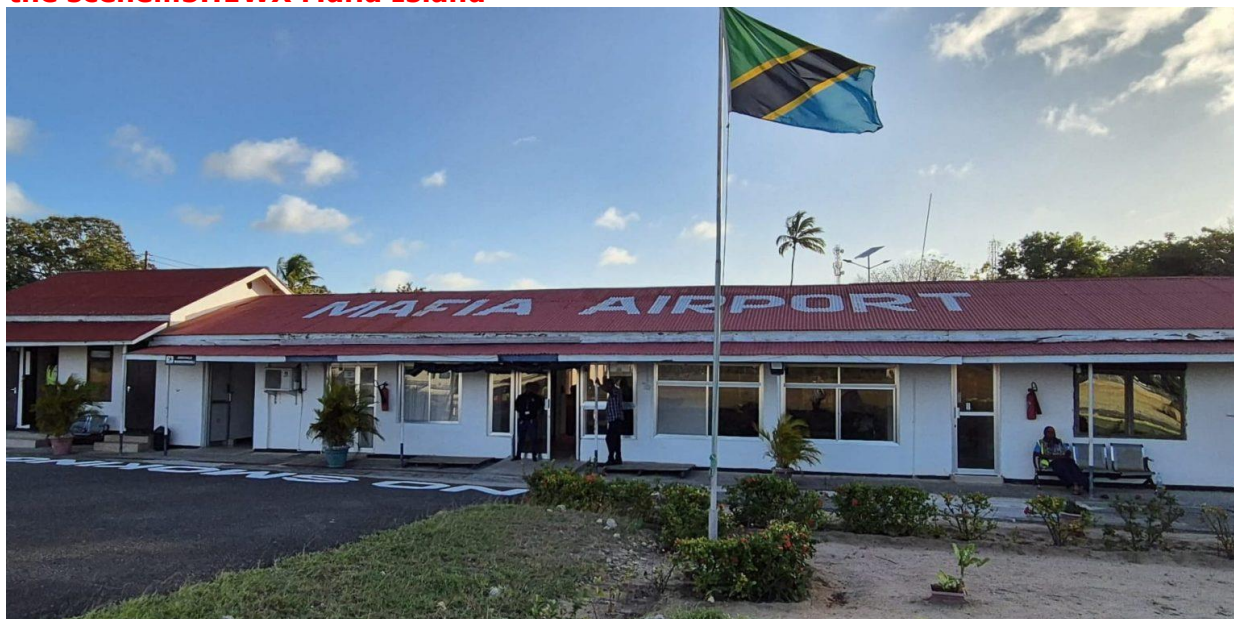
This week on air

AFRICA

AF-054 Mafia Isl Vlad, OK2WX is active as 5H1WX until 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, M0KRI will be operating as 5R8SR possibly during September. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log. More to follow.

On the scene...5H1WX Mafia Island



ASIA

AS-081 Isu Isl Look for Jong DS5ACV/p, Terry DS5DNO/p, Hoya DS5MNO/p and Cho HL5JYS/p around 1 UTC on September 21 until around 7 UTC on September 22 (30 hours). They will operate CW, FT8 and some SSB on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 metres. QSL for all callsigns via DS5DNO (direct); QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

AS-117 Kasado Isl Look for JA4GXS/4 and JN4JXL/4 on September 21 between 7 and 22 UTC. Activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecalls.

EUROPE

EU-173, EU-101, EU-184, EU-139, EU-087, EU-084, EU-002, EU-096, EU-097

Starting September 3 and lasting through until October 6, Frank DL2SWW and Gaby DF9TM plan to operate from several OH and SM islands around the Gulf of Bothnia.

EU-010 Lewis Isl Members of the Guisborough and District Amateur Radio Club (M0NYM) will be active as M0NYM on September 22-26. QSL direct via G0UOK.

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 Look for SX8AS by the Salamis Radio Amateurs Group until September 30. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-058 Jekyll Isl Steve, K4WA is operating depending the local weather conditions between September 19-21. QRV mainly on HF using CW and SSB with perhaps some FT8. QSL via home call.

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Lucy, AB3MY is active as DU1/call until September 24. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

OC-063 Mangareva Isl Bill, G0VDE is operating as FO/call until September 21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL via LoTW. Bill was previous active as VP6WR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL David OK6DJ and Milan OK7GU will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

6W, SENEGAL Willy ON4AVT will once again be active as 6X7/call between February 2 and April 10, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

7Q, MALAWI Operating from the QTH of Don, 7Q6M, look for Gerry, W1VE to be active from Embangweni, Mzimba as 7Q2T during October 21-28. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest (SOAB, LP category) is included. Outside of contest QRV on HF bands, mainly CW. QSL via LoTW.

FO, AUSTRAL ISL Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ will be active from Tubuai between April 25 and May 7, 2025. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4. They have already applied for a special TX callsign. QSL via DK8ZZ. More info to follow.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Ed, N2HX will once again be active as PJ7PL later this year. An entry in the CQW SSB and CW contest is included. Outside the contests he will operate on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

THE REMINDERS

3B8, MAURITIUS For CQWW CW contest this year the 3B8M team will consist of G0CKV, KX7M, 4O3A, 3B8GL, E70A, SM0CXU, YL3JA, YL2KL, YT1HA, YT7KM, YU6DX and YU9DX.

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, FIJI Theo, PA3CBH will be active as 3D2TP from Suva during November 8 and December 12. QRV during his spare time QRP using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

3D2/R, ROTUMA ISL The Pacific Islands DXpedition Group (PIDXG) announces a team with Gregg, W6IZT; Hal, W8HC; Dean W2FQ, Nathan, K4NHW and others will operate from Rotuma as 3D2Y 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 M00XO 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.

5R, MADAGASCAR Janusz, SP9FIH and Leszek, SP6CIK will be active from Andilana, Nosy Be island, Madagascar (AF-057) as 5R8WE and 5R8CI. More to follow.

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.

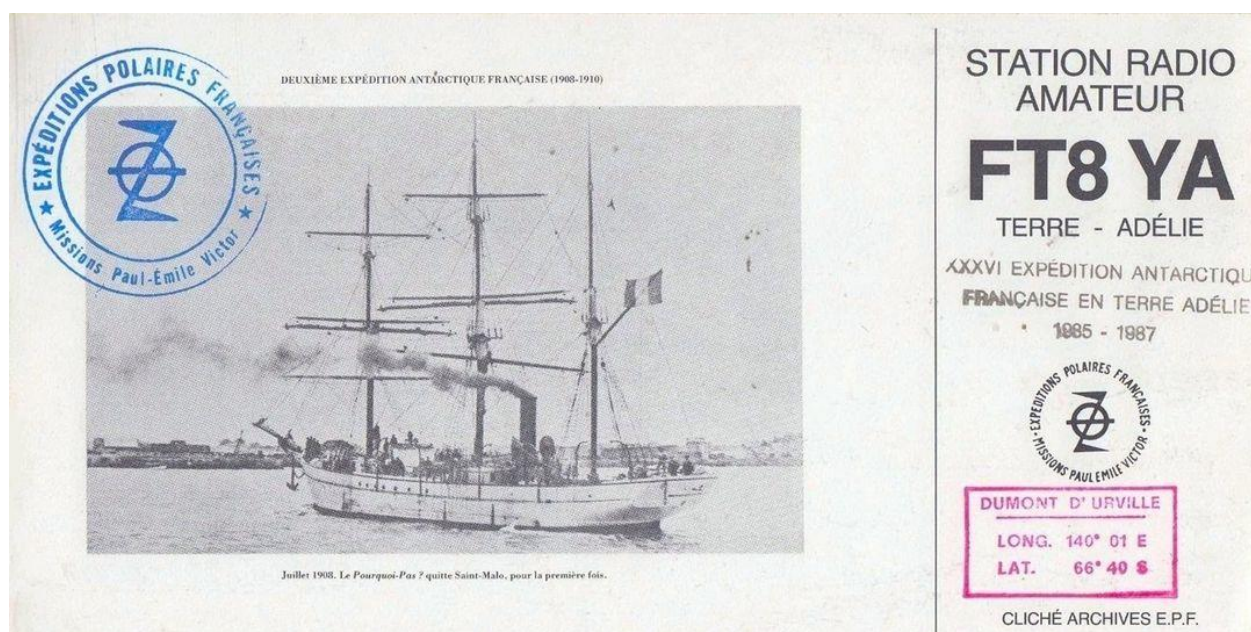
7Q, MALAWI A team with EA7FTR, CT1BOL, D2ACE, 7Q6M and 7Q7CT will be operating as 7Q1 during October 23 and November 2. Operation on all bands and all modes. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. QSL via EA7FTR.

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.

8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD will be active as 8R1TM from Georgetown starting October 12 until November 24. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and direct.

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).



9L, SIERRA LEONE The Russian DX Team (RUDXT) announce they are planning their next trip to Africa later this year (dates are not confirmed yet). This time, they say, their goal is Sierra-Leone and Guinea. The callsign 9L7RU has been granted and they have applied (currently waiting) for their 3X license. The team say much preparation is still to be done, so an official update will follow later once they have everything ready for the trip.

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

A3, TONGA Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be active from Nuku'alofa as A25GC between November 25 and December 6. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8, RTTY. QSL via LZ3GC, LoTW and Club Log.

C2, NAURU A team (T2C in 2023 and P29RO in 2022 and other activities in the years before COVID) will be QRV from Nauru during October 10-29. 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.

C5, THE GAMBIA A team consisting with EA3NT, EI5GM, EI9FBB, MM0NDX & MM0OKG will be QRV from The Gambia during November 25-29. This short activity will see the group operate from the mainland as C5T and possibly from the Bijol islands, AF-060 as C5I. QRV on various bands and modes, including 60m and 6m. QSL via EA5GL. Further updates provided nearer the time.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during the second half of January 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical + 10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

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.

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, COOK ISL Active earlier this year from Wallis & Futuna and New Caledonia, Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ are again going on Pacific travels. First stop will be Rarotonga, Cook Islands as E51SGC (second stop A35GC, Tonga). Dates for E51SGC: November 6-24 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8/FT4 & RTTY. QSL via LZ1GC, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.



E5, COOK ISL Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to follow.

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, the team will also use TX100REF (REF CW), TX7MAS (SAT + 23EME) and TX7WW (CQWW CW 160) throughout the DXpedition period covering special activities / contests

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.

FS, ST MARTIN Philip, K0CD will be operating as FS/call during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 23-24). Operation before and after the contest. QSL via home call.

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..

J6, ST LUCIA A team with K9HZ, W0CN, WA4PGM, NY3B, W0ZB and W1DED will be active as J62K during the CQWW SSB contest. Also active as J6 calls during October 21-27. QSL for J62K via K9HZ.

On the scene...ICOM Japan HQ



J7, DOMINICA Lucien FM5WD, Luca IV3JVJ and Ivan IK3ZAQ 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 Makoto, JI5RPT will once again be active as JD1BLY between November 7 and November 10. Operation from 40 to 6 meter and Sats. Focus on HF using FT8 and on GreenCube. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Koutarou, JP1IHD will once again be active as JD1BQP between October 21 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.

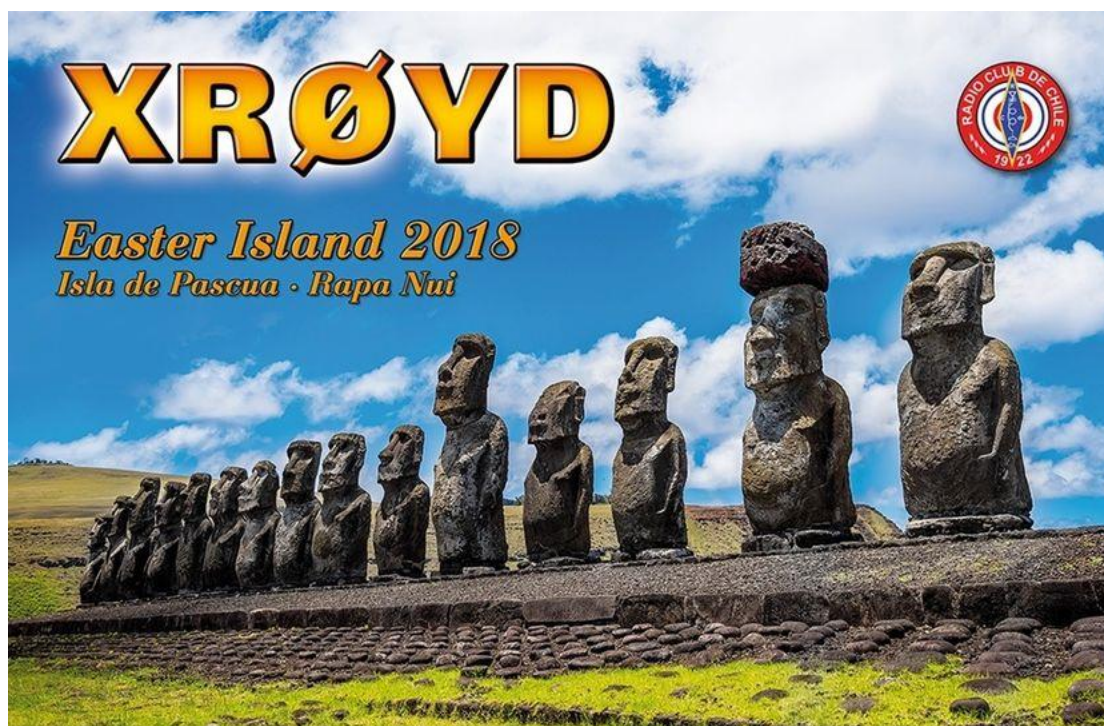
OY, FAROE ISL The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P44W during both CQWW SSB and CW contests. Before the contest he will be active during his spare time on all bands using CW. QSL via N2MM and LoTW.

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.

PZ, SURINAME Look for PZ5JT this October and November during a jungle training of the Royal Dutch Army. The station is manned by personnel from the signal regiment on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. PZ5JT will be using in-service military radio's (L3Harris) from different locations, but most of the time from main (command) post – keep your ears open for a special /M or /P from more challenging locations.



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/>

T8, PALAU Mike, JA6EGL will once again be active as T88SM between January 10-16, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, AM and FM from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, direct only.

T8, PALAU Nobu JH1OLB and Tony JH1FFW will be operating as T88DT and T88RC between November 14 and November 20. QRV on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

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. QRV on 80-10m.

V2, ANTIGUA A team with N3OC (V26OC), K3RA (V26RA), KC2GOW (V26AG), AA3R (V26FT), and K3MTT (V26T) will be operating as V26B during the CQWW DX SSB contest (October 26-27). Operation in M/M category. QSL via KA2AEV direct.

V4, ST KITTS V47T (team N2NT, K5ZD, KM3T and K4ZW) will be active during the CQWW SSB contest (Oct 26-27). QSL via W2RQ, LoTW.

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/>

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

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL

Gunter, DL2AWG and team DF4GV, DL2AMD, DJ9RR and VK6SJ will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XU between February 18 and March 4, 2025. Cocos Keeling will be on air between March 4 and March 12, 2025. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

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. QSL via OK6DJ, Club Log and LoTW. <https://vk9cv.com/>

On the scene...Vlad 5H1WX when he was travelling towards Mafia Island



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.

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.

In addition to traditional 160 through 6m, all-mode operations and 2m EME digi, we will offer the chance to also contact us via QO-100 satellite, all-mode.

This new experience will be managed by GI4DOH Richard that, like DL8JJ for EME, will spend part of his time left free from the "regular" HF operations shifts, giving chance to the enthusiasts of QO-100 to contact Burkina Faso.

YJ, VANUATU Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-29. An entry in several contests is included. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using full size inverted V, 6-20 BuddiHex, 40m phased vertical array, 15m 5/8 wave vertical, 80-160m receive only pennants, 160m sloper, and a 10- 40m DX Commander Expedition. In addition to operating as a DX station we will have the opportunity to operate at several POTA and IOTA locations. QSL via K4NHW, Club Log.

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.

On the scene...KH8T American Samoa –now QRT



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.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Andriy, W9KM will be active as ZF2KM sometime November. QRV on HF using CW and digi with a focus on the WARC bands. QSL via LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Chris, AE6Z will be active as ZF2XX during October 20-25. Operation using mainly CW QRP-style and some FT8. QSL via LoTW.

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!

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL Xenia, ZL4YL will be active as ZL7YL from Waitangi between November 19 and November 26. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via home call.

QSL review



IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

AS-057 Nosy Be Isl Janusz SP9FIH and Leszek SP6CIK will be active as 5R8CI and 5R8WE between October 23 and November 6. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. They will run verticals for 40-30-20m; quad for 17m, 3 el beam for 10 & 12m. 2 x PA, IC-7300 and K3 transceivers. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-140 Dal Char Isl 'We are planning to activate another IOTA in this December 13-19. 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.'

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-079 Dry Tortugas The N4T team will be operating between February 21 and February 25, 2025. Main goal is 6 meter operation from the rare grid EL84 and from various POTA parks. QSL via W3NY.

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-011 Moen Isl Miki, JJ2CJB informs DX-WORLD that he will be active from Moen (Weno) Island OC-11 (Federated States of Micronesia) as V63CB during October 25-29. Participation in the CQWW SSB contest. Miki will use a DX Commander Expedition & 500W. QSL via LoTW / direct to home call. Some activity before / after contest.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

9K, KUWAIT 9K9KSA marks their neighbour's Saudi National Day between September 19 and 25. QSL via qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

A4, OMAN A43KSA joins Saudi Arabia's celebrations between the 20th and 26th QSL via qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN EG2AMCUP operates around the 37th America's Cup until October 28. QSL via EA3MM, ClubLog, LoTW, EqsI (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE TM45CDXC draws attention to the 45th convention of the Clipperton DX Club in Montceau les Mines (Dept. 71) until Sept. 21. QSL via F5CWU, OQRS. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA Tom, OE4EIE, marks the 60th anniversary of the Rhein Ruhr DX Association until the end of the month with the callsign OE4RRDXA. (TNX DXNL)

THE REMINDERS

DL, GERMANY EA, SPAIN F, FRANCE G, ENGLAND I, ITALY OE, AUSTRIA OH, FINLAND YO, ROMANIA

The G-QRP-Club's 50th anniversary will be celebrated on air during the month of September with the special callings **Gx5LOW (G5LOW, GM5LOW, GI5LOW, GW5LOW, GJ5LOW, GD5LOW, GU5LOW), OE50LOW, OH50LOW, TM50LOW, DM50LOW, IR3QRP, YP50QRP** and **EG5LOW**. For more information, including award info, see <https://gqrp.com/50years.htm>

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, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Radio amateurs from UAE will join the celebrations in Saudi Arabia (see below) with the special callsign **A60ARS** from September 17 to 23.

A60ARS Op. EARS Statio QSL: EA7FTR
A60ARS/0 Op. A61Y QSL: EA7FTR
A60ARS/1 Op. A61M QSL: A61BK
A60ARS/2 Op. A61Q QSL: EA7FTR
A60ARS/3 Op. A61FK QSL: A61BK
A60ARS/4 Op. A61BK QSL: A61BK
A60ARS/5 Op. A61DD QSL: EA7FTR
A60ARS/6 Op. A61QQ QSL: A61BK
A60ARS/7 Op. A61AY QSL: DIRECT
A60ARS/8 Op. A65GC QSL: DIRECT
A60ARS/9 Op. A61ZX QSL: IZ8CLM
A60ARS/10 Op. A65BR QSL: DIRECT
A60ARS/11 Op. A61NN QSL: EA7FTR
A60ARS/12 Op. A65GD QSL: Direct
A60ARS/13 Op. A65GJ QSL: Direct
A60ARS/14 Op. A61FJ QSL: LZ1YE
A60ARS/15 Op. A61DI QSL: EA7FTR
A60ARS/16 Op. A61BR QSL: EA5ZD
A60ARS/17 Op. A65AA QSL: Direct
A60ARS/18 Op. A65KA QSL: Direct
A60ARS/19 Op. A65PX QSL: Direct via K3YR; QRZ; EQSL
A60ARS/20 Op. A65GL QSL: EA7FTR

CE, CHILE Members of Radioclub El Trauko (CE7DE), based on Chiloe Island (SA- 018), will be operating special callsigns **3G7CW** (CW) and **3G7RLN** (other modes) throughout September, with a focus on the 17th. This was the day in 1898 when Ramon Luis Norero put a wireless telegraph system into operation across the Chacao Channel between Chiloe and mainland Chile. Club Log's Live Stream has been enabled for both callsigns. QSLs direct to CE7DE. (TNX 425DX)

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 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 To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Wingles during WWII (2 September 1944), the local radio club (F4KLR) will be active as **TM80LW** until 9 November. All SSB and CW QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL; FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Look for **TM9NL** in honour of Maurice F9NL. Operation in various modes on HF, VHF and UHF between September 15 and September 29. For more information see QRZ.com.

F, FRANCE Special callsign **TM45CDXC** will be active on 7-21 September for the 45th Convention of the Clipperton DX Club (<https://cdxc.org/>) to be held at Montceau les Mines on 20-22 September. QSL via F5CWU's OQRS (<http://www.f5cwu.net/oqrs/>). (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Radioclub F6KJS de Montceau les Mines (dpt 71, Saone et Loire) will remember the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Genelard with the special callsign **TM44LG** from September 15 through 29. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

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

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 20th anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

HH, HAITI **4V1SAVANNAH** is the special callsign for the Radio Club d'Haiti to commemorate the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Savannah from 16 September to 20 October. QSL via N2OO; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. In 1779, more than 500 volunteers from Saint-Domingue (the French colony which later became Haiti), fought alongside American colonial troops against the British Army during the siege of Savannah, an encounter of the American War of Independence. (TNX 425DX)

HZ, SAUDI ARABIA The 94th National Day of Saudi Arabia will be celebrated on air with the special callsigns **HZ94ND**, **7Z94ND** and **8Z94ND** from September 5 to 23. (TNX DXNL)

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: **I14BFRE** (August), **I14OTSR** (September), **I14VISN** (October), **I14BTFU** (November), **I14FCGD** (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 callsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **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 **OE45NO** highlights the negative Austrian referendum about the commissioning of a nuclear power plant 45 years ago. QRV from September until the end of November. QSL via ClubLog OQRS, hrdlog.net OQRS. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE50LOW** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the G-QRP Club during September. QSL via OE7AFT (d). (TNX DXNL)

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 Members of UBA's Groupement De Verviers will be active as **OR80USA** on 16-31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 80th anniversary of the liberation from German

occupation and the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, events in which the US military was heavily engaged. QSL via bureau to ON4GDV. (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.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Special callsign **PH80LIB** will be in use from various locations between 11 September and 10 November to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of southern Netherlands in the autumn of 1944. Activity will be on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via the bureau. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/PH80LIB> for detailed information. (TNXN 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 Special callsigns **SN100P**, **SN100L**, **SN100N**, **SN100PLN** and **SN100BP** will used from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Bank Polski SA and the introduction of the zloty (PLN), Poland's official currency. The activity is organized by the Polish Amateur Radio Association. QSL via the bureau. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SN100PLN> for the details. (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 From September 14 to 29, **VI7POL** will be on air on the occasion of the 7th National Police Week. QSL via VK5PAS, eQSL or LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

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/>.