



## **DX bulletin 635**

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## **DX news**

### **TX7N Marquesas Islands –update January 15**

The conditions on-site are particularly demanding and require all our energy and adaptability:

- Reduced Team: The team now has 10 active operators. Two operators are absent, and two others are facing health issues. Despite these challenges, morale remains high.
- EME (Earth-Moon-Earth): Three operators are engaged for 5 hours daily on this demanding mode, which further complicates our organization.

Propagation: Average and highly unstable, with weak and fluctuating signals. We are maximizing contacts using our 4 active stations, depending on band openings.

- Network: Frequent Internet outages make the livestream impossible. We have temporarily decided to stop it, but we are updating the logs twice daily to ensure transparency.

<https://www.dx-world.net/tx7n-marquesas-islands-dxpedition-2025/>

### **The TX7N shack**



### **VU4X Andaman Islands –update**

Pilot stations have been chosen. They are DX-World's very own Weekly Bulletin writer, Bjorn ON9CFG (EU), together with Pete W2IRT (NA) and Champ E21EIC (AS).

<https://www.dx-adventure.com/>



### **TX7G French Polynesia –update**

Haru recently tested a 6m antenna for his upcoming TX7XG activity in April. He's also added a bandplan. <https://www.dx-world.net/tx7xg-french-polynesia/>



### **TX9A Austral Islands DXpedition –update**

The TX9A Team will be using 403A HP Bandpass Filters during their stay on Tubuai Island. The plan is to use filters for WARC bands as well, which will enable us to work smooth and simultaneously on two stations at the same time. We would like to thank to Ranko, 403A and his Team for their help. Such support means a lot to us and our team has no costs for using the High Power Bandpass Filters.

### **Archived: DX World Weekly Bulletin**

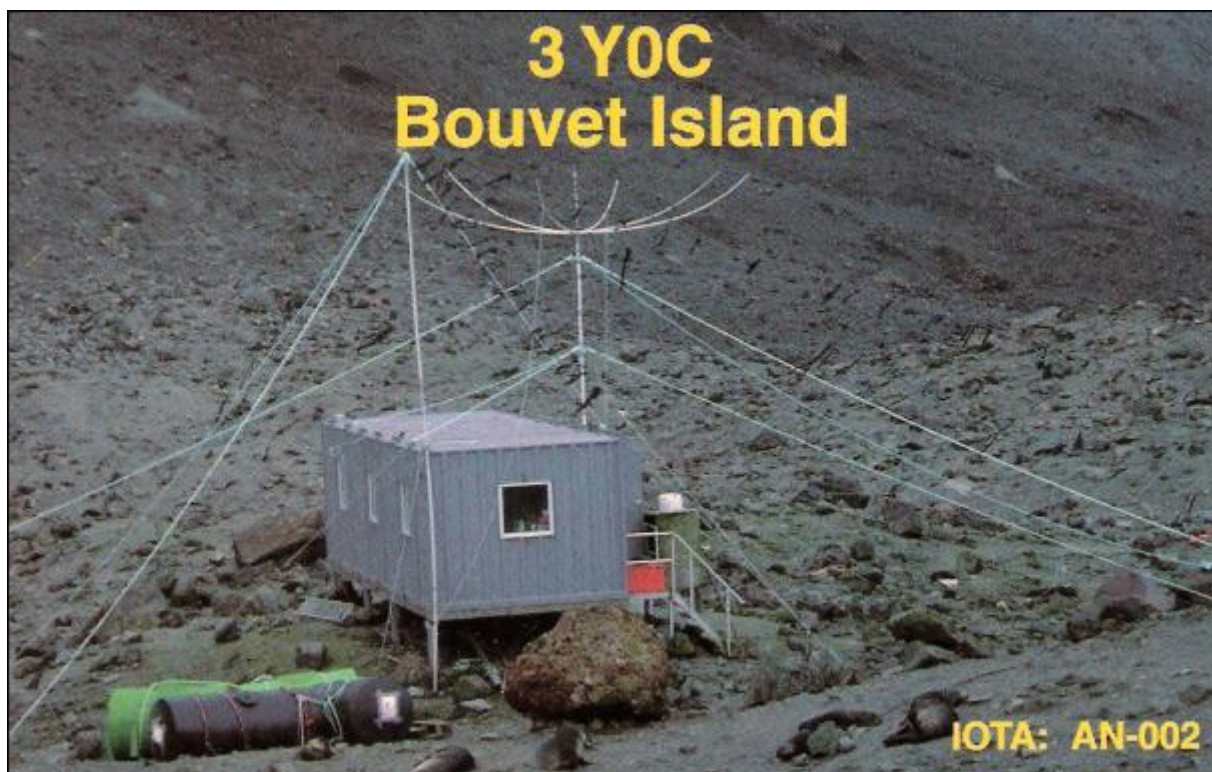
Now showing on the Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications (DLARC) is an archive of the FREE DX World Weekly Bulletins – our very own newsletter about amateur radio DXing which has been consistently written by Björn ON9CFG since 2013, and published here on DX-World every Thursday.

### **Remembering 3Y0C**

23 years ago Chuck Brady N4BQW (SK) appeared on the airwaves from Bouvet Island. It's easier to direct you to this link where the full 3 month expedition is documented. As a bonus, we have sourced two short audio recordings of Chuck when QRV from this forever rare DXCC entity. Also, maybe you made his log?

Audio: <https://www.dx-world.net/remembering-3y0c/>





## **DXCC**

### **This week on air**

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

#### **Pacific travels by Gerhard OE3GEA**

Gerhard – OE3GEA together with his partner Maria plans to be active from the following Pacific entities during December and January:

Hawaii as **KH6/OE3GEA** during January 18-21.

Turks & Caicos as **VP5/OE3GEA** during January 23-26.

Holiday style activities using a TS-480SAT, Outbacker antenna and wire dipole covering 30-10m; CW. QSL via OE3GEA (bureau/direct), Club Log & LoTW.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group will be QRV around January 25 for 2 weeks. They will be QRV as 5N9DTG. Then it's on to South Africa to prepare their vessel for a Southern Ocean voyage. Bandplan and modes <https://www.qrz.com/db/5N9DTG>

**5Z4, KENYA** Scott, WA5A is once again operating as 5Z4/call from Ruaka on 40, 20, 17 and 10 meter and possible low bands. QSL via home call, length of stay unknown.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort during January. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**7P, LESOTHO** Mark KW4XJ and Arina KO4PZT are QRV as 7P8AB and 7P8NB until mid-2025. QSL via KW4XJ.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Ilian, LZ5KW will be QRV as 8Q7KW for about 15 days starting around January 22. Operation in 'holiday-style' with portable equipment from 80 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8.

**8R, GUYANA** Aldir, PY1SAD is once again active as 8RTM from Georgetown (Grid: GJ06vs) until February 8. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

**CN, MOROCCO** Ralf, DB4REB is QRV as CN2REB until end January. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is in Agadir and he will do some POTA sites along the coast. QSL via home call direct.

**CT3, MADEIRA** A team with Csaba HA2KMR, Feri KA2KF, Zoli HA4FF and Joe OE6JOZ is operating as CT9/calls until January 22. During the HA DX contest they will be QRV as CR3HA. QSL for CR3HA via the HA bureau. Others via their homecalls.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jeff, VA3QSL is active as FG/call until January 26. Operation from 40 to 6

meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Dom, F4IFF will be operating as FM/call between January 19 and January 27, 2025. QRV on HF using SSB and digi in low power with verticals and wire antennas. QSL via EB7DX, Club Log livestream.

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNQ, OK2WX is QRV as TX7N until January 27, the team will also use TX100REF (REF CW), TX7MAS (SAT + 23EME) and TX7WW (CQWW CW 160) throughout the DXpedition period covering special activities / contests

### QSL preview



**HC, ECUADOR** Rick, NE8Z is operating as HC1MD/2 until January 18. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 mostly on the WARC bands. QSL via K8LJG direct and LoTW.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until late March 2025. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

<https://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/1 until mid-February. Activity mainly in CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Allen, KH7AL is QRV as call/KH9 during his spare time.

Next: January 20 2000z 10 meter SSB.

January 27 0730z 20 meter SSB.

He has dipoles covering from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. He keeps an "Activation Blog" and an "Upcoming" section on <https://sites.google.com/view/kh7al/>. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**OX, GREENLAND** Bo, OZ1DJJ is once again active as OX3LX until January 21. Operation on HF from grid GP44de and perhaps a trip to GP35nj. QSL via OZ0J.

**P4, ARUBA** Mat, DL4MM will once again be QRV as P4/call and P40AA between January 18-28, 2025. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using FT4/8, CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Thaire, W2APF is active as PJ2/call until April 8. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Andre, PD1DRE is QRV as PJ2/call until February 4. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via eqsl.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** A Japanese team with JA3AVO, JA1CJA, JA3IVU, JA3HJI, JH3PBL and JA3UJR is operating as PJ4JA until January 20. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**TG, GUATEMALA** Dwight, VE7BV is once again QRV from Sacatepéquez as TG9BBV until January 28. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**TJ, CAMEROON** Thierry, TK1CX is active as TJ/call from Douala until end February 2025. Operation on HF using FT8. QSL via EA5ZD, LoTW. Thierry mentions: *'I'm currently on a business trip in Cameroon and I'm TJ/TK1CX. For professional reasons I cannot be active very often, and more with a solar power supply. I'll try to be on the air as much as possible. My traffic will be mainly FT8 because I can't use much power because of the solar panels. I hope to be able to contact as many people as possible on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20m.'*

**TR, GABON** Roland, F8EN is once again QRV as TR8CR until mid-January 2025. Operation from 30-10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

**TY, BENIN** Gérard F5NVF is again QRV as TY5C from Godomey until April 2. He'll be active mostly from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QRV in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100w & wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

**Vertical antenna TY5C**



**VP9, BERMUDA** Mark, AA1AC is once again active as VP9/call until January 18. Activity on all bands. QSL via home call.

**Z8, SOUTH SUDAN** Ken, K4ZW will once again be active as Z81Z during January 20-24. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW or home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active as ZD7DPX between January 21 and February 3. QTH is the shack of ZD7CTO, operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Bruce, K0BJ is QRV in 'holiday-style' as ZF2BJ until January 17. Operation on HF using CW and perhaps FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

## Coming up soon

**9X, RWANDA** Harold, DF2WO will once again be QRV as 9X2AW between January 27 and February 15. Operation in 'holiday-style' on QO-100 and all other bands using CW, SSB and FT4.

**J5, GUINEA-BISSAU** Livio, IZ3BUR will be operating as J52EC between January 26 and March 1 during his spare time. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and perhaps some digi. QSL via home call.

**JW, SVALBARD** Stian LB5SH and Kristoffer LB0VG will be operating as JW/calls between January 24 and January 26. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. Stian mentions '*As always – if you have difficulties working JW from your location, be it due to low power/QRP or the distance, I'm more than happy to help you out. Get in touch and we'll arrange a sked – any mode, any band.*'

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as PJ7/call between January 27 and February 16. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**TZ, MALI** Ulmar, DK1CE will once again be QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako during January 28 and February 20. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. Ulmar



mentions: 'On FT8, DX stations outside of EU have precedence at all times.

Based on my experience, there is not advantage to F/H mode.

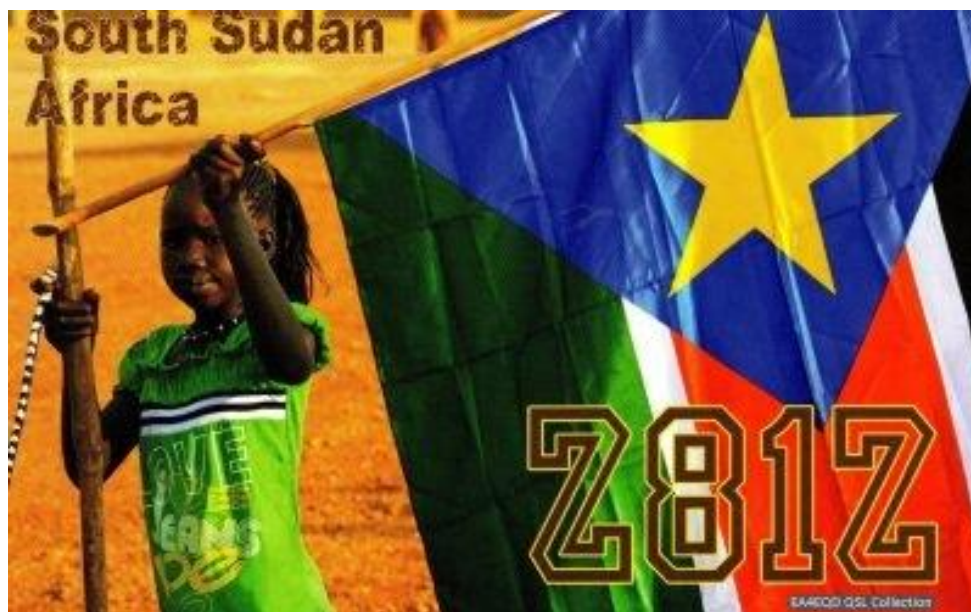
I use only normal FT8 mode.

I will mostly operate on FT8 and SSB.

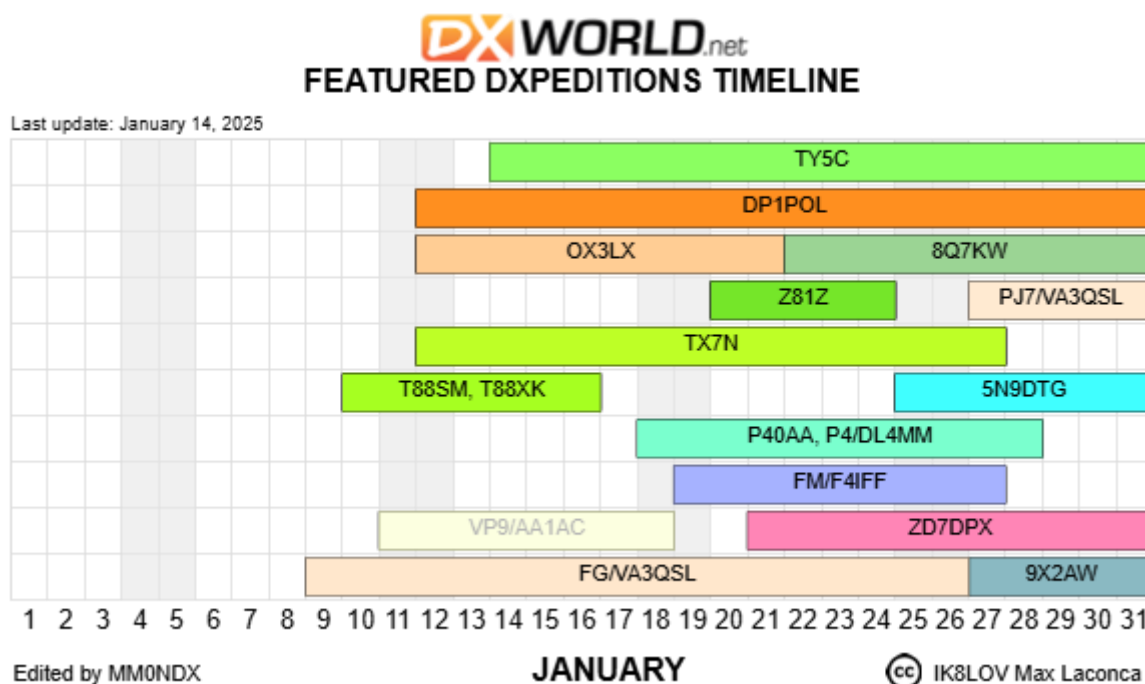
The log will be updated daily on Club Log; the LoTW log will only be available after the end of my operations in Mali.

In Mali operation on 60m is not permitted.'

**V4, ST KITTS** Jon, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA between January 26 and February 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8 using a Yaesu FT-3000D, and Elecraft KPA500 amplifier. Antennas: Mosley MP-32N beam for 10/15/20m, 33' vertical for 10-80m and a 6m Yagi. QSL direct to W5JON or via LoTW.



## DXCC Timeline



# IOTA

## **This week on air**

### **AFRICA**

**AF-019 Pelagie Isl** A team with (S51V, S52OT, S52P, S54W, S56DX, S57UN, S58MU, S59A, S59ZZ, IG9ITO, IV3CTS, YT3H) will be operating as IG9/S51V during the CQWW 160 Contest. Before and after the contest between January 19 and January 29 they will sign as IG9/calls.

### **ASIA**

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take, JS6RRR is operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until March 31. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contest are included as JS6RRR. More on QRZ.com.

**AS-153 Sagar Isl** Special Event Station AU2WBRC is active until January 20. All contacts will be verified through QRZ.com only.



### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Dave, VE3VSM is once again active as call/HR9 until January 25. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 20 to 15 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-150 Lombok Isl** Jozef, ON6HX is QRV as YB9/call until February 6. QSL via home call, LoTW.

## **Coming up soon**

### **ASIA**

**OC-022 Bali** Emmanuel, F5LIT will once again be QRV as YB9/call from January 28 until February 16, 2025. Operation on HF. QSL via home call direct, LoTW. Previous operations were in 2018 and 2024.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**8Q, MALDIVES** Takio, JH3QFL will be active from the Maldives as 8Q7FL during February 26 to March 6. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using FT8. QSL via homecall.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Flavio, IW2NEF will be QRV as 8Q7EF from Filitheyo Island between April 3-10. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW and LoTW.

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **Central American Tour 2025 by the RRC team**

Russian Robinson Team consisting Alex RW3RN, Hal W8HC, Mike K5MSK, Slava OK8AU, Raisa R1BIG, Tim NL8F, Vlad R9LR and Yuri N3QQ will be active from Central American DXCC entities (covering IOTA and POTA) during February 11 to March 7, 2025. As follows:

**YN6RRC** – Complejo volcánico San Cristóbal, POTA NI-0055 (Nicaragua)

**H7RRC** – Isla Del Cardon, NA-212 (Nicaragua)

**TI1RRC** – Isla Cano, NA-117 & POTA CR-0018 (Costa Rica)

**3F3RRC** – Chirique, POTA PA-0033 (Panama)

All calls are currently pending. QSL via LoTW or via M0OXO and RW3RN (RU/EW only).

### **T30, W KIRIBATI**

### **T31, C KIRIBATI**

### **T32, E KIRIBATI**

### **T33, BANABA**

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Sometime 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.

T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

Operation mainly FT4 but all bands and modes will be used. QSL via LoTW.

**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.

**5V, TOGO** Prior to his humanitarian trip to Benin (as TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be visiting Togo again - this time between February 6-14, 2025. QRV only when time permits. QSL via I8KHC

**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.

**6Y, JAMAICA** The EIDXG DX Group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 12 and March 24, 2025. More to follow.

### **QSL preview**



**8Q, MALDIVES** Mamoru, JH3VAA will be active as 8Q7VA between February 26 and May . Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**9G, GHANA** Before carrying out humanitarian work in Togo (5V0DX) and Benin (TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be active when time permits from Accra, Ghana as 9G5IK during February 1-6. Likely QRV on 10m SSB. QSL via I8KHC (ex-IZ8CCW), LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Luc F5RAV and Lui YU5R will be active from Kololi between April 19 and May 2. QRV as C5LT and C5R on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 + SATS (mostly RS44). QSL via LoTW.

**C6, THE BAHAMAS** Chip, K1KJD and John K4SGR will be active as C6ADA between February 12-



16, 2025. Activation of 2 new POTA and as many lighthouses as possible. QRV on HF using CW and SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

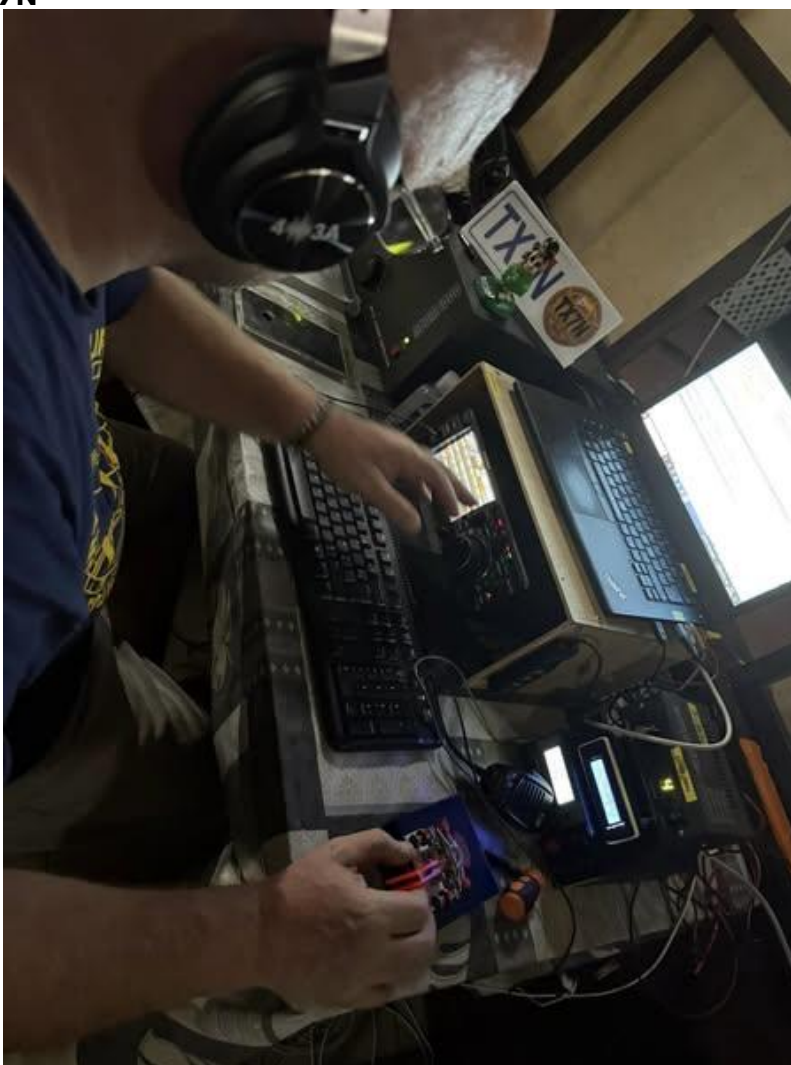
**C8, MOZAMBIQUE** The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during January/February 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 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.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating from Sal Island (AF-086) as D44OA between February 5 and February 18, 2025. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**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 sometime May/June 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.

### On the scene...TX7N



**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.

<https://austral2025.com/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Fred, F4HEC will be QRV as FP/call between February 16 and February 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and CW. An entry in the REF Contest SSB is included. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

**FS, SAINT MARTIN** Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as FS/call between February 16 and March 4. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** The DX Obsessed Group with K6VHF, KA6IBM, 7HAN, NG7E, NJ7I and

NC7M will be operating as FW5K between October 20 and November 7. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Operation before and after the contest from 160 to 6 meter using RTTY, FT4/8 and SSB with 3 stations.

**H40, TEMOTU** Darren, VK4MAP will be operating as H40DA from Pigeon Island OC-065 during early 2025, dates to be confirmed. QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB.

**H44, SOLOMON ISL** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS between February 9 and May 7, 2025. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS and YT1AD will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation with 10 stations 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..

**J3, GRENADA** Mike, VE2XB will be active as J38XB between March 17 and March 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call.

**J7, DOMINICA** Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J79NV sometime February 2025. Operation mainly for the ARRL CW and SSB contest. He will be a single operator in the ARRL CW contest and then join with FM6BH (J79BH), F8AAN (J79AN) and F5VHJ (J79AC) for the ARRL SSB contest.

**JW, SVALBARD** Tom, LA6VDA will once again be QRV as JW6VDA during September 12-22, 2025. Activity on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**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** Frank, PH2M will once again be active as PJ4M from Kralendijk during May. Dates to be announced approx 4-6 weeks ahead of activity. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**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.

## QSL preview



**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE around mid-March 2025 and be QRV during the CQWPX SSB contest.

**TI9, COCOS ISL** Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI5CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).



**TY, BENIN** Antonio, IK7WUL will again be on a humanitarian mission to Benin during February 14-23, 2025, and QRV (10m SSB) when time permits as TY2AA. QSL via I8KHC, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** Fred, G4XWM will be operating as V4/call between March 8 and March 29. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**V4, ST KITTS** Tom, K0YA will be active as V4/call between February 6 and March 4 (from V47JA QTH). QRV in 'holiday-style' with an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest as V47Y. QSL via LoTW for both calls.

**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** Larry, W5EIT will be QRV as BK9/call from West Island between February 11-18. Operation in 'holiday-style' using mostly CW and FT8 with some RTTY and SSB.

**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.

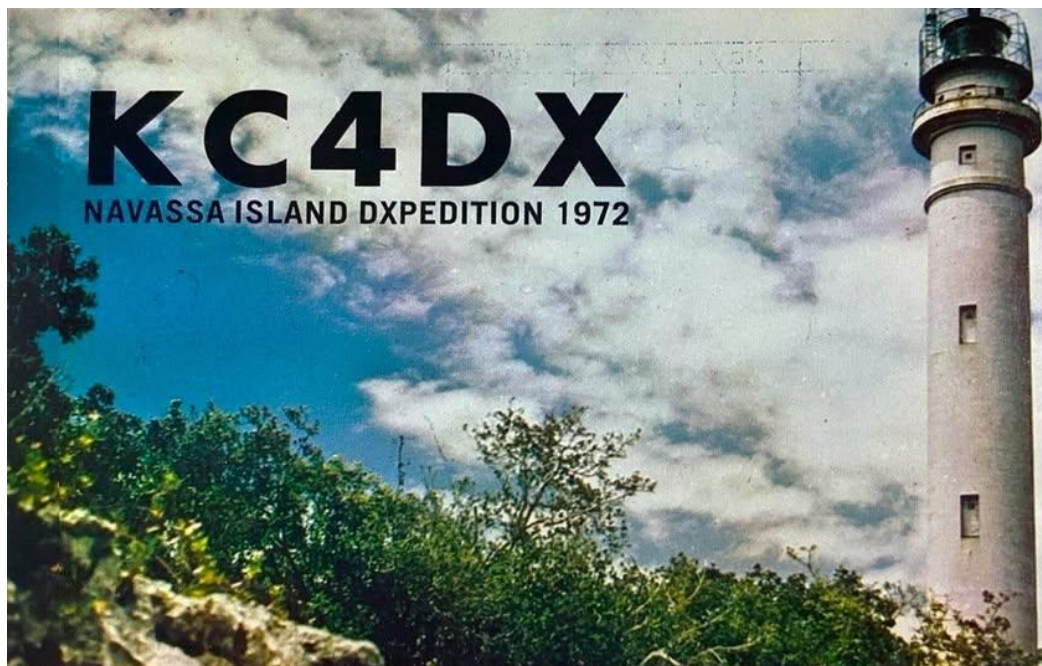
**VP2E, ANGUILLA** Chuck, KG9N will be QRV as VP2ECV between February 4 and February 18. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** A team with 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.'*



**YS, EL SALVADOR** Dave, WJ2O will be operating as YS1/call between February 12 and February 19, 2025. Operation on HF using CW. The ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Adrian, G0KOM will once again be active as ZC4MK during March 24-31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included.

**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.

**ZK3, TOKELAU** A QSP from the Rebel DX Group ZK3ZK: on target for around mid-June.

'We will be doing some delivery on one of our vessels for Tokelau. For now Tokelau borders remain closed due to several local issues. More info soon.'

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

### QSL preview



## IOTA

### THE REMINDERS

#### ASIA

**AS-161 Sacrifice Rock** A team (previous AU2S) will try to activate this 'holy grail' before March, the goal is mid-February. The team is looking for funds, once approval from the local authorities the team will confirm the call and other details.

#### NORTH AMERICA

**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-059 Kosrae** Rikk, WE9G will be operating as V6WG during March 18 and April 1, 2025. QRV from 80 to 6 meter (160 might be possible) using mainly FT4/8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log.

**OC-067 Bora Bora** Nobby, G0VJG will be QRV during June 11-27 as FO/call. Operation on HF

and 6 meter using high power.

**OC-235 Camiguin Isl** Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA DXpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX>

## **ARCTIC NEWS**

### **Bharati Research Station**

Denney, VU2DGR is part of the scientific team (Polar Ocean Research) within the 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (44-ISEA) which will be based at Bharati Research Station, Larsemann Hills. When time permits he hopes to QRV as **AT44I**. QSL via H/c.



### **Neumayer Station III**

Felix, DL5XL will again be returning to **Neumayer Station III**, Antarctica and hopes to be active as **DP1POL** when time permits during January 12 to February 25, 2025. He operates mainly CW on HF bands, with some DIGI and SSB activity too. QSL via DL1ZBO. New QSL design shown.



### **Wolf's Fand Runway**

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA1O, ex UA1PBA) is active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) until late February 2025. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5EBE or RK1PWA, and LoTW.

### **RI42SP Arctic travels**



Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severny Polyus / North Pole" and is active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 for approx end October 2025. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Position of boat using this tracker. Frank, F8DVD also mentions:

#### **FT4YM Antarctica**

David, F4FKT is again active as **FT4YM** from two Antarctic bases until early March 2025. [Website](#)

**FT4YM**: Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels island AN-017.

**FT4YM/P**: Base Concordia.

QRV on HF bands when time allows outside of his working environment. QSL via F5PFP.

#### **QSL preview**



## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**HB9, SWITZERLAND HB20SOTA** is the special callsign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**HI, DOMINICAN REP HI59UD** is the special callsign for the Union Dominicana de Radio aficionados, the second oldest amateur radio club in the Dominican Republic, to celebrate the 59th anniversary since its foundation. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB and digital modes, from 17 to 25 January. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, and QRZ Logbook. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ403ES** (January and February), **LZ372SG** (March and April), **LZ286MDK** (May and June), **LZ591MK** (July and August), **LZ117ME** (September and October) and **LZ306WW** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OH, FINLAND OF60AP** is the special callsign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see [https://oh2ap.fi/?page\\_id=491](https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491). (TNX 425DX)

### **THE REMINDERS**

**9V, SINGAPORE** To mark the 60th anniversary of Singapore's independence, all members of the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SARTS) may substitute the prefix S60 for their usual **9V1** prefix between Jan. 1 and Aug. 9. Special events during that period are planned for introducing more young people to amateur radio, for example through cooperations with the Singapore Scout Association and the Singapore School of Science and Technology. (TNX DXNL)



**DL, GERMANY** The Deutsches Museum in Munich, one of the largest science and technology museums in the world (<https://www.deutsches-museum.de>), celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. **DL100DM** is the special callsign to be used throughout the year by the amateur radio station which is part of and regularly active from the museum's "Electronics" permanent exhibition. QSL via DL8FA. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the city of Chemnitz, one of the European Capitals of Culture for 2025, special event callsigns **DL2025C**, **DL2025B**, **DL2025E**, **DL2025S** and **DL2025W** will be active from 18 January to 31 March. All QSOs will be uploaded to eQSL, LoTW, Club Log and DCL (DARC Community Logbook); paper QSL cards will not be issued, but digital QSLs - as well as a number of certificates - will be down-loadable from the event's website. Complete information on the "2025C Ham Radio Event" can be found on <https://2025c.de/>.

**DL, GERMANY** Radio amateurs in Kamenz (DOK S22) celebrate their city's 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE** Look for special event station **TM22AAW** to be on air on 2 and 3 February and from 8 to 20 February 2025.

Activity is to celebrate the 22th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on

<https://www.qrz.com/db/TM22AAW>

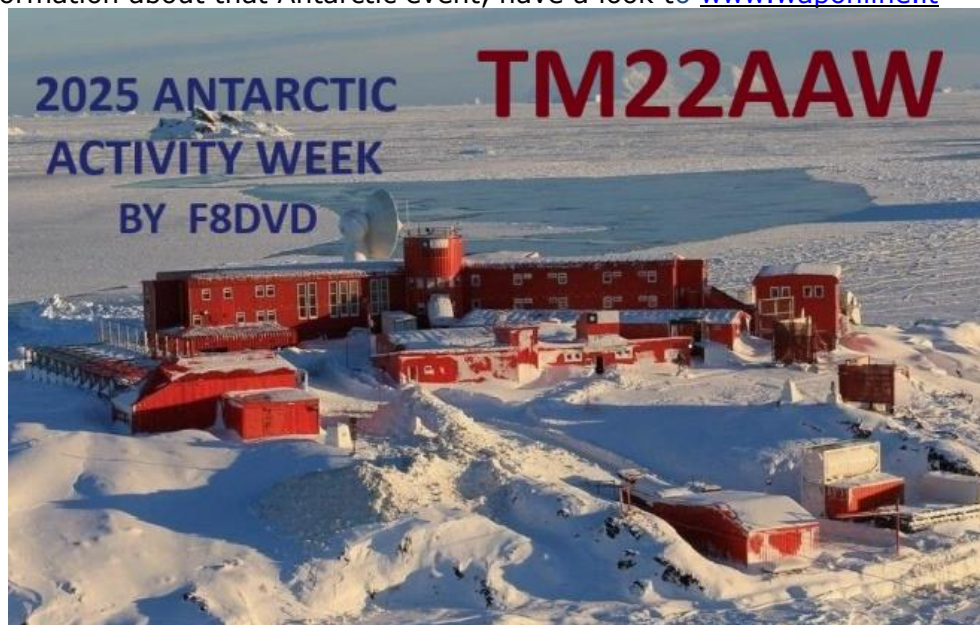
Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH).

The new reference for WAP program is 354.

Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters.

QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to [www.waponline.it](http://www.waponline.it)



**GM, SCOTLAND** Terry, GM3WUX will be active as **GB200LB** on 4-31 January to celebrate the bicentenary of the invention of the Braille code. He will operate mainly CW. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**GW, WALES** Kev, GW0PUH will be active as **GB9KW** on 1-28 January using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. Main activity will be over the "KW Weekend" (4-5 January). Other special callsigns are expected to be on the air, notably **GB2KW** from Scotland, **GB5KWD** and **GB6KW** from England, and possibly others. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: **II4FPEN** (January), **II4FPUS** (February), **II4SHLD** (March), **II4GHPR** (April), **II4JGGR** (May), **II4RXOS** (June), **II4COHR** (July), **II4LDMA** (August), **II4RADS** (September), **II4WLTX** (October), **II4EACC** (November) and **II4TJTB** (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patented By" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

**LA, NORWAY** **LA100A** is the special callsign for NRRL's Midt-Troms Gruppen (LA6M, <https://www.la6m.no/>) to use throughout 2025 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio two-way contact between Norway and the US, made by Johannes Diesen, LA1A from Moen in Malselv municipality and UIYB at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (25 November 1925). QSL via the bureau, QRZ Logbook, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**OM, SLOVAKIA** **OM25ISS** marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in

space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <https://www.qrz.com/db/OM25ISS>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PC80TT** is the special callsign for members of VERON Leiden (PI4LDN) to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands during World War II (5 May 1945). Look for activity between 1 January and 1 June. QSL via the bureau to PI4LDN. The special call-sign honours the memory of Rudolf Tappenbeck (PCTT), a pioneer of Dutch amateur radio who died in Neuengamme concentration camp on 21 December 1944. (TNX 425DX)

**W, USA** The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (K3Y/0 through K3Y/9), plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating during 2025. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event callsign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent callsigns **ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event callsigns. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)