

The weekly DX bulletin 661

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DX News

A step closer to activating KH3??? By Don AF5W

I've been reading recent discussions regarding our 2001 K3J expedition with interest and very hopeful that KH3 will be back on the air someday. I have received multiple requests (ok hundreds) for uploading the logs on LoTW, eQSL, QRZ etc. As much as I would like to accommodate this, in the past Tom K7ZZ held the license and was very "sentimental" about paper QSL cards; he did not agree with electronic QSLs at all. I have recently learned that he is now a SK, so obtaining a copy of the K3J license is impossible. However, if anyone knows of a way for a surviving DXpedition member to certify authenticity and upload the log, I would be more than happy to help others QSL this rare entity via an electronic QSL.



3Y0L Peter 1 Island 2027 looking for operators -update

We have just completed our successful expedition to Bouvet and are using that experience to continue with Peter I Island, a Norwegian dependency in the Bellinghousen Sea. Our shipping container for the expedition is enroute from Cape Town to Texas with all the necessary equipment. At the same time, we are finalizing the details of this expedition.

The Peter I Island Expedition team is looking for more people who can collaborate as operators during the expedition, as we need to complete the team within a reasonable timeframe. Given that this entity currently ranks seventh on the most wanted DXCC list of most sought-after destinations, this expedition promises to be as challenging and complex as Bouvet, 3Y0K..

If you have experience in cold climates, work well in multi-operator teams, understand complex logistics, and are willing to contribute the necessary effort for the success of this expedition, we would like to speak with you. Please contact us at admin@3y0l.com

VPOSG South Georgia Island -update

The VPOSG team would like to sincerely thank the German DX Foundation for their generous support of our South Georgia 2027 DXpedition with a financial contribution. This important support plays a key role in helping us move forward with the project and bring this rare DXCC entity on the air for the global amateur radio community. We are very grateful for GDXF's continued commitment to enabling high-quality DXpeditions.

VPOSG remains a privately funded expedition, and additional support from clubs, foundations, and individual donors is essential to make this activation a success. [website](#).

3G0YM Easter Island -update by CE3YMR

For the upcoming activation from Easter Island, the equipment to be used has been confirmed.

- ICOM IC-7300 – 100 watts.
- Yaesu FT-891 – 100 watts.

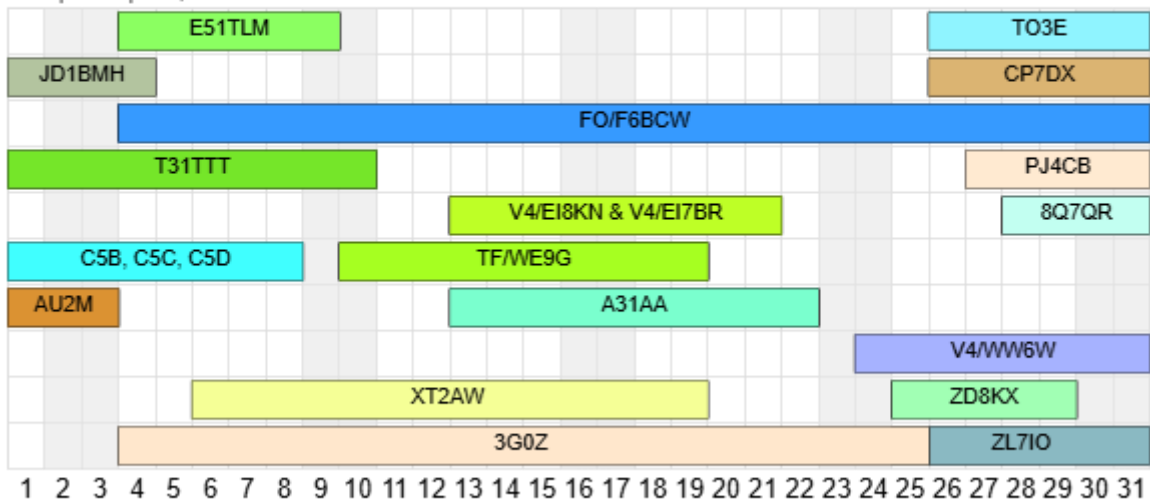
Both radios will be used in standard operating mode, allowing operation on different HF bands depending on propagation conditions.



DXCC timeline



FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: April 29, 2026



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DXCC

This week on air

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Suvarna, VU3OPT is operating as 3B9G until May 20. Operation from 20 to 10 metres from grid MH10qh. <https://www.9n7ga.com>

5Z, KENYA Paul MM0ZBH is active from Murang'a in 'holiday-style' until June 15. Operation so far on 10 metre FT8 and 20 metre CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

7P, LESOTHO Paolo IZ0EVI, Diego IZ0EWJ and Luca IZ6DSQ are operating as 7P8WR until May 1. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via IZ0AWJ.

<https://www.mdxc.support/7p8wr/>

8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD is again operating as 8R1TM from Georgetown until May 10. QRV on all bands and 6 metre using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or home call direct.

C5, THE GAMBIA Arnaud F4AGG and Luc F5RAV are active as C5B, C5C and C5D until May 8. C5B from Bijolo AF-06 with SAT activity, C5C using CW and SSB and C5D from the mainland using RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via F5RAV direct, LoTW.

On the scene...C5B, C5C and C5D The Gambia



CN, MOROCCO Pascal, F8NQV is active as CN2NQV until July 11. Activity from Sidi Rahal Chatai on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres.

D6, COMOROS Ivan, UR9IDX is operating as D60DX until begin May. Activity on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via his CT9 adress.

E5, COOK ISL Tom K7TLM and Leslie KD7YZE will once again be operating as E51TLM during May 4-9. Working conditions: IC-705 running 5 Watts to a horizontal 10 Meter end-fed half-wave wire antenna at 16 feet high just above sea level. SSB at 28.385 MHz, QRSS CW at 28.060 MHz. Look for them approx 1900 to 0100 UTC. While there they will visit Jim, E51JD.

E6, NIUE Murray, ZL1MGA is active as E6MGA until May 1. Activity on 40, 20 and possible 15 metre using SSB and FT8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/ZL1MGA?aliasFrom=E6MGA>

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Didier, F6BCW will once again be active from Tikehau Atoll, Tuamotu as FO/F6BCW from early May to mid-July. QRV on 80-6m; CW, SSB. QSL via LoTW

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Ronan, F4LJA is active as FY/call until June 5. Operation on HF using mainly FT8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/F4LJA>

HR, HONDURAS Dirk, KD0VUY is active from San Jeronimo as call/HR5 until May 1. Operation

with a Yaesu FT-891 and a vertical antenna using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/JD1 until mid-May during his spare time. Mostly using CW and FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Harry, JG7PSJ is once again operating as JD1BMH until May 4. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY.

PJ4, BONAIRE TJ, PE1OJR is active in 'holiday-style' as PJ4TB until May 4. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

T31, KANTON ISL Look for T31TTT, see full details <https://www.dx-world.net/t31ttt-kanton-island/>

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

V4, ST KITTS Pete, G0TLE is active as V47EEM until May 1. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, OQRS, LoTW.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING Mark, VK6BSA and Deena, VK6DEE are now based on Cocos (Keeling) Islands for a work assignment until May, possibly longer. During free time they will QRV as VK9BSA and VK9DEE on most bands using a FTDX-10 & amplifier.

XT, BURKINA FASO Harald, DF2WO will once again be active as XT2AW between May 6 and May 19. Operation from 20 to 6 metres using a Hexbeam, from 160 to 30 metres a multiband dipole using SSB and FT4. QSL via M0OXO OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/XT2AW>

On the scene...7P8WR Lesotho



Coming up soon

A3, TONGA Takio, JH3QFL will be operating from Nuku'alofa as A31AA between May 13 and May 22. QRV from 80 to 6 metres using FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

GJ, JERSEY BJ, KO7T will be QRV as MJ/call on May 8-9. Operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSO upload to LoTW, Club Log and QRZ.

TF, ICELAND Rikk, WE9G will be operating from Borg as TF/call from May 10 until May 19. QRV from grid HP94ob using mostly FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

V4, ST KITTS Roger, EI8KN will be operating as V49B from Basseterre between May 13-21. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW, OQRS or direct via home call.

IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-072 Pangkor Isl Look for team 9M4PI during May 1-3. QSL via 9M2HUS direct. More on <https://www.qrz.com/db/9M4PI>

AS-169 Arnala Isl The AU2M operation from Arnala Island (cancelled last year) has been rescheduled for May 1-3. This IOTA group was activated back 2004 and 2006, and has been silent ever since. More information is expected in due course.

EUROPE

EU-120 Isle of Wight A Belgian team (ON1BN, ON4AML, ON5SEL, ON6EF, ON6VJ, ON7TA, ON7VM and ON9DJ) will be active as GB9IOW from April 28 until May 5. QRV on HF and 6 metres using SSB, CW and digital modes, also on QO-100 and 23 cm moon-bounce. QSL via ON6EF. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-196 Belcher Isl Mike, VE2XB is active as VY0ZOO until May 5. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using mostly CW. QSL via home call direct.

On the scene...AU2M on the way to Arnala Island AS-169



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

8Q, MALDIVES Yosuke, JJ1DQR (of DX-World Japan) let's us know that he will be active from Male as 8Q7QR during May 28 to June 1. QRV in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 metres. Participation in the CQ WPX CW contest. QSL via H/c (direct or buro).

ISO, SARDINIA Jose, EA5UJ will be active as ISO/call/QRP with a campervan from different locations. Operation between July 16 and July 27. Jose works only SSB from 80 to 10 metres and will try to activate some POTA references. QSL via LoTW, home call and OQRS.

T8, PALAU Noburo, JH1OLB will once again be active as T88DT from November 26 until

December 2. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via home call.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISL Fer, M0HXC will be operating as ZD8KX during May 25-29. Operation with a IC-705 and a EFHW antenna. This will be a low power operation using a CW, SSB and FT2/4/8. QSL via QRZ.com.

On the scene...TX9W Marquesas Islands -now QRT



THE REMINDERS

3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again be active as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

3Y0, PETER 1 ISL The 3Y0L Dxpediton is scheduled for February 2027. A team with 19 operators will spend approximately 20 days in the vicinity of the island. <https://3y0l.com/#Peter-I-DXpediton>

4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be back as 4K/DL4XT this summer for 2 weeks. More to follow. [Youth Contest Team](#)

5H, TANZANIA Kasimir, DL2SBY will again be operating as 5H1KB between June 3 and June 12. Focus on 6 metres during his trip. QSL via home call and LoTW.

5H, TANZANIA Chas, NK80 will once again be operating as 5H3DX between June 8 and July 2. Operation from 30 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via NK80, LoTW or OQRS.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: 'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpediton planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.' Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

On the scene...T31TTT Kanton Island -operator Dom



9Q, D.R. of CONGO The Mediterranean DX Club will be active as 9T0MD between September 30 and October 11. The 9T prefix has never been used before. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Also on QO-100 and EME. <https://www.mdxc.support/9t0md/>

9Y, TRINIDAD Look for 9Y4I during the ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest. Caribbean Top Band CW signals are limited — listen carefully for 9Y4I during peak low-band windows.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech Dxpediton group will be QRV as C8K between November 10 and November 19. Active from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi with several stations. Satellite QO-100 also. Club Log livestream, QSL via OQRS or via OK6DJ. <https://www.cdxc.cz/>

C6, BAHAMAS Eric, K9GY will be operating as C6AYM between August 5-10. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW. An entry in the WAE CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

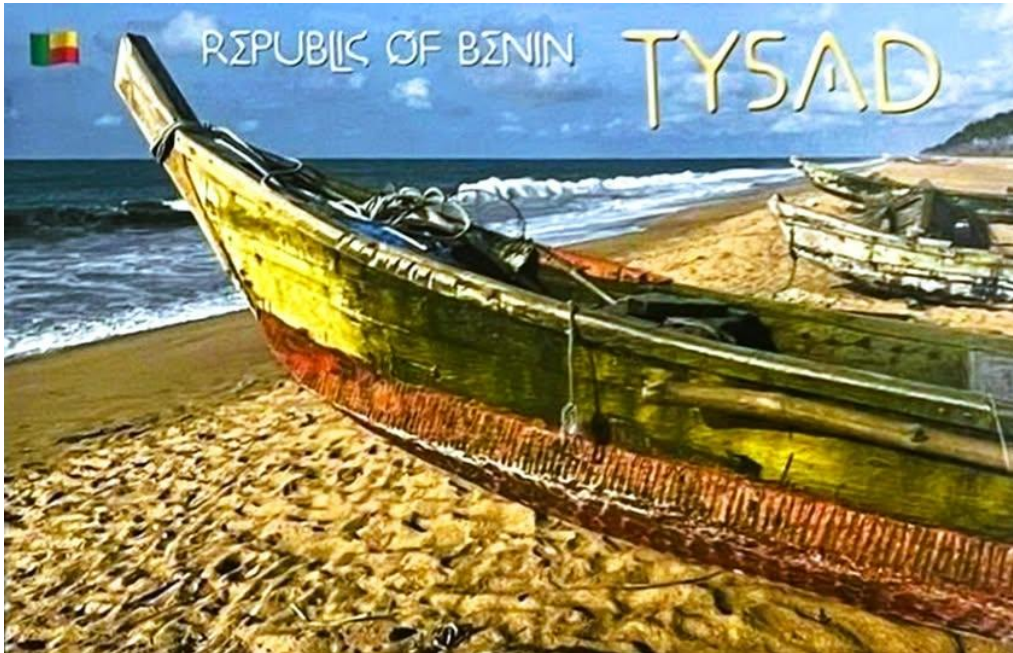
C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 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.

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ Felipe, XQ7IR will be operating as 3G0Z for about 3 weeks in May. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a focus on the low bands. QSL via MOURX OQRS. <https://www.robinsoncrusoe2026.net/>

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE between July 22 and August 14 for E51KEE (CW, SSB) and E51CZZ (SSB) between July 26 and

August 6. QRV from Rarotonga. QSL via IK2DUW.

QSL preview



E6, NIUE Gavin, ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP during July. Operation on HF using CW, SSB, SSTV, digi and Satellite. More to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FG, GUADELOUPE Ronan, F4LJA will be QRV as FG/call from June 6 until June 12. Operation on HF using mainly FT8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/F4LJA>

FM, MARTINIQUE Darrell, AB2E will be operating as TO3E between May 26 and June 2. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on WARC and low bands using mostly CW with some FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Matt, W2MJR will be operating as FP/call from October 21 until October 26. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included with an activity from POTA PM-0025. QSL via LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/FP/W2MJR>

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again (18th tour) be active as FP/call, this for the 18th time. Activity between June 27 and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest. [FP/KV1J July 2026](https://www.qrz.com/db/KV1J)

H44, SOLOMON ISL A team with 9A2NA, 9A3MR, 9A3CJY, 9A4WY, 9A7Y and DK8ZZ will be active from Guadalcanal as H49A between October 9 and October 21. Operation on HF and perhaps 6 metres. *'H49A callsign has been issued for our expedition, honoring 15 years of charity work of Croatian Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Buma, Malaita Island, OC-047. Our special callsign itself symbolises ties between Solomon islands and Croatia. Part of ham donations for the expedition will be redirected to charity work in the mission.'*

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN Kasimir, DL2SBY will once again be active as HB0/call from May 25 until May 31. Operation on HF with a focus on 6 metres. *'This activity is intended to test and fine-tune all my devices, laptops, and antennas for my activities from Zanzibar and the Seychelles.'* QSL via LoTW / homecall (direct).

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpediton), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpediton 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 Graham MM8IJU and Eric GM5RDX will once again be active as J38DX and as J38LD. QRV from September 1 until September 12 from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via M0OXO and LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Frank, PH2M will again be active as PJ2/PH2M during June 12-29. QRV holiday-style on 60-6m, mainly FT8, some SSB. QSL via buro, direct, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Chris, WA7RAR will be active as PJ4CB during his spare time between May 27 and June 8. Look for Chris from 20 to 10 meter using SSB and CW. Perhaps 10 metre FM simplex depending conditions. QSL via home call direct only.

R1/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND After two years of planning the RUDXT are proud to announce a DXpedition to the northern-most DXCC in the world – Franz Josef Land. Team of 6 operators will be active from Heiss island (FJL) during 15 days in late August-early September 2026.

<https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl>

S7, SEYCHELLES Kasimir, DL2SBY will again be QRV as S79/call during September 11-21. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via homecall or LoTW.

S9, SAO TOME Francisco, CT7AKS will be active as S9R between October 17 and October 31. More to follow.

T8, PALAU A team with Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN, Kuni JA1CJA, Jusei JA3IVU and Shozo JA3HJI plan (tentatively) activity from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during October 21-29, 2026. QRV on various bands and modes as: T88MB (JA3AVO), T88CZ (JI3DNN), T88DK (JA1CJA), T88ED (JA3IVU) and as T88DN (JA3HJI).

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

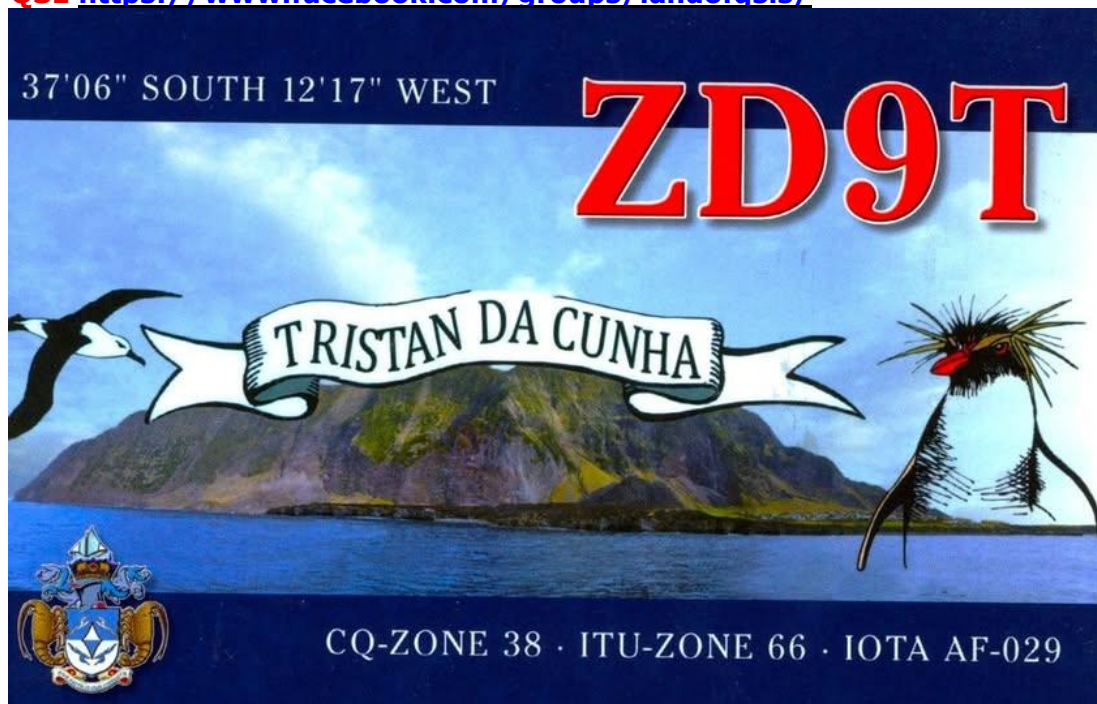
T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Eric, V5/N7XOB is travelling for a month (mid-May to mid-June) and will be active from various locations and grids. QSL via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsl/>



VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Nobby, G0JVG will be operating as VP5G during June 17-30. Operation on HF and 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. QSL via M0OXO.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARDX) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027. Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, VP9KF will be active from Baileys Bay with only a focus on JA and Far East on all bands. QSL via home call. <https://vp9kf.com/>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

ZK3, TOKELAU The Perseverance DX Group will be QRV from Tokelau. The permission for entering the island is already OK. Plan is to be active in November 2026. Team members include: Rob N7QT, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Glenn KE4KY, Dave K3EL, Dave WD5COV, Robin WA7CPA, Brian N9ADG, Jackie ZL3CW, Francesco IK0FVC, Laci HA0NAR, Violetta KN2P and Jack N7JP. More to follow.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL Look for Holger ZL3IO as ZL7IO from May 25 until June 4. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. Operation outside the contest from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, OQRS or via DK7AO.

QSL preview



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

Arctic Legends Dxpediton

AS-050 Isachenko Isl July 23-26 as RI0BI

AS-055 Vize Isl July 12-16 as RI0BW

AS-057 Ugedineniya Isl July 18-21 as RI0BU

EU-160 Chaichiy Isl July 4-7 as RI1PC

A team with UA9KDF, R3CN, RA8CV, UA6EX, UA1QV and R8KAM will be operating from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW. <https://www.rt9k-club.ru/en/index.html#hero>

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime during November 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

EUROPE

EU-104 Sanguinaires Isl Antoine F5RAB and Gil F4FET will be QRV as TK5SI during July 20-21. This will be a micro-expedition for 2 days during daytime. QSL via F8GGV, LoTW and Club Log.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group
NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group

Rick, K6VVA has plans to activate these islands sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2026. More to follow.

NA-249 Vieques Isl A team will be active as KP3RE sometime February 2027. More to follow.

On the scene...5Z4/MM0ZBH Kenya



OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-019 Abrolhos Isl Renato, PY8WW informs: *we are currently coordinating with the Brazilian Navy, there is a strong possibility that a Brazilian team will be active from Abrolhos Island, SA-019, later this year, possibly in November. More details regarding callsigns, bands, and modes will be shared as soon as the plans are finalized. Stay tuned for updates, and we hope to work many of you from this beautiful IOTA location!*

SA-093 Tutumate Isl Renato, PY8WW will be operating as HK4/call on May 9-15. "CW and SSB remain my main focus", he says, with FT8 as "just a tool for those difficult moments when propagation doesn't cooperate". More information is expected in due course. This IOTA group was activated only once, by HK3JJH/4 back in 2002.

QSL preview



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

A6, UAE The Emirates Amateur Radio Society participates in the "Proud of UAE" campaign, the nationwide initiative celebrating the country's progress and identity. Look for **A60PE** (individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign: **A60PE/0, A60PE/1, etc.**) to be used through 31 May. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/A60PE> for the QSL routes. (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN Once again the Federacion Digital EA will operate special callsigns **AO1EU, AO2EU, AO3EU, AO4EU, AO5EU, AO6EU, AO7EU, AO8EU** and **AO9EU** on 1-10 May to celebrate Europe Day, the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (9 May 1950) that paved the way to the European Union. See <https://www.fediea.org/eudota/> for more information. QSL direct to EA3RKF: Federacion Digital EA, Apartado Postal 3050, 08200 Sabadell (Barcelona), Spain. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The ARI "COLLI ALBANI" section will activate a commemorative station that will remain operational until July 31, 2026, with the call **IIONRG**. The event celebrates the first overflight of the North Pole, completed 100 years ago, by the airship "NORGE" UNDER THE COMMAND OF COLONEL UMBERTO NOBILE. This station will operate under the patronage of the municipality of Ciampino (Rome), from whose airport the "NORGE" airship took off, and of the Air Force Association. The station will operate in the HF range (and, where possible, also on QO100). The activity will continue until July 31, 2026, and for the occasion, an electronic "AWARD" and special eQSLs will be established. In addition, special QSL cards in paper form will be available upon request. The AWARD rules can be found on the QRZ.com page under the callsign IIONRG and on the diplomradio.com website.

JA, JAPAN 8J70JARE is a special callsign celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition, which on 29 January 1957 established Syowa Station on East Ongul Island. The special callsign will be in use from various locations across Japan between 22 May 2026 and 29 January 2027. QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to JG2MLI. (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA A very large number of Russian stations using the special prefix **RP81** (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be QRV on 1-9 May to mark the 81st anniversary of the end of World War II. See <https://award.srr.ru/memorial/pobeda-2026/info.html> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A10SOTA** is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) are active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** until end 2026. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)

BY, CHINA Ten stations (**B0CRA, B1CRA, B2CRA, B3CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B6CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA, B9CRA**) from across the country will be active on 3-5 May for the annual "5.5 China Amateur Radio Festival" on air event, organized by the Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC). QSLs via LoTW. See <http://www.crac.org.cn/55> for the awards. (TNX 425DX)

QSL preview



DL, GERMANY **DA26WARD** is the special callsign for the DARC Team SES to promote World Amateur Radio Day between 1 March and 30 April. QSL via LoTW, DK5ON, and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). WARD is celebrated annually on 18 April, the day when the IARU was formed in 1925. The theme for this year's WARD is "Advancing the Spirit of Amateur Radio Through Innovation." (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating a half-century of German research in Antarctica, special callsigns **DA0ANT, DM50ANT** and **DP50ANT** will be active from 15 February to 30 April. In addition, active on 1-30 April will also be **DM50GFS** (for the 50th anniversary of the Georg Forster Station, established by the GDR in 1976 and decommissioned in 1993), as well as **DP200GVN** (for the bicentenary of the birth of Georg von Neumayer, after whom three German Antarctic research stations have been named). See <https://50ant.hamaward.de/en/german-antarctic-research/> for complete information on the "50 Years of German Antarctic Research" award. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DA100LENZ** (special DOK SL100) celebrates the 100th anniversary of the German author Siegfried Lenz until the end of August. QSLs will be sent out automatically via the bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH, DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK 100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

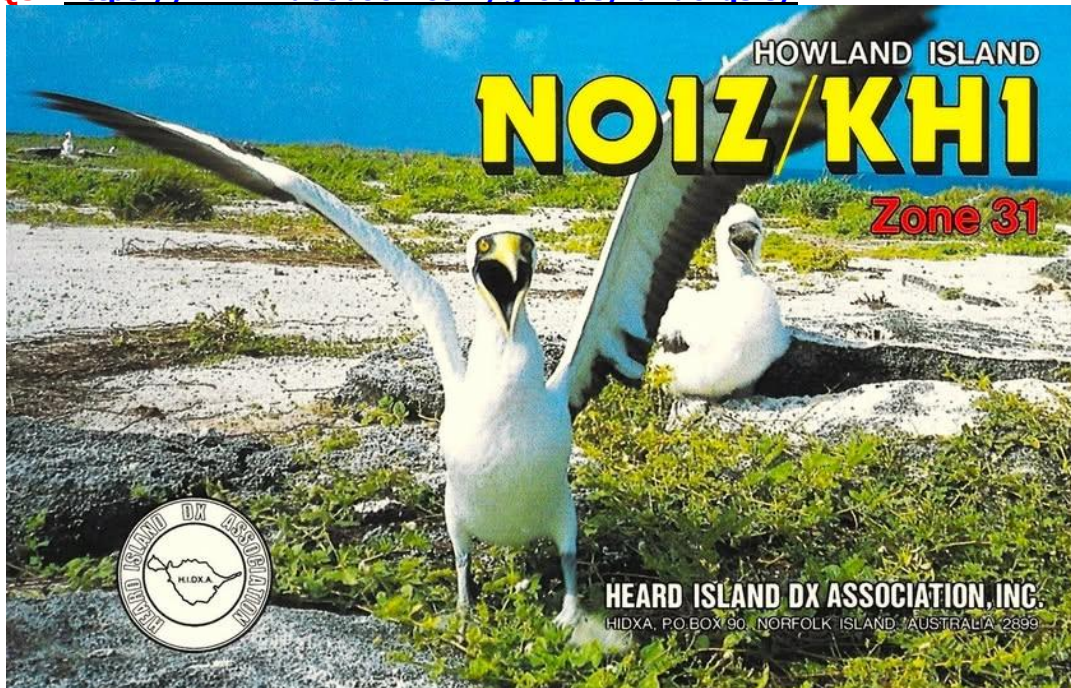
DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 10 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DQ30GDXF** is the special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the German DX Foundation (<https://www.gdx.de/>) during 2026. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsl/>



DL, GERMANY **DM50GFS** (special DOK 50GFS) commemorates the opening of the first German Antarctic station (Georg Forster) by the German Democratic Republic (GDR) in 1976. QRV from April to the end of July on HF, VHF and via QO-100. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), DCL, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY **DA200GVN** (special DOK 200GVN) celebrates the 200th anniversary of the polar explorer Georg von Neumayer from April until the end of July on HF, VHF and via QO-100. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), DCL, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE The radio club APRA Wingles (Pas de Calais) celebrates France's second female astronaut Sophie Adenot (KJ5LTN) with the callsign **TM62SA** until June. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE The radio club Rambouillet F6KKR celebrates its 50th anniversary with the callsign **TM50KKR** from March until June (Saturdays only). (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE On 27 March 1899, Guglielmo Marconi achieved the first international wireless transmission, sending Morse code signals between Wimereux (near Boulogne-sur-Mer), France, and the South Foreland Lighthouse in Dover, England. Commemorating this milestone in the history of telecommunications, the special event station **TM8DW** will be active from Wimereux on 25 April during the International Marconi Day, and sporadically until June. QSL via Club Log's . In addition, **GB2DOVER**, **GB2SFL** and **GB8DW** will be operated by the Dover Amateur Radio Club on the British side of the Channel. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND **GB50PUNK** is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times during 2026 to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log

and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": II4JDVS (April), II4ROSA (May), II4PRCE (June), II4JAFL (July), II4KEMP (August), II4PAGE (September), II4NTTI (October), II4GCLB (November), II4SLRI (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/> (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ488AM** (April), LZ370TL (May and June), LZ67PP (July and August), LZ936BA (September and October), LZ911TD (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/> (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...TX9W Marquesas Island -now QRT



LZ, BULGARIA LZ75HSC is the special callsign for Bulgarian HSC members to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via LZ2JE. The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include over 1,400 operators spanning every continent: <http://www.highspeedclub.org> (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, members of the HF Committee and the Board of Directors of the UBA, Belgium's IARU society, will be active as **OO26WARD** throughout April. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM OT26EPIC is the special callsign for the Antwerp Port Contest Club (ON8APC) to promote this year's edition of the Antwerp Port Epic cycling race. Look for activity between 25 April and 25 May (the actual day the race will be held on). QSL via ON8JJ. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS PG75HSC is the special callsign for Theo, PA3HEN to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via home call, and LoTW. Also joining the celebrations is Artur, SP3LPR as 3Z75HSC (QSL via home call, direct or bureau). The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher

Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include 1400+ operators all over the world: <http://www.highspeedclub.org> (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Look for **PA40AC**, the historical minesweeper Hr.MS. Abraham Crijnsen during the Museum Ship Weekend 2026 on June 6-7. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8.

SP, POLAND Celebrating the 680th anniversary of the city of Bydgoszcz, members of the local radio club (SP2KKB) will be active as **HF680BY**, **HF680BD** and **HF680BG** on 1-30 April. See <https://radiodyplom.pl/ses/205> for the award. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special call signs during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints: **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...Z66SP Kosovo -now QRT



SV, GREECE **SZ40A** is the special call sign for the Radio Amateur Association of Western Greece (SZ1A) to celebrate "forty years of continuous presence, service, and contribution to amateur radio". Look for activity across multiple HF bands and modes from 1 March to 31 May. QSL via ON3UN. See <https://awards.sz1a.org> for the award programme. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE **E080F** draws attention to the 80th anniversary of the Palace of Children and Youth in Izmail. (TNX DXNL)

UR, UKRAINE **EM100W** and **EN100WLKK** are two special call signs celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK). It was one of the largest European clubs before World War II. A commemorative certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/EM100W> for information. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE To celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio, Nick, US8AR will be active throughout 2026 using the special call sign **EM50AR**. Electronic QSL cards can be downloaded from <https://em50ar.pp.ua> (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA **VX9P** points out the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong during April. QSL

via VE9CF, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA AX120AAC celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YO, ROMANIA YR100RC is the special callsign celebrating the centenary of Radioclubul Craiova (18 March 1926), Romania's first amateur radio club. Look for activity between 16 March and 30 September. A certificate will be available on <https://hamlog.online/club/romania/1786/>. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA YP1ZMR is the special callsign for the Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism (FRR) to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day between 16 and 30 April. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YP1ZMR> for information about the award programme. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA To commemorate the 170th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth, members of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU0SRS) are active as **YT170TESLA** until end 2026. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100AA is the special callsign celebrating the centenary of the Auckland Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AA), which was formed alongside and as a branch to the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100C is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year. (TNX 425DX)

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