



DX bulletin 588

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DX news

9L5A Sierra Leone –update December 4

As there are many complaints about our log from live streaming ("DATA" vs. "FT8" mode among others), it looks necessary to remind that we regularly update manually our log by overwriting the one coming from the live streaming. Some QSOs do not appear live but will be there after the next manual update which is now daily. So no need to send a multitude of messages that we don't have time to process while we're on an expedition.

Apart from that, the days follow one another with more than 10,000 QSOs per day with an almost perfect balance between CW, SSB and FT8. It looks so surprising compared to other expeditions that some criticize us for doing too much CW and SSB; this is a shame! We had announced for a long time that we would prioritize "human" modes, otherwise we would not have planned 15 operators. It would for sure be much easier to leave 6 stations running in FT8 and enjoy long nights of sleep, the beach and 31° water, we would already have exceeded 100,000 QSOs. But this is not the vision we have of radio in general and especially an expedition. Given the size of the pileups, there is obviously (and fortunately) a large majority who must think like us.



C5T and C5I The Gambia –now QRT

Final log not yet uploaded (as at 0400z, Nov 30th), but team made over 10K QSOs holiday style. Picture courtesy of the team. LoTW confirmations already done.



FW7AA Wallis & Futuna –now QRT

FW7AA is now QRT. We made 15K+ contacts which is an average rate of 1K+ QSOs/per day. It's like Field Day that goes on for 2 weeks. Thanks to everyone in the pileups. OQRS will be enabled when we get home next week.

Bob and I are currently in Nadi, Fiji at the Club Fiji Resort. We arrived well after dark, and will setup our 2 Elecraft K3 stations + 2 DX Commanders tomorrow morning our time. After some discussion we decided not to erect our 160 antenna. We would only get 2 nights usage from it, and it is time consuming to setup and teardown.

Look for 3D2NB on the air, we have an excellent location right on the water.

OQRS service is now available for FW7AA and 3D2NB. LoTW contacts will be uploaded in the near future, no specific date is set.

TX7N Marquesas Islands 2025 –update

Our 700kg maritime crate is on board the ARANUI, a mixed cargo ship which is setting sail this weekend for Hiva Oa, arrival scheduled for Hiva Oa on December 16. We are preparing 17 radio bags that will travel with us by plane to carry transceivers, amplifiers, EME equipment, microphones/headsets, TOS/m, mains power supply, antenna analyzer, multimeters etc. The antenna installation team will arrive on January 3 in Hiva Oa, the other Operators will arrive on January 11.

YOTA Month December

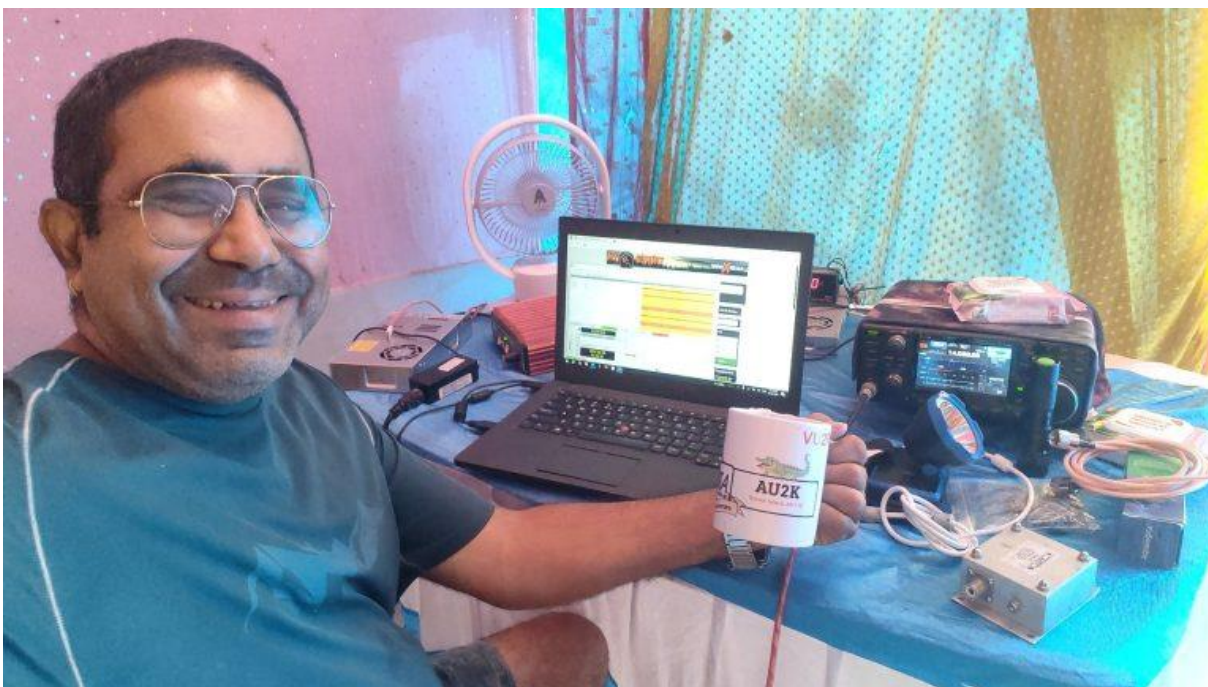
Throughout December, special event station will be active, turning the month into YOTA activity month. Active call signs will include:

4X1YOTA - Israel, LT4YOTA - Argentina, 8N2YOTA - Japan, OM9YOTA - Slovakia, 9A0YOTA - Croatia, OQ24YOTA - Belgium, AO24YOTA - Spain, PA6YOTA - Netherlands, DQ0YOTA - Germany, PD6YOTA - Netherlands, E71YOTA - Bosnia and Hercegovina, SU8YOTA - Egypt, GB24YOTA - UK, TC24YOTA - Turkey, HA6YOTA - Hungary, TM24YOTA - France, HG0YOTA - Hungary, TM4YOTA - France, HL0YOTA - Korean Republic, VC2YOTA - Canada, K8O - USA, W8A - USA, K8T - USA, YL24YOTA - Latvia, K8Y - USA, YS1YOTA - El Salvador

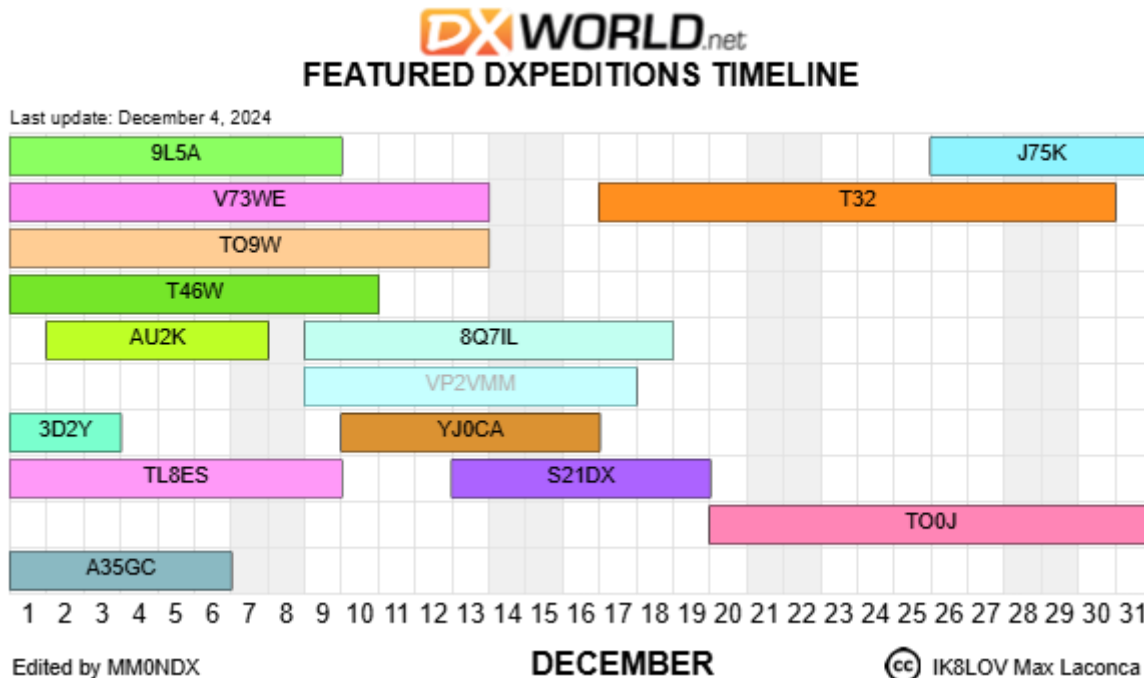
Awards are also available: <https://events.ham-yota.com/swl>

AU2K Kanika Isl, AS-179 –update December 4

Island arrival met with sandstorm! Initial luck: no noise & pleasant breeze Last 2 days: scorching heat Since yesterday: intense noise on horizontal & vertical antennas Bright spot: strong 20m opening to N/S America (00:00z to 02:30z)



DXCC Timeline



DXCC

This week on air

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

3D2, FIJI Theo, PA3CBH is active as 3D2TP from Suva until December 12. QRV during his spare time QRP using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

8Q, MALDIVES David, HB9ILL will be active as 8Q7IL between December 9 and December 18. Activity on 40, 30, 20 and 10 meter using SSB in QRP style. QSL via home call.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/8Q7IL>

9L, SIERRA LEONE The F6KOP team is active until December 8 as 9L5A. 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. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QO-100 sat. QSL via F5GSJ, OQRS. <https://www.facebook.com/9L5A>.

9V, SINGAPORE Orion, OE3OGC is active during his spare time as 9V1CF until December 10. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. Plan is to activate 9V/SG-001 and the Coney Island National Park SG-0013. QSL via home call, OQRS.

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

CN, MOROCCO Ralf, DB4REB is QRV as CN2REB until end January 2025. 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.

FR, REUNION ISL Jean-Marie, F4JCF is active as FR/call until December 15. QSL via op's instructions.

FS, ST MARTIN Team TO9W (K9EL, K9NU, W9AP and W9MR) is operating until December 13. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi with 3 stations. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY. <https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm>

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. He has dipoles covering from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Ed, N2HX is active as PJ7PL until December 18. Outside the contest operation in 'holiday-style' using FT8 and RTTY. QSL via home call.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Elvira, IV3FSG is QRV as TL8ES until December 9. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW, IK2DUW.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/TL8ES>

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

V4, ST KITTS Mike, KC1NGS is QRV as V47NH until December 17. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSK via home call. QSO upload to Club Log and LoTW.

V7, MARSHALL ISL Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV from Majuro Atoll as V73WE until December 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter due to weight restrictions on luggage. <http://v7.dxpedititions.org/>

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL 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 Krish, W4VKU is active again as VU4A until mid-December. Krish mentions *'since many of you were unable to work VU4, due to the noise levels encountered during the previous VU4N trip, the needed permission was sought back in January 2024 to return and finish the effort, this time as VU4A.'* QRV on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS will once again be active as YJ0CA from December 10 until December 16. Activity on HF using SSB only. An entry in the ARRL 10m contest is included. QSL via home call.

Coming up soon

FO/DL7JLL Mangareva

VP6JLL Pitcairn

Hardy, DL7JLL got in touch with DX-WORLD to mention about his upcoming DXpedition to Mangareva and Pitcairn during December 18, 2024 to January 15, 2025. Details as follows:

FO/DL7JLL – Rikitea village, Mangareva.

VP6JLL – Adamstown, Pitcairn Island.

QRV with a KX3 transceiver and small 50w amp + inverted V antenna. Bands: 10, 15, 20m – SSB only.

On the scene...V73WE Marshall Islands



IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-090 Saint Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once again active as 5R8IC until end 2024. Operation on HF using mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via LoTW and home call.

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR is operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until March 31, 2025. 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 Look for AU2S between December 9 and December 13 (team: VE3LYC, VU2RS, VU3DXA and VU3WEW). QSL via Club Log, or direct via VE3LYC.

<https://au2k.weebly.com>

AS-179 Kanika Isl (new) A team with Cezar (VE3LYC, VU3LPL), Sarath (VU2RS), Adi (VU3WEW), and Anil (VU3DXA) is QRV as AU2K from Kanika Island, AS-179NEW until December 7. Regretfully, Frank (DL4KQ), who planned and worked on this project with us, will be unable to join the team due to family and work-related issues. More information can be found on the expedition [website](#).

On the scene...Kanika Island AS-179



NORTH AMERICA

NA-204 Cayo Santa Maria A large team with CO6XDX, CO6XX, CO6VV, CO6SDY, CO6RK, CO6OU, CM6EZ and CL6AX is active as T46W until December 10. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using various modes. QSL via CO6QK, LoTW.



Coming up soon

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.'

On the scene...S21DX Dal Char Island AS-140

S21DX team report that an 18m mast check with accessories was completed. 17m and 12m VDA elements been prepared too. More radials for 160m antenna also added.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

T30, W KIRIBATI

T31, C KIRIBATI

T32, E KIRIBATI

T33, BANABA

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Date unknown but 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.

T32TTT Kiritimati. December 2024 January 2025.

T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

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

THE REMINDERS

6W, SENEGAL C5, THE GAMBIA

Billy, F4GJE will be operating as C5RK and 6W1RD during January 2025.

C5RK January 4-5

6W1RD January 11-12

Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via EA7FTR.

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.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition sometime around the 3rd week of January. They have requested the callsign 5N9DTG. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8.

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.

On the scene...3D2Y Rotuma



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.

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.

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.

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.

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/>

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNQ, 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

QSL preview

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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 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 MOURX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8g.com/>

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

J7, DOMINICA 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 Mike JA6EGL and Kazu JE6KFN will be QRV from Koror as T88SM and T88XK during January 10-16, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

On the scene...FT4YM Concordia Station



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 Following on from the TY5C activity in March this year, Gérard F5NVF will again be QRV from Godomey during January 10 to April 2, 2025. 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.

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.

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.'

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 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!

On the scene...AU2K Kanika Island AS-179



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

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-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

Wolf's Fand Runway

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA1O, ex UA1PBA) will be active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) starting around mid-November 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 will be 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:

'It's good news for all ham radio interested in polar contacts. Oleg made a very good job last season with callsigns RD1A/MM, RI41POL and RI0POL making more than 205,000 contacts. The vessel departed Murmansk on September 15 with a team of scientists aboard, and is heading towards the Novosibirsk islands. This is where the drifting polar station will begin its work as part of the "North Pole-42" expedition. For many months, polar explorers will conduct research in the high latitudes of the Arctic Ocean, encompassing over fifty scientific programs.'

FT4YM Antarctica

November 19:

David, F4FKT is again active as **FT4YM** from two Antarctic bases until early March 2025. Dates of activity from each base to be confirmed nearer the time. [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.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

4X, ISRAEL In anticipation of Christmas, special event stations **4X8X** (from the Latrun Monastery) and **4X9X** (from the Yardenit Baptismal Site) will be active on 6-8 December. They will be followed by **4X7X** from the Abbey of the Dormition on 20-22 December. All QSLs via 4X6ZM. A certificate will be available: <https://www.iarc.org/xmas2024>. (TNX 425DX)

A9, BAHRAIN Celebrating the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will be active as **A91ND** on 1-16 December. QSL via EC6DX. Also taking part in the celebrations will be the Emirates Amateur Radio Society as **A60BHR** on 11-16 December (individual operators may a425dx

append a serial number to the special callsign), and possibly the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as **HZ1BHR**, the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society as **9K9BHR**, and the Royal Omani Amateur Radio

Society as **A43BHR**. (TNX 425DX)

LY, LITHUANIA LY24XMAS will be active throughout December. LY2QT offers a commemorative coin for 10 QSOs with special event stations carrying an XMAS or HNY suffix; one QSO with LY24XMAS is obligatory and 5 Euro for covering postage: ly2qt.wal@gmail.com. QSL LY24XMAS via LY2QT. (TNX DXNL)

PY, BRAZIL The Bicho do Mato DX Team celebrates its 10th anniversary with the callsign **ZV2BM** throughout December. QSL via bureau, LoTW, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A100RKZ is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

DL, GERMANY DM70DXMB is the special callsign for DARC Team SES to mark the 70th anniversary of DARC's DX Newsletter DXMB (DX-Mitteilungsblatt) between 1 November and 13 December. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (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)

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 42DX)

I, ITALY 4U30B is the special callsign issued to the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club to mark the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Global Service Centre in Brindisi, Italy. Look for activity between 15 November and 31 December. QSL via 9A2AA. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Bologna will be active as **II4RCDN** from 1 October to 31 December. QSL via IZ4FUE. The special callsign marks the 60th Anniversary of the Northern Cross Radio Telescope, one of the largest transit radio telescopes in the world. Gianfranco Sinigaglia (I4BBE, SK), after whom the Bologna ARI Section is named, was a professor of radioastronomy and applied electronics at the Physics Institute of Bologna University, and responsible for the electronics of the Northern Cross. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/II4RCDN> for information. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club's station **IQ1NM** will be activated during the 43rd edition of the INORC Contest (7-8 December). This year's edition is dedicated to the memory of INORC member Serafino De Filippi, IT9CKA. The contest will be held on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/iq1nm> for complete information. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Italy (6 October 1924), ARI local branches across Italy will be using special callsigns from 1 October to 29 December. The callsigns will be in the format **II#Rxyz** (e.g. II9RCAT for ARI Catania) and **IR#Rxyz** (e.g. IR1RVDB for ARI Valbormida). In addition, special event station I1MRTV will be active from the RAI Radio and Television Museum in Torino. Certificates and electronic QSLs will be available for download from the HamAward platform (direct link from each special callsign's qrz.com page). (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: **II4FCGD** (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LA, NORWAY Look for **LA400KBG** during 2024 to celebrate the 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: **LZ311PA** (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at

<https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

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)

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 The RCA (Radio Club des Ardennes: [ON4RCA](https://www.qrz.com/db/ON4RCA)) of Bastogne commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bastogne also known as the Battle of Bulge. The activation of the **OO80BB** call sign will start on November 16 and end on December 15. Several stations surrounding Bastogne, including the club station, will operate this special call sign on all the bands from 80M to 10M and on the following modes: SSB, FT4, FT8 and some other digital modes.

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 Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **PA24XMAS**, **PD24ELF** and **PI24XMAS** will be active on 1-31 December, while **PD25HNY** will be QRV from 24 December until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued, but see <https://www.qrz.com/db/PI24XMAS> for the certificate. (TNX 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 be 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 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)

VU, INDIA Look for **AU2JCB** between November 15 and December 16. This to commemorate the birth date and to celebrate the Indian scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose who is recognized as the father of wireless communication. VU2DSI will be QRV for the 17th year between 80 and 10 meter on HF and FM. QSL via VU2DSI direct.