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# DX INFORMATION



**5H** - Ferdy, HB9DSP will be active again as 5H3FM from Zanzibar Island (AF-032), Tanzania from 25 November to 9 December. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or

via home call (bureau or direct).

**9L** - Shabu, M0KRI will be active as 9L5M from Freetown, Sierra Leone from 24 November to 5 December. He will operate FT8, CW and SSB on 80-6 metres and the QO-100 satellite. He will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log.

**9M6** - Saty, JE1JKL will be active again as 9M6NA from Labuan Island (OC-133), East Malaysia for the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (SOAB 15m) and the CQ WW DX CW Contest (SOAB). QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

**A2** - The Russian DXpedition Team will be active as A25R from Botswana from 26 October to 12 November. Seven operators (namely R5EC, R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW9JZ, UA3QLC, OK8AU and SP6EQZ) will be QRV

on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes (mainly FT8) with several stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. See <https://www.rudxt.com/a25r> for more information.

**A5** - Abie, AB1F will be active as A52AA from Thimphu, Bhutan on 19-27 October. He will operate SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau); he will upload his log to LoTW, eQSL, Club Log.

**C6** - Jay, WA1JAY will be active as WA1JAY/C6A from Paradise (Hog) Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 5-10 November. He will operate holiday style via FM satellites, as well as SSB and FT8/FT4 on 40-10 metres. He plans to upload his log to LoTW and Club Log. Updates to be posted to <https://twitter.com/wajjay>.

**CE0Y** - Luis, CE2ML and Mathias, CE2LR will be active as XR0Y from Easter Island (SA-001) on 22-29 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as 3G0Y. They will operate CW, SSB and some FT8 on the HF bands. QSL both callsigns via

CE2ML. [TNX DX World]

**CT9** - Helmut, DF7EE will be active again as CT9/DF7EE from Madeira (AF-014) on 22-31 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as CQ3W. Before and after the contest he will focus on 60, 30, 17 and 12 metres SSB and FT8. QSL both callsigns via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

**DL** - Volker, DL1WH will be active holiday style as DL1WH/p from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 15-29 October. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**EI** - Special event callsign EI80MB will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). Carried out by the small Irish coaster

*Kerlogue* (callsign EIMB), the rescue took more than ten hours. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL.

**F** - Members of the Radio-Club de la Haute Ile will operate special callsign TM5GGU from 28 October to 1 November in memory of their friend Herve Fabbro, F5GGU, who passed away in April 2021. QSL via qrz.com.

**F** - The Radio Club de Wingles (F4KLR) will be active as TM125ED between 4 November and 31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary



since radio pioneer Eugène Ducretet gave a public demonstration of wireless communication between the Eiffel Tower and the Pantheon 4 km away (5 November 1898). All CW and SSB QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL, FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL only; direct cards via F4KLR.

**FG** - Once again Philippe, F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 17 October to 7 November, including participation in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via F1DUZ.

**H4** - H40WA has been postponed to 2024 (see Good to Know below), but team member Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF is going on a solo expedition. Running 100 watts into wires, he will be active as H44RH from Honiara (OC-047), Solomon Islands starting on 23 October until 1 November, possibly including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. On 2 November he will fly to Temotu Province, and be active as H40RH from Pigeon Island (OC-065) until 9 November. He will operate mainly CW, plus FT8 on 6 metres if the band is open. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; or via OE1JUN (direct or bureau).

**H44** - The H44WA DXpedition to Guadalcanal (OC-047), Solomon Islands is confirmed to take place on 15-29 November. The team will arrive on 12 November, and there might be some limited activity on FT8 while they build their antenna farm. QSL via MOURX's OQRS (preferred), or direct to his mailing address. Bureau cards will not be provided, and there will be «no full log LoTW upload». More information and detailed QSLing policy can be found on <https://www.h44wa.com/>.



**HR** - Max, N5NHJ (I8NHJ) will be active as HQ9CW from Roatan Island (NA-057, EK66rh) on 22-29 November. He will operate CW only on 20-6m, and will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest (SOSB on 15 or 10m, low power). QSL via LoTW, or direct to N5NHJ.

**HR** - Gerard, F2JD will be active again as HR5/F2JD from Copan, Honduras from 25 November to 21 March 2024. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8/ FT4 on the HF bands. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); logsearch on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>. [TNX F6AJA]

**I** - Italian stations participating in this year's JOTA/JOTI event (20-22 October, <https://www.jotajoti.info/>) include I10BP, I12JOT, I12JOTA, I13BP, I15BP, I15JOTA, I16BP, I17BP, I17JAM, I19BP, I04JOTA and IR2JOTA. QSL via operator's instructions.

**I** - Members of ARI Roma (IQORM) will operate special

event station I10MKFR from Maker Faire Rome – The European Edition on 20-22 October (<https://makerfairerome.eu/en/>). QSL via LoTW, or via the bureau to IK0XFD.

**JA** - Take, JI3DST will be active from the Miyako Islands (AS-079) from 6 October to 19 December. He will operate SSB and CW as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JR8YLY/6, as well as JI3DST/p, JJ5RBH/p and JR8YLY/p on FT8. The QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.



**LX** - Once again HB9S (the Geneva based World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre) has been invited to take part in the JOTA-JOTI weekend (20-22 October) in Luxembourg. Look for LX9S to be active with several stations on the HF bands SSB, CW, FT8 and SSTV, and also via QO-100. QSL via LoTW (pre-

ferred), or via HB9AOF.

**OE** - 4U2U is the special callsign for the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A, <https://4u1a.club/>) to celebrate United Nations



Day on 24-31 October. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via UA3DX. United Nations Day marks the anniversary of the official creation of the UN (24 October 1945).

**OY** - Christian EA3NT, Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG will join local operators and participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as OY6A (QSL via LoTW) from the Faroe Islands (EU-018). Before and after the contest they will be QRV as OY/EA3NT, OY/MM0NDX and OY/MM0OKG.

**P4** - John, W2GD will be active again as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 24-30 October. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest; outside the contest he will be QRV on 160m CW, as well as on 30, 17 and 12 metres as time permits. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM. [TNX NG3K]

**PA** - Dutch members of the European DX Foundation will operate special callsigns PA37EUDXF, PB37EUDXF, PC37EUDXF, PD37EUDXF, PE37EUDXF, PF37EUDXF, PG37EUDXF, PH37EUDXF and PI37EUDXF between 1 and 30 November to celebrate the EUDXF's 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSL PH37EUDXF via PA2TMS; QSL other callsigns via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via PA1AW.

**PJ5** - John, W5JON will be active again as PJ5/W5JON from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 25-31 October. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 60-6m. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

**PJ7** - After the CQ WW DX SSB Contest, Ed, N2HX will move from St. Kitts to Sint Maarten (NA-105). He will be QRV as PJ7PL, including entries in the CQ WW DX CW Contest (25-26 November) and the ARRL 10-Meter Contest (9-10 December). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX N2HX]

**PY0F** - Renner, PY7RP has been active as PY0FR from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) since 24 October, and will remain there until 30 October. He operates mainly FT8 on the HF bands and 6 me-



tres; he will enter the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as PS0F. QSLs via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to PY7RP.

**PY0T** - Team PROT will be active on 40-10 metres from Trindade Island (SA-010) for about three days sometime in November (exact dates to be confirmed by the Brazilian Navy, which will provide transport and accommodation). The on-site team (PY1ZV, PT2IC and

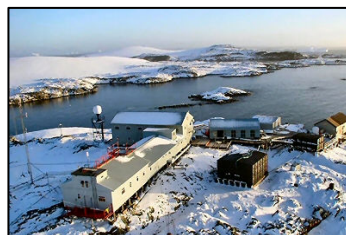


PY6RT) will operate SSB and CW from the main camp; the FT8 station, located 300-400m away, will be operated remotely by ten other amateurs. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Bookmark <http://www.pr0t.com.br/home/> for more information and updates.

**PZ** - Renato, PY8WW will be active as PZ5TW from Suriname from 25 October to 3 November. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (SOSB 15m). QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

**T32** - Ken, KH6QJ will be active again as T32AZ from Kiribati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati on 11-24 October. He will operate SSB on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via KH6QJ, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

**UR\_ant** - Serhiy, UW5EHR is a member of the XXVIII Ukrainian Antarctic Expedition (2023-24) at the Akademik Vernadskyi



station on Galindez Island (AN-006), Antarctica. He will remain there through March 2024. Briefly active as VP8/UW5EHR, he has used the club station's callsign EM1U since 7 October. He operates

FT8, FT4 and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW and UT7UA.

**V4** - Ed, N2HX will be active as V4/N2HX from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 21 October to 18 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as V49R. QSLs via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX N2HX]

**V6** - Members of the Yokohama DX Club will be active as V6SX from Weno Island (OC-011), Micronesia on 23-31



October to celebrate their club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 80-6m (hopefully also on 160 and/or 60m), and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as

V6Y. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

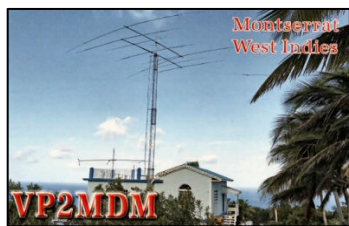
**V6** - Miki, JJ2CJB will be active as V63CB from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 27-31 October. He will operate mainly SSB, with some CW and FT8, on 40-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to JJ2CJB.

**VE** - Pierre, VK3KTB and Alexey VE1RUS will be active again as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008) between 21 October and 22 November. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

**VK** - Tom, VK2WN (SP7WT) will be active as AX37EUDXF between 15 October and 30 November to celebrate the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European DX Foundation. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, Club Log's OQRS. He does not use the bureau.

**VK9L** - Al, K7AR and Bob, W7YAQ were due to QRT from

Lord Howe Island on 3 October. Their return flight, however, was cancelled, and the VK9LAA DXpedition was been extended until 8 October. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via W7YAQ.



**VP2M** - K2DM, George will be active as VP2MDM from Montserrat (NA-103) on 25-30 October. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest; outside the contest he will operate FT8 and some CW. QSL via LoTW, or direct to K2DM. [TNX The Daily DX]

**VP5** - Look for VP5/N5VOF, VP5/WD5JR and VP5/KJ5CMP to be active from Providenciales (NA-002) on 1-10 November. They will operate mainly SSB on 40-6 metres, with plans to be active from POTA locations. QSLs direct to home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

**VU** - Look for AT30IIH to be active until 31 December to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indian Institute of Hams, whose focus is to train and bring young people into the amateur radio community (<https://www.indianhams.com/>). QSL via the bureau or direct, or via eQSL.

**XT** - Harald, DF2WO has been active again as XT2AW from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso since 11 October, and will remain there until 26 October. He operates all modes on the HF bands, 6 metres and via QO-100. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.

**YJ** - Team YJ0TT (NC7M and other five operators) will be active from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from 26 October to



3 November. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. Individual callsigns include YJ0SR (N7JI), YJ0ET (NG7E), YJ0NA (K6VHF, who is planning to operate via satellites), YJ0UC (W6UC) & YJ0EE (NJ6P), who plan to be QRV on 6 metres EME («for the very first three days to take advantage of low degradation») and terrestrial. QSL via operator's instructions. See <https://www.dxobsessed.org/home> for more information.

**ZF** - Rich, NN3W will be active as ZF2RD from Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 24-31 October. He will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as ZF2B. QSLs via LoTW, or via NN3W.

**ZL7** - Holger, ZL310 will be active again as ZL7IO from Waitangi, Chatham Islands (OC-038) from 25 October until after the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DK7AO.



**ZL7** - JA1SVP, JE1SYN and JF10CQ will be active as ZL7A from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 9-22 November. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and FT4 on 160-6m with three stations. QSL via LoTW (preferred), Club Log's

OQRS, eQSL, or direct to JF10CQ.



#### EUDXF ACTIVITY MONTH •

Celebrating the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European DX Foundation, a number of special callsigns will be activated between 1 and 30 November: AX37EUDXF (Australia), DU37EUDXF (Philippines), HA37EUDXF (Hungary), OE37EUDXF (Austria), OP37EUDXF (Belgium),

PA37EUDXF, PB37EUDXF, PC37EUDXF, PD37EUDXF, PE37EUDXF, PF37EUDXF, PG37EUDXF, PH37EUDXF, PI37EUDXF (Netherlands), TM37EUDX (France), UE37EUF (Russia). QSL via operators' instructions. An award will be available, complete information can be found on <https://www.eudxf.eu/the-36eudxf-award-2/>.

## CQ WW DX SSB CONTEST

The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (28-29 October, [www.cqww.com/rules.htm](http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm)):

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	COUNTRY	QSL VIA
01	VE8DAV	SO	Canada	VE8DAV
02	VE2IDX	SOSB 20m HP	Canada	VE3ZF
07	HQ9A	SO	Honduras	LoTW/VE3DZ
08	6Y1V	SOAB HP	Jamaica	LZ1YE
08	8P5A	SOAB HP	Barbados	LoTW/HA1AG
08	C6AXX		Bahamas	LoTW/NN2T
08	FG4KH	SOAB	Guadeloupe	LoTW/F1DUZ
08	J62K	M/S	St. Lucia	K9HZ
08	KP2B	SOSB 10m	US Virgin Isls	EB7DX
08	KP3J	SOSB 10m	Puerto Rico	EB7DX
08	KP4AA	M/S HP	Puerto Rico	LoTW
08	NP4Z	SOAB HP	Puerto Rico	N4AO
08	TO5A	M/2	Martinique	LoTW
08	V26B	M/?	Antigua & Barbuda	LoTW
08	V47T	M/S	St Kitts & Nevis	LoTW/W2RQ
08	V49R	SO LP	St Kitts & Nevis	N2HX

<b>ZONE</b>	<b>CALL</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>QSL VIA</b>
08	VP2MDM	SOAB HP	Montserrat	LoTW
08	VP5M	M/?	Turks & Caicos Isls	LoTW
08	ZF1A	M/2	Cayman Isls	LoTW
08	ZF2B	M/S	Cayman Isls	LoTW/NN3W
09	9Z4A	SO	Trinidad & Tobago	9Z4A
09	FY5FY	SOSB HP	French Guiana	LoTW
09	FY5KE	SOSB 10m HP	French Guiana	LoTW
09	P40W	SOAB HP	Aruba	LoTW
09	P49Y	SO	Aruba	LoTW/AE6Y
09	PJ2T	M/M	Curacao	LoTW
09	PJ4K	M/2	Bonaire	KU9C
09	PZ5TW	SOSB 15m LP	Suriname	PY8WW
10	HD1A	M/M	Ecuador	LoTW/HC1QRC
11	PS0F	SO	Fernando de Noronha	LoTW
12	3G0Y	M/?	Easter Island	CE2ML
12	CB7A	SO	Chile	LoTW
12	LP7D	M/S	Argentina	LoTW/LU4AA
12	XQ1KZ	SOSB 15m HP	Chile	LoTW
14	CQ8Q	SOSB 20m HP	Azores	PT2FM
14	CR2B	SO	Azores	LoTW/EA1BP
14	EE5A	M/?	Spain	EA5URV
14	GJ0KYZ	SO HP	Jersey	LoTW/GJ0KYZ
14	GM5G	M/?	Scotland	MM0TGH
14	LN8W	M/M	Norway	LA6YEA
14	LX8M	M/S LP	Luxembourg	LoTW
14	MD4K	M/?	Isle of Man	G3NKC
14	OT5A	M/M	Belgium	LoTW
14	OY6A	M/?	Faroe Isls	LoTW
15	IR0A	SOSB 80m	Sardinia	OM2FY
20	5B/HA5PP	SOAB	Cyprus	HA5PP
20	TA2IB	SOSB 15m QRP	Turkey	LoTW
20	TA3J	SOSB 80m LP	Turkey	LoTW/TA3J
21	4L2M	SOSB 40m	Georgia	EA7FTR
21	4L5EE	SOSB 15m HP	Georgia	LoTW
21	4L5O	SOSB 80m HP	Georgia	LoTW/N3SL
21	4L8A	SOSB 10m	Georgia	LoTW/M00XO
21	4L9M	SO	Georgia	LoTW
23	B0A	M/M	China	BA4TB
25	D70LW	M/S HP	Korea	LoTW
26	3W9A	SO	Vietnam	LoTW
26	E2A	M/S HP	Thailand	LoTW/E21EIC
27	AH2R	M/?	Guam	LoTW
27	JD1BQP	SOAB	Ogasawara	LoTW/JP1IHD
27	V63AH	SO	Micronesia	LoTW/DL2AH
27	V63CB	SOAB	Micronesia	LoTW
27	V6Y	M/2	Micronesia	LoTW
28	7A2A	M/?	Indonesia	LoTW
28	9M6NA	SOSB 15m	East Malaysia	LoTW
28	9M6W	SOSB	East Malaysia	LoTW
28	H44RH	SO	Solomon Isls	OE1JUN
28	YB0ECT	SOSB 10m HP	Indonesia	W2FB
30	VK1A	M/S	Australia	LoTW
31	KH6J	M/M	Hawaii	LoTW
31	T2C	M/S	Tuvalu	DL4SVA
32	5W5W	M/?	Samoa	LoTW
32	E51JAN	SOSB 10m	North Cook Isls	SP9FIH
32	YJ0CA	SO	Vanuatu	VK2YUS
32	YJ0TT	M/M	Vanuatu	
32	ZL7/SP5EAQ	SO	Chatham Isls	LoTW/SP7DQR

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	COUNTRY	QSL VIA
32	ZL7IO	SOAB	Chatham Isls	LoTW/DK7AO
33	CQ3W	SO	Madeira	LoTW
33	EA8RM	SOAB HP	Canary Isls	LoTW
33	IH9/OK1M	SOSB 15m	AF Italy	OK1M
33	IH9YMC	SOSB	AF Italy	LoTW
35	D4C	M/?	Cape Verde	LoTW
40	OX3LX	SO	Greenland	LoTW/OZ0J

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2023.html> - good contest to you all!

## GOOD TO KNOW



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**4W8X: OPERATING** • «In November 2023 there will be a good number of interesting DXpeditions on the air. Other teams have published lists of their “proposed operating frequencies” on their websites. We strongly feel that this will not work out with so many activities at the same time - at least in the classic modes CW and SSB, and on the classic bands (and in the age of DX Cluster it truly sounds outdated, too). 4W8X does not announce frequencies. When we QSY to a new band, we will live with the actual situation which we find on the new band. It means: we will respect ongoing pile-ups, and we expect the same from our fellow DX colleagues».



As for the digital modes, «most of the 4W8X operators are focused on the classic modes CW and SSB, with RTTY ranking #3», the team states. «In RTTY you will find us on typical frequencies. We'll also take part in the WAEDC RTTY Contest (11-12 November). When the RTTY pile-up grows too big, we'll operate split». For FT8 and FT4, 4W8X will use «MSHV software with multiple streams a few kHz up from the

regular FT4/FT8 frequencies».

Plans are for 4W8X to be QRV with part-time/restricted operations on 6-13 November and again on 27 November-5 December, and a «full 24/7 service on as many band/mode combinations as possible» on 14-26 November (including a Multi-Multi entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest). The DXpedition is expected to be QRT for good at +/- 3 UTC on 6 December. See <http://www.timor-leste-dx.de/operating/general.php> for operating tips and more information.

**CB0ZA** • Mike, AD5A has joined the multi-national team that will be active from Robinson Crusoe Island (SA-005), Juan Fernandez on 13-20 February 2024 [425DXN 1683]. The North American operators will meet on 7-10 December to test the radio equipment and prepare the antennas for shipment to Chile. See <https://cb0za.com/> for more information and updates. [TNX CE1TBN]



**H40WA: POSTPONED** • The Intrepid DX Group's DXpedition to the Temotu Province [425DXN 1679] «cannot go forward as planned from 26 October to 9 November», the co-leaders announced on 16 October. The new tentative dates are 22 February-7 March 2024.

«A few weeks ago, we reported that all of our equipment was shipped to Honiara, and was to be transported by vessel onto Temotu. Unfortunately, we have just been informed that the transport ship has yet again been delayed, and our equipment will not make it to Temotu in time for our planned activation date. All other options have been exhausted and we have no other viable options other than to reschedule for the February/March timeframe. The team is now working on getting our flights and hotel reservations rescheduled. If any of our donors/sponsors need a refund for your donations, please email [pauln6pse@gmail.com](mailto:pauln6pse@gmail.com) for a refund».



**IREF TO CEASE OPERATION** • The Island Radio Expedition Foundation (IREF), the only expedition funding organization specifically focused on IOTA expeditions, is ceasing operation. Formed in 1999 by AD5A, N5UR, AB5EB and NI5DX (SK) after their H75A expedition to NA-209, through its donors IREF has contributed more than 80,000 USD to IOTA expeditioners since its inception. «One of the primary reasons for ceasing operations», AD5A says, «is that the funding model for expeditions has changed. OQRS has given expeditioners a much easier tool for raising money than the traditional methods of the past. Accordingly requests were down as were contributions. IREF is proud of its legacy, but times have changed and IREF's impact has been diminished over the past few years».

**RIOSP** • This is the new callsign for Oleg, RD1A, who was previously QRV as RI41POL. He is participating in the North Pole-41 expedition to the Arctic onboard the *North Pole*, a large self-propelled drifting research vessel replacing the drifting ice stations built on ice floes. QSL via RN3RQ



**SAC** • The SSB leg of the 64th Scandinavian Activity Contest will take place on 14-15 October, from 12 UTC on Saturday to 11:59 UTC on Sunday. Scandinavian stations (Aland Islands, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Jan Mayen, Market Reef, Norway, Svalbard & Bear Island, Sweden) will try to work as many non-Scandinavian stations as possible and vice versa. See <https://www.sactest.net/> for complete information.

**SOLAR ECLIPSE QSO PARTY** • The Solar Eclipse QSO Party is an opportunity for radio amateurs to operate before, during and after the October 2023 and April 2024 eclipses pass over North America. Using various modes (CW, voice, and digital), two-way QSOs made during the SEQP will contribute to scientific studies focusing on the ionosphere's reaction to the eclipse. Although the researchers are most interested in the participation of operators in North America, amateurs from all over the world are welcome to operate and enter the SEQP. The events will take place on 14 October 2023 (1200-2200 UTC) and 8 April 2024 (1400-2400 UTC), on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6m. See <https://www.hamsci.org/contest-info> for information, including FAQs and rules.

**T22T & T32TT** • Owing to an outbreak of Influenza Like Illness in Tuvalu, team T22T decided to QRT on 4 October, earlier than planned. According to Club Log's latest statistics, 102,248 QSOs were made with 16,861 unique callsigns on FT8 (80,179), FT4 (18,677), CW (2,290) and SSB (1,102). QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct only). The Rebel DX Group's next plan is to be active as T32TT (requested callsign) from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati sometime before December. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/> for updates.



**T2C** • «Our air-conditioned bungalows are fine, but we don't have much space for the antennas», the team posted on 14 October their website (<https://t2c.mydx.de/>). «Large construction machines had been in use all day long and cross the street in front of our bungalows. Therefore, we can only use the area adjacent to the bungalows so that we are not disturbing other guests. As the front part of the hotel area has been claimed from the sea, there is no beach (just rocks), which means we can't install antennas there. We installed two BOGs (Beverage On Ground) overnight in the construction area away from the hotel. These antennas help a lot to improve the receiving situation from 40 to 160 metres. During the day, the BOGs must be dismantled due the work of

the construction machines on this area».

Plans are for T2C to focus on the higher bands, including 6 metres. On 23 October the 160 and 80m antennas will be dismantled, and the following day half of the team will fly back home with half of the equipment. The rest of the team will operate three stations on 40-6 metres until 30 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. Updates will be posted to the DXpedition's website, as well as to [https://twitter.com/T2C\\_2023](https://twitter.com/T2C_2023) and <https://mastodon.radio/@dh5fs>.



**TX5S** • The Perseverance DX Group's DXpedition to Clipperton Island (18 January - 1 February 2024) [425DXN 1684] will have two operating camps: one for CW/Digital/Satellite/EME and one for SSB/Digital. The equipment plan (transceivers, amplifiers, antennas) for 8 operating positions + a satellite position has been finalized, as well as the information for satellite, 6m EME and 23cm operations.

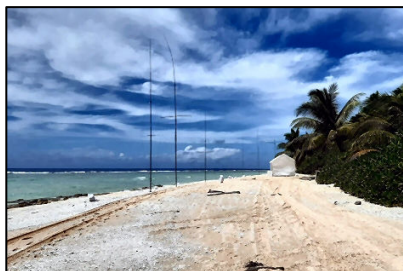
The fundraising campaign is underway: «the long standing DXpedition funding model is to split the DXpedition cost equally between the expedition team and the DX community, i.e. organizations and individuals. TX5S donations are only at about 40% of the goal. No doubt a sign of today's inflationary impact. But the fact remains - DXpeditions are expensive and the teams need your help. The cash flow challenge is real, we must pay the bills before we sail», the team's Press Release #6 states. «We ask those of you who have not yet processed a donation to consider supporting the

project before we sail on 11 January 2024»: see <https://clip.pdxq.net/donate/>.

You can also follow TX5S on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tx5s2024>.

**V62P & V62S** • On 16 October Cezar, VE3LYC received «the shockingly sad news that captain Callistus, who was in charge of sailing the boat to Pulap and Satawal, had just passed away. He was in mid 50s, had a very good understanding of this project and obtained the support of the local Chiefs, whom he knew personally. Captain Callistus was truly happy to be part of this project and will be sorely missed»

In any case, the company Cezar has hired for the voyage has confirmed that they will be able to provide their services as planned. The timeline of this project has not changed, and Cezar still plans to be QRV as V62P from Pulap (OC-155) on 1-7 November, and as V62S from Satawal (OC-299) on 9-16 November. See <https://v6iota.weebly.com/> for updates.



**W8S** • The *Manu'atela* left Pago Pago (American Samoa) on 5 October at 9 UTC with the W8S Team onboard. The initial schedule was slightly delayed by the inclement weather and due to other commitments of the Government operated vessel, serving the local island communities. Operations from Swains Island began at 08.30 UTC on 7 October. With temperatures around 40 degrees Celsius and very high humidity, building the stations required a great



deal of effort from the entire team. This is one of the reasons why the stations took a little longer to set up than hoped. The DXpedition was not extended to compensate for the late start, and the team left the island sometime in the local morning (UTC afternoon) of 17 October. According to Club Log, W8S made 89,530 QSOs with 21,471 unique call signs and an even distribution over the three largest areas (Europe 35.1%, North America 30.8%, Asia 29%). The complete statistics can be found on <https://clublog.org/charts/?c=W8S#r>. The QSL manager (M0OXO) has received the final logs. Please note that log check requests for Busted Calls, Not in Log and/or Missing Calls should be processed through the *Not in Log?* form on his OQRS: <https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs>.



**WRTC 2026: SELECTION CRITERIA UPDATE** • Following the publication of the WRTC 2026 Selection Criteria, the Organising Committee has received feedback and suggestions for rule amendments from the contesting community. After review some suggestions were not considered viable or did not align with real world data, but others gave potential to improve the competition. Following approval from the WRTC Sanctioning Committee, a few changes have been announced: <https://www.wrtc2026.org/2023/10/05/selection-criteria-update/>. With the first qualifying event approaching imminently, the Selection Criteria are now finalised, and no further suggestions can be considered.

**XW0LP** • Simon has moved to a new QTH in Luang Prabang, Laos which has a large garden and much clearer path to Europe. He is active on 160, 40, 20, 15, 17, 12, 10 and 6 metres («I am authorised to use 6m because I am a resident in Laos, not a visiting tourist»). QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. «To avoid my measly signal being drowned out on the "standard" FT8 frequencies», he says, «I will usually operate on the "alternative" FT8 frequencies. To save you the trouble of listening out for me on these less-common frequencies, I have written a small php file on my server that informs you if I am online or QRT, and provides you with the frequency that I am listening on: <https://onlinescienceteacher.com/xw0lp.php>».

## QSL ROUTES

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3DA0AQ	EA5GL	E77DX	E73Y	RO80OK	RN7A
4L8A	M0OXO	EG5NDO	EA5URV	SN100AXL	SP5KAB
4O1OK/p	OK1VEI	EG7BSP	EA7URF	SO84PPP	SP3PDO
5W0LM	9A3MR	EG7DMT	EA7RCM	SO84PSZ	SP3PDO
5X1S	OZ2HC	FG8OJ	M0OXO	SP84PPP	SP3PDO
5X3K	OK6DJ	FS4WBS	IZ1MHY	SP84PSZ	SP3PDO
5X7W	M0OXO	G6ZZ	M0OXO	SU1SK	N2OO
6M23VGC	HL4CAF	GM2V	N3SL	T32AN	EB7DX
6W/IV3FSG	IK2DUW	HB9SPACE	HB9ACA	TF3XO	EA5GL
7Q7CT	EA7FTR	HS0ZOA	EB7DX	TM20KGN	F8KGN
9G5AF	EA5GL	HZ9WSW	HZ1SAR	TM400BPA	F5KDC
9N1CA	EA5ZD	II3RDV	IV3EHH	TM9C	F5OHM
AM23SF	EA1CW	II4SML	IQ4FE	TX6D	DL7DF
AM25UPCT	EA5K	IR1VKTR	IQ1EE	VK5KI	M0OXO
AO6MTPH	EA6SB	MD7C	M0OXO	VP8BTR	M0OXO
AP2FLY	IK2DUW	MJ0X	MORTI	VP8KCA	G5KC
AT50JOS	VU2JOS	OE40WO	OE8XDX	XU7AKU	JA1DXA
C91CCY	K3IRV	OK8CX/p	DL7CX	XW0LP	M0OXO
CN2JA	DL2EAD	OY1OF	MOURX	ZD9W	YL2GN
D2EB	IZ3ZLT	PA100ETM	PE1RDP	ZF1EJ	K6AM
D44PM	IZ4DPV	PA44WFF/p	PA9CW	ZF2MJ	N6MJ
DL100RADIO	DF2NU	PA5150EVH	PF1SCT	ZF2MS	W5LAC
DL60KIRN	DF1WR	PF99MILL	PF9W	ZL7DX	M0OXO
DPOGVN	DL5EBE	PJ2CF	EA5GL	ZP5TDX	EA5GL
E750ESP	E73ESP	RI0SP	RN3RQ	ZY3WCV	PU3PYA

CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B9HL	3B8HL	FK8HA	K3IRV	OZ0MF	DF5LW
3V8CB	LX1NO	FK8HM	F5MFV	OZ18CHR	OZ1ACB
3Z8GSC	SP8GSC	FS/AC4LN	UA4WHX	PI4YLC	PD3GVQ



CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
4K50DHC	4K4K	HC1MD/2	K8LJG	PR9KID	PY9AA
4U24OCT	9A2AA	HF0LODZ	SP7PGK	SG0X	SM0MLZ
5B4AMX	LZ3SM	HF600LD	SP7PGK	SG8X	SM5AQD
5W1SA	JA1DXA	HF800SMICZ	SP6VE	SK3W	SM5CCT
6Y/LU9ESD	LZ1YE	HH2AA	EB7DX	SM2U	SM0CXU
6Y5HN	EA5GL	HI3K	EB7DX	SM5X	SM5GMZ
7X2TT	EA5GL	HK3C	M0URX	SP150PES	SP3PDO
8P2K	KU9C	II7SNP	IQ7PU	SP600LD	SP7PGK
8S0C	SM0MPV	J28RC	EA5GL	SQ600LD	SP7PGK
9H6S	9H1PI	JW5X	LA5X	T2C	DL4SVA
9J2REK	EA5GL	JW6VM	LA6VM	TF3T	TF3MH
9K2JJ	EA5GL	JW7XK	LA7XK	TG9ADM	EA5GL
9K2NO	EC6DX	JW9DL	LA9DL	TG9ADQ	VE7BV
9V1YC	W5UE	KL7SB	N4GNR	TG9ADV	VE7BV
A62A	EA7FTR	L36Z	LU4DXU	TG9AJR	M0URX
A71/RN1B	RW3RN	LC5C	LA6KOA	TG9AOR	EC6DX
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CN2FPU	F6FPU	NL8F	N7RO	VK90AR	M0OXO
CO7WT/6Y	IK2DUW	OE1200W	OE3WMW	VL3E	VK3TZ
CT3BH	OH2BH	OF9X	OH2BH	VL4A	VK4BLE
CT9/OM3RG	OM2FY	OG3B	OH3RB	VL4R	VK4ZD
E51JAN	SP9FIH	OH3Z	OH1NX	VP8WA	M0OXO
E6AM	LZ1GC	OH6K	OH6AD	VP9IN	EC6DX
EE7RW	EA7URI	OH8K	OH8KXX	W8S	M0OXO
EG8DP	EA8URE	OI3V	OH3KAV	XT2AW	M0OXO
EH7DLH	EA7DA	OL750HOL	OK1MR	XV9Q	N4GNR
EL2EF	N200	OR79CLM	ON6HC	YB9/RN1B	RW3RN
EM1U	UT7UA	OV9M	DF9TM	ZL7/SP5EAQ	SP7DQR
EP2C	EA5GL	OX18CHR	OZ1ACB	ZW7T	PT7ST
ET3AA	N200	OY18CHR	OZ1ACB	ZZ5BB	PP5DZ



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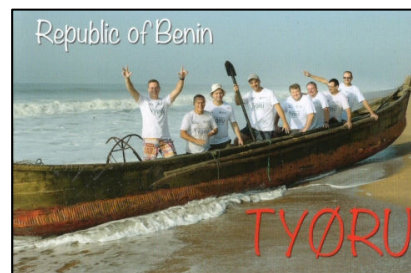
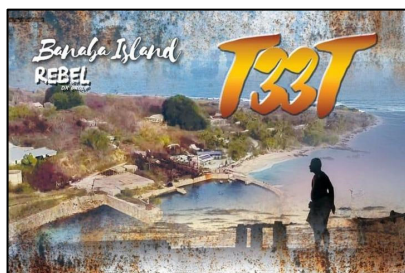


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