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## **DX NEWS**

### **4A5D Maria Madre Island NA-244 –update by EA5GL**

*'After a conversation with Jesús, XE2N leader of the activation, they will be active with a vertical antenna on 10-20 meters and 100W. The governor of the island will not allow them to install something larger because it's a protected island. This activation will serve to show the authorities how a radio activity works and perhaps return in the future with better conditions. They will carry batteries in case the electricity does not work. They are going to try to be QRV for more than 3 hours a day. They will arrive on this Friday afternoon Mexico time and depart at noon on Sunday. The intention is to be mainly in FT8 using MSHV and in 12 and 17 meters in SSB due to the coincidence of the WPX SSB. They will try to do their best so that all continents have their chance to add this new reference to the record of many IOTA hunters.'*

### **TX5XG Austral Islands update March 27**

At 0200 local on March 27th, Haru JA1XGI had arrived Tahiti airport and says he will depart for Raivavae "tomorrow afternoon". Expect TX5XG first signals soon.

### **Haru, JA1XGI arrived at Fa'a Tahiti Airport**



## TY5C Benin –update March 26

Since the last update, TY5C has doubled their QSO count. A reminder they are QRV until the end of the month on various bands & modes, including QO-100.

## N5J Jarvis Island DXpedition –update

NCDXF is pleased to announce its financial support for the August 2024 DXpedition to #18 Jarvis Island. The Special Use Permit was issued to the Dateline DX Assn. This will be a 100% RIB – Rig in a Box – operation with four operators on boat and many others operating remotely via satellite internet.

The group is being monitored by US Fish and Wildlife. If this trip is successful, other F&W destinations could be permitted. Some of these are in the top 20 most wanted. Most of the cost is fuel for the boat and the costs associated with F&W. Our mission statement is to provide funding to rare entity DXpeditions and to advance the technology of DXing. Jarvis is a perfect example to meet these requirements.

With that in mind, the NCDXF has granted Dateline DX Assn \$75,000 to fund the DXpedition. They hope to receive further funding from other organizations and NCDXF hopes our grant will springboard other donations. They plan to upload to LoTW as soon as practical after the operation. More information on the DXpedition will be available on this [website](#).



## DXCC

### This week on air

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

#### Caribbean tour by Mike DF8AN

**FS/PJ7 ST MARTIN** March 29-31

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN** March 30-April 5

**V2, ANTIGUA** April 5-9

**VP2M, MONTSERRAT** April 9-17

**V2, ANTIGUA** April 17-19

Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly FT8 (1839, 3570, 5357, 7056, 10133, 14095, 18097, 21095, 24925, 28095 kHz) with some RTTY and CW. QSL via DF8AN direct or bureau.

**3D2, FIJI** Almost two years has passed since the passing of Zorro, JH1AJT. As a tribute, Dom 3Z9DX / 3D2USU is running special event station 3D2AJT for the next 30-40 days. QRV on CW, SSB, FT8/FT4. QSL via Club Log.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**6W, SENEGAL** Once again, Willy ON4AVT is active as 6W7/call from Warang until April 13.

Operation during his spare time mostly on 40 meter and higher using SSB. During his afternoon between 14:00 and 15:00 UTC depending the propagation is the best chance. During his evening mostly on 40 and 30 meter. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

**7P, LESOTHO** The EIDXG team is after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now operating as 7P8EI until March 29. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M00XO. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/185038478993063/>

**CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ** Felipe CE3SX is conducting a DXpedition mainly on 6 meter as CB0ZIX until April 4. He uses a 5-element LFA (100w) and YS-30 directional antenna for HF during times when he does not have 6m propagation. QSL only via LoTW.

**E5, SOUTH COOK** Frank, DJ5NQG is operating as E51ANQ (from the E51JD QTH). Operation on 20 meter using SSB. Length of stay unknown. QSL via home call.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jean-Luc, F1ULQ is once again active as TO1Q until around April 7. Operation on HF and 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**FH, MAYOTTE** Marek, FH4VVK is operating as TO4VV until March 31 and again on April 6-7, April 13-14 and April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**FH, MAYOTTE** Ros 4Z5LA and Ruben 4Z5FI are operating as TO5LA until April 2. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via 4Z5FI.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Until approx May, look for Alain FK/FO4AE and Patricia FK/FO4EF sporadically active from Noumea, New Caledonia. QRV on HF bands from the QTH of FK8IK. QSL via LoTW. Visit FO4EF blog here.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Miguel, EA1BP is QRV in 'holiday-style' as FM/call until April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included as TO7O. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**FO0, AUSTRAL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI is operating as TX5G until April 3. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

**H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Rene, DL2JRM will be operating as HB0/call during March 29 – April 1 (CQWW WPX SSB contest).

### QSL preview



**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Rick, NE8Z and Maria, HC1MM are active from Shipwreck Bay as HD8MD & HD8MM until March 29. QRV from 40 to 6 meter SSB using a Windom antenna, 2x element 6m Moxon and an Outbacker vertical. QSL both calls via LoTW or via K8LJG or NE8Z.

**HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** Jean, VA2VKG is operating from Boca Chica as HI8/call until April 12. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**J8, ST VINCENT** Kevin, W1DED is once again active as J8NKI until April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take JG8NQJ/JD1 is again active from Minami Torishima until mid-April. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS** The solo DXpedition ends soon but Janusz mentions he will try to change the 40 meter antenna to work on 60 meter after the WPX contest.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Ken, KJ9B will be operating from Philipsburg as PJ7/call during March 30 and April 6. Operation mainly using FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

**PZ, SURINAME** Renato, PY8WW is once again operating as PZ5TW until April 6. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**TY, BENIN** Look for Gerard F5NVF, Luc F5RAV and Abdel M0NPT as TY5C until March 29. Activity on HF using CW, SSB, FT8 and sat QO-100. QSL via F5RAV direct an LoTW.

**V2, ANTIGUA** Bud, AA3B is QRV as V26K during the WPX contest but stays until April 3. QSL via AA3B, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** Pete, G0TLE is once again active as V4/call until April 6. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** Look for N2NT, K5ZD and HA1AG as V47NT, V4/calls until April 2. Activity during the contest as V47T. QSL for all calls via W2RQ and LoTW.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

**VP2M, MONTSEERRAT** Thaire, W2APF is once again active as VP2MDX until April 11. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS** Look for AF3K, KH6M and W2TT as VQ5P until April 2. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via N2OO and LoTW.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Gerben, PG5M will be operating as VP6G between April 4 and April 14. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. If possible he will try to run 2 stations, primarily CW and additionally FT8. <https://dx.to/vp6g/>

**YJ, VANUATU** Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ, Matt K0BBC and Chris VK3QB will be active from Port Vila, Vanuatu on 40 through to 6 metres from 29 March until 11 April. For the first week their focus will be on SSB and CW, with FT8 as a 'back-fill' mode. The second week will be CW and FT8. Updates to follow here and Facebook plus DX-World.net.

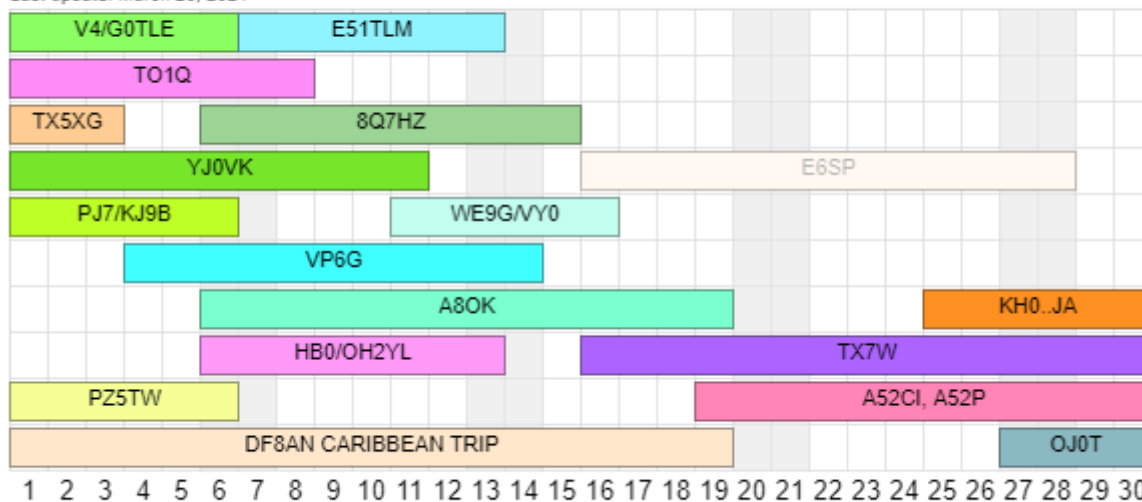
**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Adrian, G0KOM is active as ZC4MK until April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX contest is included. QSL via home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Torsten, DL9GG is operating as ZD7GG from Jamestown. QRV until end March on HF using mostly CW with some SSB (100 watts). QSL via home call.

## DXCC Timeline


### FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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## Coming up soon

### Caribbean trip by Richard VE2DX

**C6, BAHAMAS** April 10

**P4, ARUBA** April 13

**PJ2, CURACAO** April 14

**J3, GRENADA** April 15

**V2, ANTIGUA** April 16

**KP2, US VIRGIN** April 17

**HI, DOMINICAN REP** April 18

Richard, VE2DX will be operating from these various locations on 20, 15 and 10 meter during daytime and on 80 meter night using SSB and FT8. QSL via VE2STN.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Tev, TA1HZ will be operating as 8Q7HZ from Dharavandhoo Island between April 6 and April 15. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW.

**E5, COOK ISL** Tom K7TLM and Leslie KD7YZE will be active as E51TLM from Rarotonga between April 7 and April 13. 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. QSL info via QRZ.com.

**EL, LIBERIA** The Czech DXpedition Group (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZC, OK2ZI and OK6DJ) will be active as A8OK between April 5-19, with "full operation" expected on 9-16 April. Activity with multiple stations from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, PSK). The idea is to use Club Log's Livestream. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ.

**HBO, LIECHTENSTEIN** Anne, OH2YL will be operating as HBO/call between April 6 and April 13. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/HB0/OH2YL>

## IOTA

### This week on air

#### AFRICA

**AF-090 Sainte-Marie Isl** Eric, F6ICX is once again operating as 5R8IC until end March. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW and QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW or home call.

#### ASIA

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take JS6RRR is operating as JI3DST/6, JJ5BRH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until April 1. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. The various calls are mentioned on different modes. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. QSL via QRZ.com.

#### EUROPE

**EU-064 Noir-Moutier Isl** Philippe EA4NF and Jerome F4DXV will be operating as TM4J on April 1-4. This is a satellite operation only. QSL via EA4NF and LoTW. <https://twitter.com/TM4J> **SAT**

**EU-125 Romo Isl** Stefan, DL7AOS is QRV in 'holiday-style' as 5P5K until April 6. An entry in the CW WW WPX SSB contest might be possible. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

#### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-086 Cayo Romano** The Camagüey DX Group (Camagüey DX Team) will be operating stations T47C and CO9JAB on an expedition to Cayo Romano, where two simultaneous activities will be carried out: an IOTA activation with the reference NA-086 corresponding to this geographical area and a POTA activation with reference CU-0291 corresponding to this protected area. The president of the FRC Camagüey Branch and leader of the expedition, Manuel Tello Luaces CO7MTL, points out that the days of activity will be from March 29 to 31, 2024. All requests for QSL Cards designed for the occasion will be directed to the expedition manager, IK2DUW Antonello Passarella. In your profile at [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) you will find all the information necessary to obtain it. Additionally, all QSOs will be logged in LoTW, QRZ, HRDLog and ClubLog.

**NA-244 Maria Madre Isl** Look for XE2DL, XE2DLC & XE2N to try to be active from María Madre

Island, NA-244 as 4A5D during March 29-30. This particular island group has never been activated before so will be incredibly in demand for IOTA chasers. QRV on 20-15-10m; SSB & FT8...however, activity may only be around 3 hours each day. QSL via EA5GL.

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-027 Sao Francisco Isl** Amauri, PP5BB is active as PV5B until end March. QSL via home call.

### **On the scene...7P8EI Lesotho**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**E6, NIUE** Gavin, ZL3GAV will be operating as E6SP between April 16 and April 28. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 10 and 15 meter using SSB and FT8. Livestream will be possible on Club Log. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/E6SP>

**EL, LIBERIA** The Czech DXpedition team will be active as A8OK between April 5 and April 19. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. Based on the local internet availability

the will use Club Log live. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW.

## ***THE REMINDERS***

### **Caribbean trip by Eric GM5RDX**

My 2024 Caribbean Islands DXpedition will see me operating from both the Dutch and French sides of St Maarten as PJ7/G5RDX and FS/G5RDX. Additionally, I'll be entering the IOTA contest from Anguilla (VP2EGM) and then spending a few days on St Kitts (V4). This trip will take place during the last two weeks of July.

### **African tour by Pista HA5AO**

Pista, HA5AO – celebrating 50 years anniversary of his HAM license – informs DX-World that he will be active from four African countries in September/October 2024. The operating sites are within 40-80 km circle of the common borders of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia. Ten days of operation can be expected from each country on CW, SSB, and FT8 from 80m up to 6m. The licenses are in hand, the QTHs are booked. He will use K3S and FT-710 transceivers with KPA 500 power amplifier. The antenna is a DX Commander vertical for 40-6m bands and multi-band inverted-V (80m-6m) on a 12m HD Spider pole, donated by Spiderbeam. The planned schedule is as follows,

03-13 September, Zimbabwe, Zambezi National Park as **Z22AO**, QRA: KH21ww

14-23 September, Zambia, Victoria Falls region as **9J2AO**, QRA: KH22wc

24 Sept-04 October, Botswana, Chobe National Park as **A25AO**, QRA: KH22oc

05-14 October, Namibia, Katima Mulilo region as **V5/HA5AO**, QRA: KH22dm

Other details, QSL policy and OQRS can be found [here](#).

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Alan, VK2MET/VK1AO will once again be active as 4W/VK1AO from Dili during August 17-30. Operation mainly from 40 to 12 meter using CW and FT8 in QRP power. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Felix, DL6JF will be operating from Helengeli as 8Q7JF between June 16 and June 29. Operation in 'holiday-style' using CW and digi. QSL via DM5JBN, LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Rolf, DO4RKR will be operating in 'holiday-style' as 8Q7KR from Joy Island between May 19-31. Operation on 10 meter SSB only using low power. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

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

**A2, BOTSWANA** Remo, HB9SHD will be active as A25SHD from different locations in Botswana. QRV during his spare time between April 30 and May 13. QSL via home call.

### **Back in time...VK0EK Heard Island 2016 operation**



**A5, BHUTAN** Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P will be active between April 19 and May 4. *'It is extremely difficult to find good QTH in Bhutan. The country is very mountainous with deep valleys surrounded by steep mountain ranges. Moreover, there is a high level of electromagnetic interference in the valleys.*

*We will stay high in Dochula Eco Retreat at about 3070m above sea level. Seems to be good open area short path to USA, Europe and Japan. However long path to North America will be through mountain range 3500m about 2 km from our hotel, so rather rely on a short path.'*

**CP, BOLIVIA** An Argentinian team with LU1FM, LU7MT, LU9FHF, LU6FOV and LU7HN will be QRV as CP7DX from Tarija during May 11-19. Operation on HF. QSL via LU1FM, Club Log.

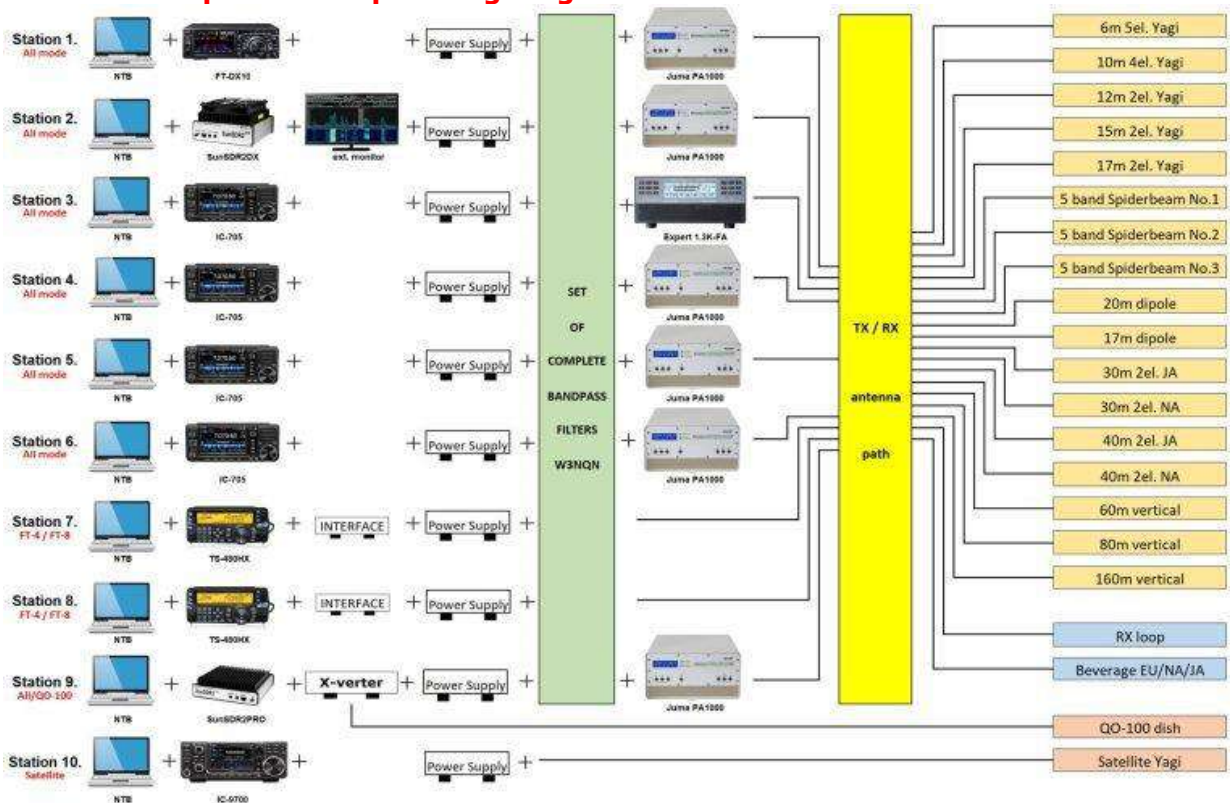
**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9 during August 26 and September 5. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Jeff K5WE and Craig W5CCP will be operating as TX7W from Raivavae between April 16 and April 30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS or via K5WE. <https://k5we.com/tx7w/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Tino VE2GCE, Mark VA2MM, Malcolm VE2DDZ, Jonathan VA2XZA, John VE2YNI and Vlad VA2AN will be active as TO8FP during August 10-22. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, digi and sats. QSL via Club Log.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

### A8OK Liberia DXpedition in planning stage



**FR, REUNION ISL** Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.

**FR, REUNION ISL** Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be operating as TO7PX between July 8-14. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Gregg, W6IZT and Hal, W8HC will be returning to Falaise des Oiseaux, St. Martin (FS) for a one week DX-cation from June 25 to July 2. They will be active 6m-40m with a K3S, KPA500, HF vertical and sloping dipole for HF and 5 element LFA yagi for 6m. Gregg will be taking one, and possibly two, of his NexGenRiBs following the successful debut and remote operation from Robinson Crusoe Island, CB0ZEW. Gregg says that tentative plans are to identify



a suitable location for the RiB on the Dutch (PJ7) side of the island while operating simultaneously from the French (FS) side. More information to follow.

**FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL between May 24 and June 19. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. This one-man operation will be carried out in parallel with Marek's professional activities. He hopes to be QRV daily with two stations at the same time - one on FT8 and one on SSB or RTTY (he lacks sufficient knowledge of CW to manage a huge pile-up). There will be no activity on 6 metres, EME, or via satellite. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log on a daily basis; access to the Internet will be available for two hours a day, from 18 to 20 local time. QSL via F4FTV (direct or bureau); full LoTW upload will follow six months after the end of the DXpedition. [FT4GL](#)

**FT/X, KERGUELEN** It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

**J6, ST LUCIA** Seth, N4XTT will be active as J6/call during August 10-17. Operation on 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

*'I am also planning to activate POTA reference J6-0001, which hasn't been activated yet. This will be a part time operation (holiday style) using a 100w radio and a DX-Commander Expedition 40-10m vertical. Bands and modes: 40-10M; CW, SSB & FT8/FT4. I'm a youth op and looking forward to having fun on the island!'*

### **On the scene...ZD7GG and ZD7CTO St Helena Island**



**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

**JW, SVALBARD** Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL between October 9-14. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

**JW, SVALBARD** Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Toshi, JH6HZH will be operating as KH0/call between April 24 and May 1. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Look for KH0/JA6REX, KH0/W6HZH and WH0B between April 25-30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using FT4/8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**KH5, JARVIS ISL** The Dateline DX Association has received a permission from the USFWS for a DXpedition to Jarvis. It's ranked number 9 in Europe's most wanted list. The small team of four,

consisting of George, AA7JV, Don, N1DG, Tomi, HA7RY and Mike, KN4EEI, will install 6 RIB stations on Jarvis, operating on 160 to 6 meters, using CW, SSB and FT8 modes. The on-island team will be augmented by 25 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America, running CW and FT8. FT8 operations will use the Fox/Hound mode. The RIB equipment, which makes an efficient small footprint operation possible, was developed with the support of the NCDXF. Operation will be around August 1 depending the WX. More to follow.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** A Norwegian team with LB5SH, LA1UW, LA3EAA and LB0VG will be operating as OJ0T and OJ0/calls for FT8. Operation between April 27 and May 4 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** Tim, N5TCH will be operating as V4/call between May 10 and May 17. Activity on HF during his spare time (mainly his mornings). QSL via QRZ.com and LoTW.

### **On the scene...ZD7GG and ZD7CTO St Helena Island**



**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Dave, W2JO will be active as VP6??? (pending) Between May 30 and June 10. Low power operation and probably 100% CW. Dave is still deciding on what antenna he will take with him. More to follow. QSL via N2ZN and LoTW.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Bill, G0VDE informs DX-World that he will be active as VP6WR during September 5-15. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using vertical / wire antennas and PA. Modes: SSB & FT8, maybe some CW. QSL info to follow.

**YJ, VANUATU** Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-30. An entry in several contests is included. *'There are openings in the group for three to four more hams and their spouses. We are expecting excellent spring propagation for making European and North American contacts. Of course, the location will bring an abundance of Asian contacts as well. Antennas we plan on taking and erecting include parasitic phased verticals, BuddiHex Hexbeam, 160 Cable Help long wire, and 40-80 meter G5RV long wires.'*

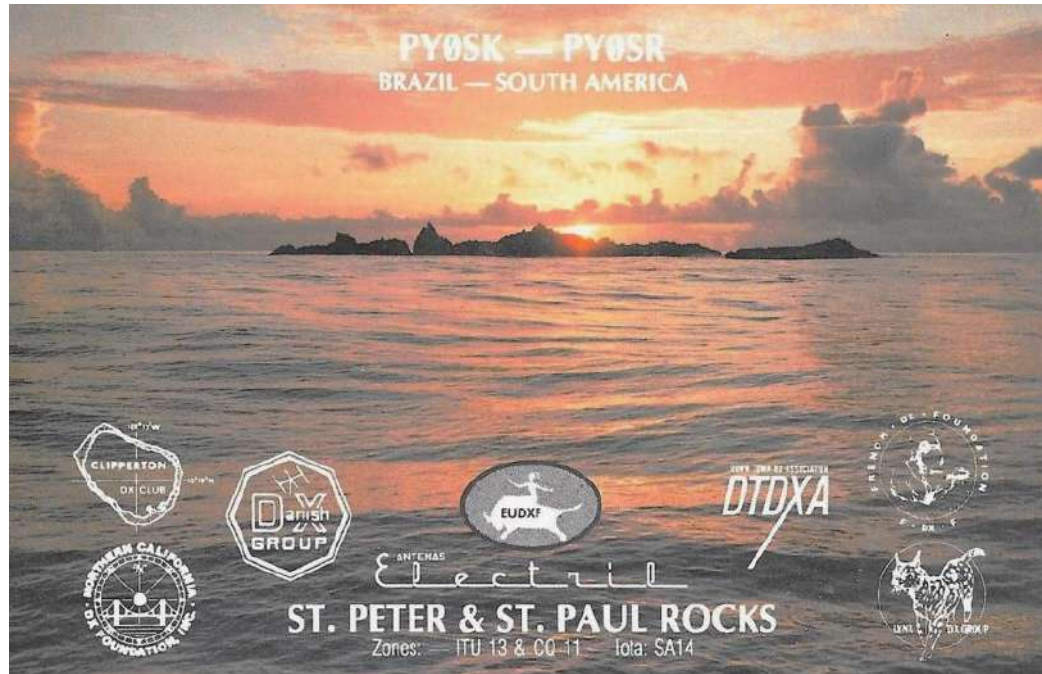
**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low

bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

**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!



## IOTA

### THE NEWCOMERS

#### ASIA

**AS-097 Pulau Besar** An 11-man 9M2 team will be active as 9M2VM during May 31 to June 2. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via 9M2HUS; no LoTW. Contact 9M2HUS for further info if needed.

### THE REMINDERS

#### AFRICA

**AF-005 Santiago Isl** Harald DF2WO / D44TWO (FT8 and CW) and Franz DG9KAN / D44KAN (SSB) will once again be active between June 8 and June 20. Operation mainly on 6 meter using FT8 and CW on all bands. <https://www.qrz.com/db/D44TWO>

#### EUROPE

**EU-029 Lolland Isl** A team of 8 Belgium operators will be active as 5P5LI during April 29 to May 5. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and Digi. Also active daily on 2m/70cm via ISS. QSL via ON6EF. No LoTW. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

#### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-047 Baffin Isl** Rick, WE9G will be operating as call/VY0 during April 11-16. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

#### OCEANIA

**OC-063 Mangareva Isl** Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.

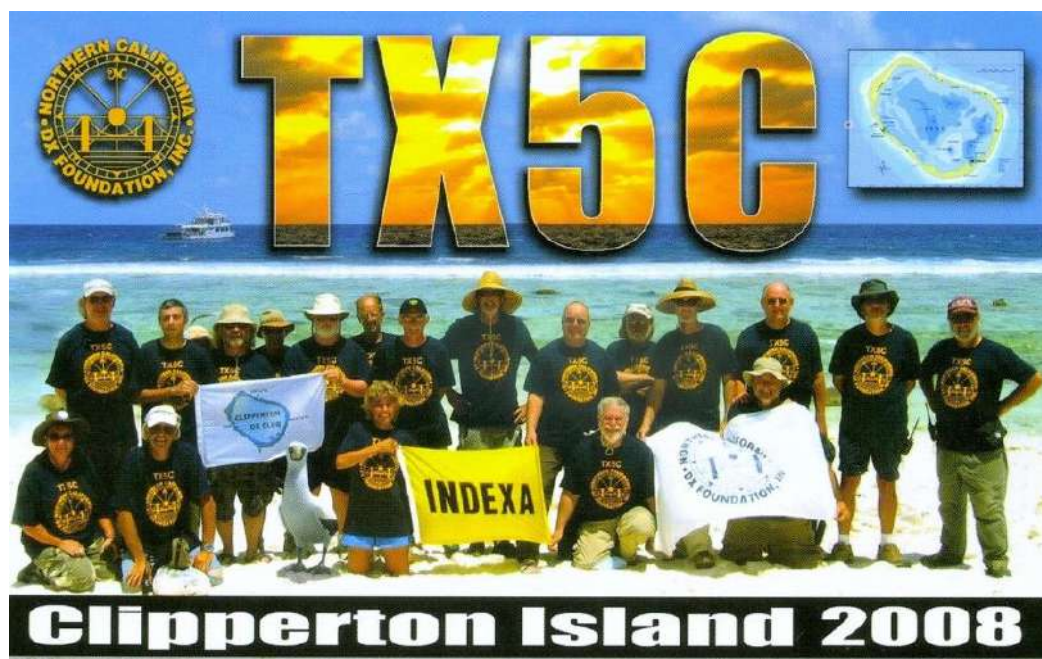
**OC-144 Mendanau Isl** Irfan, YE4IJ will be operating as 7B4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes.

**OC-144 Ketawai Isl** The Bangka Belitung DXpedition Team, signing as 7B4K, will be active from Ketawai Island, OC-144 (Bangka and Belitung Islands) during May 24-26. QRV on HF bands. Check QRZ.com entry for more info including QSL manager.

**OC-261 Flinders Isl** The team that activated VK5TIL last year is going to be active again this year from Flinders Island, South Australia, between April 14-21. 6 Operators (VK5GR, VK5PAS, VK5HS, VK5LA, VK5FR and VK5GA) will be running all modes from 160m-70cm, including both both terrestrial and satellite modes. We will be participating in both the IOTA programs (OC-261) and the WWFF programs, with the main station is located in VKFF-0175 and additional island portable activities also planned from the two other parks zone VKFF-1717 and VKFF-4307 while there.

The last IOTA activation from the island was by Craig VK5CE/P back in August 2013 so this has been dormant for some time now. We hope that the combination of IOTA and WWFF activity will be of interest not only domestically but globally as well. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO via his OQRS service. Cards and LoTW will be available at the appropriate times. We are also looking at how we might use CLub Log during the event as well.

If you would like to find out more, you can visit our [website](#). We will be adding further information as the project planning is completed. The team is looking forward to working everyone in April!



## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**EA, SPAIN** The Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society, was founded on 1 April 1949. Celebrating URE's 75th anniversary, a month-long activity will take place from 1 to 30 April. Look for **AO75URE** and 18 other special stations representing the Autonomous Communities and Autonomous Cities of the country:

**AO75AN** Andalucia, **AO75GA** Galicia, **AO75AR** Aragon, **AO75IB** Islas Baleares, **EA6 AO75CA** Cantabria, **AO75IC** Islas Canarias, **EA8 AO75CL** Castilla y Leon **AO75LR** La Rioja **AO75CM** Castilla-La Mancha **AO75MA** Madrid **AO75CT** Cataluna **AO75MC** Melilla and Ceuta, **EA9 AO75CV** Comunidad Valenciana **AO75MU** Murcia **AO75EU** Euskadi i.e. Basque Country **AO75NA** Navarra **AO75EX** Extremadura **AO75PA** Principado de Asturias In addition, **CQ75URE** will be active from Portugal. A large number of awards will be available: see <https://75aniversario.ure.es> for detailed information, logsearch and OQRS (to be activated after 30 April). (TNX 425DX)

**ER, MOLDOVA ER30ARM** is a special call sign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Society of Moldova (ER1KAA). Look for activity from 20 March to 30 April. QSL via the bureau, direct, and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Launched in 1904, the "Elettra" was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory. Members of ARI Loano (IQ1LA) & Marconi Club will be active as **IY1EY** on 1-14 April to memorialize the experiments conducted in the Ligurian Sea between 1919 and 1936. QSL via IQ1LA. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI Asti will be active as **IR1GM** on 1-30 April. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IK1XPK.

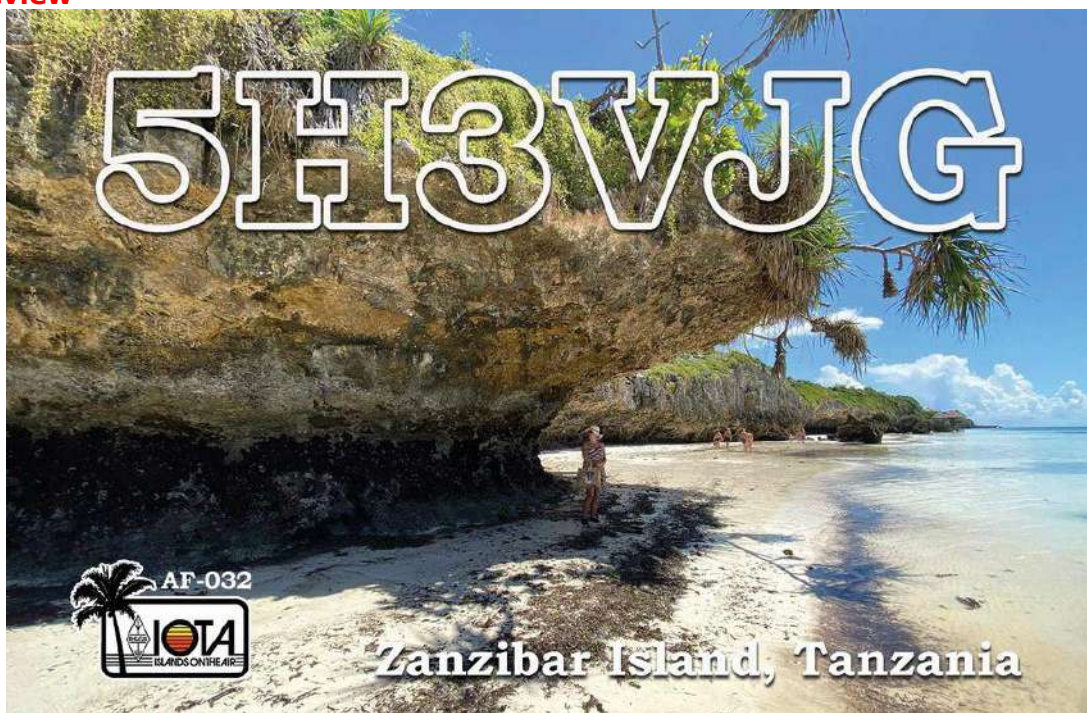
(TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Venezia (IQ3VE) will be active as **IR3POLO** between 1 April and 30 June. The special callsign commemorates the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the death of Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant and explorer who travelled through Asia along the Silk Road (1271- 1295). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

**LA, NORWAY** Look for **LA400KBG** during 2024 to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> 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)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Laurens, PF3X and Barry, PC1K will be active as **PA24WAAD** from 23 March to 7 April for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

### QSL preview



A composite QSL card for station 5H3VJG. It features a background image of a thatched-roof structure on a beach. On the left, there are two inset photos: the top one shows a man and a woman smiling, and the bottom one shows the operator, Charles Wilkoff, sitting at a desk with a laptop and microphone. The call sign **5H3VJG** is printed at the bottom left. A signature 'Charles Wilkoff' is written across the bottom. In the center, there is a circular logo for 'MANAGER SERVICES MOOXO'. To the right of the photos, the following text is displayed: 'Nobby (GOVJG) activated Zanzibar Island, Tanzania on his holiday style operation between the 8th & 20th March 2024. He made just under 4000 contacts on SSB, CW & FT8 modes and also took part in the BERU Contest. He would like to say thanks to the very Ham friendly Savera Beach Houses accommodation in Jambiani Zanzibar and of course to his Station manager, Maxine.' Below this is a list of call signs: 'CQ 37', 'ITU 53', 'Loc KI93pm', and 'IOTA AF-032'. At the bottom right, there is a large white rectangular box. The footer contains the text 'UX5UO print' and 'QSL & Logsearch by MOOXO OQRS'.

## **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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW, and DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DP75AFUG** (special DOK 75AFUG) celebrates 75 years of amateur radio legislation in Germany between March 1 and April 20. An award is also available, see: <https://www.qrz.com/db/DP75AFUG>. Cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct via DL2VFR. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The special event callsign **DA0RC** will be active around the FunkTag 2024 exhibition. QRV until April 27 with the special DOK FTK24. Sending a card is not necessary, there will be an automatic bureau service and also confirmations via the DARC's DCL system. Direct cards for the above time period only go via DL2VFR (d). (TNX DXNL)

**EI, IRELAND** Special event callsign **EI8OMB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th 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). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)



**EI, IRELAND** Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Celebrating the 135th anniversary of the official inauguration of the Eiffel Tower (31 March 1889), Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM135TE** on 24-31 March. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**FY, FRENCH GUIANA** Active during various dates in April, May and July, look for **TO60CSG** from French Guiana. This special event callsign is used to celebrate 60 years of Europe's Spaceport based in Kourou. More info here. LoTW uploads end of every month.

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB2OSP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSOs will be

uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)  
**HH, HAITI** The special event station **HI180RD** remains active until April 30, celebrating the 180th independence anniversary. An award is also available:

<https://independencia2024.org/contest/9>. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Sondrio (IQ2UL) will operate special event station **II2AUT** from 25 March to 7 May for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via the bureau and eQSL; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. Back in 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Special callsign **II4CLM** will be active on 1-30 April in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi. QSL via the bureau. Joining the celebrations will be IY4FGM (the amateur radio station at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation) and the club stations of the 17 ARI branches in the Emilia-Romagna region (namely **IQ4AD, IQ4AX, IQ4BQ, IQ4DJ, IQ4FA, IQ4FC, IQ4FD, IQ4FE, IQ4FH, IQ4FJ, IQ4HI, IQ4LH, IQ4PI, IQ4RA, IQ4RE, IQ4RN and IQ4SC**). Further information, including real time log search, can be found on <https://www.150marconi.org/>. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Special callsign **IY9MM** will be active on 1-31 March to memorialize the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi from the ship "Regina Elena" in the port of Augusta (9 March 1914). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IT9MRM. (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: II4TENC (January), II4INTU (February), II4SUCC (March), II4DETR (April), II4SEAS (May), II4RDFE (June), II4INNV (July), II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR (September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special 15allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ543BN** (March and April), **LZ441Z** (May and June), **LZ302IT** (July and August), **LZ1515IW** (September and October), and **LZ311PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** **OE24BI** draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

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

**OE, AUSTRIA** **OE40WO** celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club Wolfsberg ADL 084 until 4 April 2024. QSL via OE8XDX (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

**OK, CZECH REP** In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April), Martin, OK1RR and Slavek, OK1TN will be active as **OL1WARD** on 1-30 April. They will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM** Special event stations **OR24WARD** and **OP24WARD** will be active on all bands and modes on 1-30 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via eQSL. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.uba.be/en/hf/awards/uba-awards>. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM** Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log. <https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsL.

**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 Radioamatörer 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** **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 M00XO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA** The special event callsign **AT3POG** is operated by Guru VU3GWN, Arvind VU3CIQ,

Rajesh VU3TBU, and Shyam VU3UZD until March 31. (TNX DXNL)

**YO, ROMANIA** Celebrating the 95th anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County, special callsigns **YR95AR, YR95CC, YR95CH, YR95IN, YR95LI, YR95PE** and **YR95SE** will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was established almost a century ago. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR95AR> for more information. (TNX 42DX)

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>