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DX NEWS

3D2CCC Conway Reef -update April 29

Some info from the team: WX is not so good. Birds on the island are crazy and keep smashing into the verticals every hour. Waste of time using 80m = zero signals; 160 the same. 40m signals are weak. 10-30m very good. CW coming and some SSB. The ship is too far away from Conway and they are losing wifi from vessel's Starlink. Will be hard to upload logs for now. Work and wait.

OJ0T Market Reef -update May 1

'We are closing in on 13,000 QSOs in the log. Kristoffer (LB0VG) moved his antenna farther away from the antenna park to reduce interference from other stations, with excellent results. It's extremely difficult to log weak stations with impatient operators calling on top, regardless of mode. We encourage you to have patience and listen operators calling. Let's say, hypothetically, we're working a weak 2E0 station, then IU2 need not reply. Such interruption slows down the logging dramatically – in worst case we simply have to QRT and QSY to another band/mode.'

QSL preview



DXCC

This week on air

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

3D2/C CONWAY REEF See information in the DX News section.

5X, UGANDA Jack NP2OR is operating as 5X3L from Kayabwe together with Dom 7Q6M until May 10. During their stay they will be preparing some local newcomers for their license exams. QSL via LoTW, Club Log. <https://hamradiosafari.blogspot.com/>

8P, BARBADOS Lars, PH0NO will be active in 'holiday-style' as 8P9NO between May 3 and May 8. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log.

9X, RWANDA Harold, DF2WO will once again be active as 9X2AW from Kigali during May 2-17. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB with some FT4/8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/9x2aw>



A2, BOTSWANA Remo, HB9SHD is active as A25SHD from different locations in Botswana. QRV during his spare time until May 13. QSL via home call.

A5, BHUTAN Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P are active until May 4. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OQRS. <https://a5.dxpeditons.org/>

CE0Y, EASTER ISL Ben DL6FBL, Win DK9IP and Lutz DM6EE are operating as CD0Y until May 6. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. Updates on <https://www.qrz.com/db/CD0Y> On FT8 they use MSHV software. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via DJ4MX. Plans depending internet are to use Club Log Live Stream.

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

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

JW, SVALBARD Helge, LB4MI is operating as JW/call until May 4. This is mainly a POTA and SOTA activity using CW only. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

JW, SVALBARD Knut, LA9DSA is operating as JW9DSA until May 5. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

KH9, WAKE ISL Tom NL7RR is active during his spare time as call/KH9 until May 15. Mostly around 0600z-0800z. QSL via home call, LoTW.

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

OX, GREENLAND Bo, OZ1DJJ is active as OX3LX until May 9. 'I plan to QRV from west Greenland - Grid locators GP60 (Kangerlussuaq), GP44 (Nuuk) and GP51 (Paamiut) on FT8, RTTY and CW.'

QSL via OZ0J.

VP9, BERMUDA Collin KJ4AXB and Gary KA4KBX are operating as calls/VP9 until May 6. Activity mainly using FT4/8 with some SSB. POTA activities are planned. QSL for both calls via LoTW.

VP9, BERMUDA Tom, KG9EE is active as VP9/call until May 16. Operation mainly on 20 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS is once again active as YJ0CA until May 9. QRV on SSB only (operating hours are expected to be mostly between 2100z and 1000z). He uses a 1/4 wave vertical with elevated radials for 40m, and various dipoles & verticals for other bands. QSL via home call.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dave, G4WXJ is once again QRV as ZC4RH until May 9. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via DK6SP, LoTW.

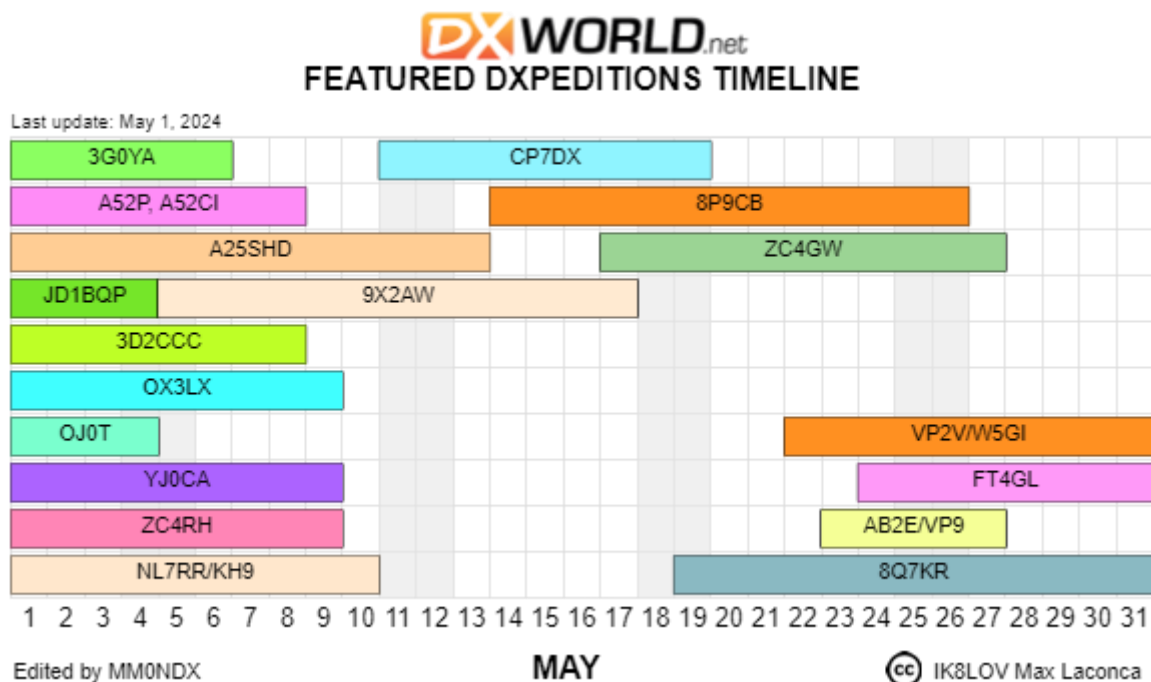
Coming up soon

3D2C, CONWAY REEF Lance, ZL1LDP informs DX-WORLD that he will be active from Conway Reef in May this year. He departs for the reef on May 6th and will be as signing ZL1LDP/MM on the way there aboard catamaran "RAYFIKI". Once on Conway Reef, he will be active mainly on 10m but hopes to take a 5-band Hexbeam space permitting on the yacht which is limited. He's currently waiting on his 3D2 callsign for this activity. More to follow..

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.

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.

DXCC Timeline



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-024 Yonaguni Isl Sam, 7K1EAS is operating as call/JR6 until May 2. Operation on 40, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call or OQRS.

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR (also JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 & JR8YLY/6) is active from Miyakojima AS-079 until June 26. QRV on 160-6m, SSB/CW/FT8 using the various calls mentioned on different modes. Participation in the CQ WPX CW contest as JS6RRR. All QSL info on QRZ.com.

EUROPE

EU-008 Mull Isl A group of 13 operators is QRV as GS3PYE until May 3 from 80 to 10 meter and

QO-100. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

EU-010 Outer Hebrides GM5AUG and 2M0WMG are operating as from the following islands until May 3, depending on weather conditions: Barra, Orasaigh, Eriskay, South Uist, Benbecula, and North Uist. <https://www.grz.com/db/GM5AUG>

EU-029 Lolland Isl A team of 8 Belgium operators is active as 5P5LI until 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/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3D2/R, ROTUMA ISL The Pacific Islands DXpedition Group (PIDXG) announces that Gregg, W6IZT; Hal, W8HC; Nathan, K4NHW and 3 additional operators (to be announced) will operate from Rotuma (3D2/R) November 15 to December 4, 2024. Preliminary plans call for the team to operate locally with 3 stations in addition to 2 of Gregg's NexGenRiBs (remote radio systems) that proved successful during the recent [CB0ZEW DXpedition](#) at Robinson Crusoe Island (Juan Fernandez). The team will also participate in the CQWW CW Contest using a different callsign from the DXpedition. Necessary permits and licensing has been secured in addition to confirmed accommodations for the DXpedition's location on the island's north coast.

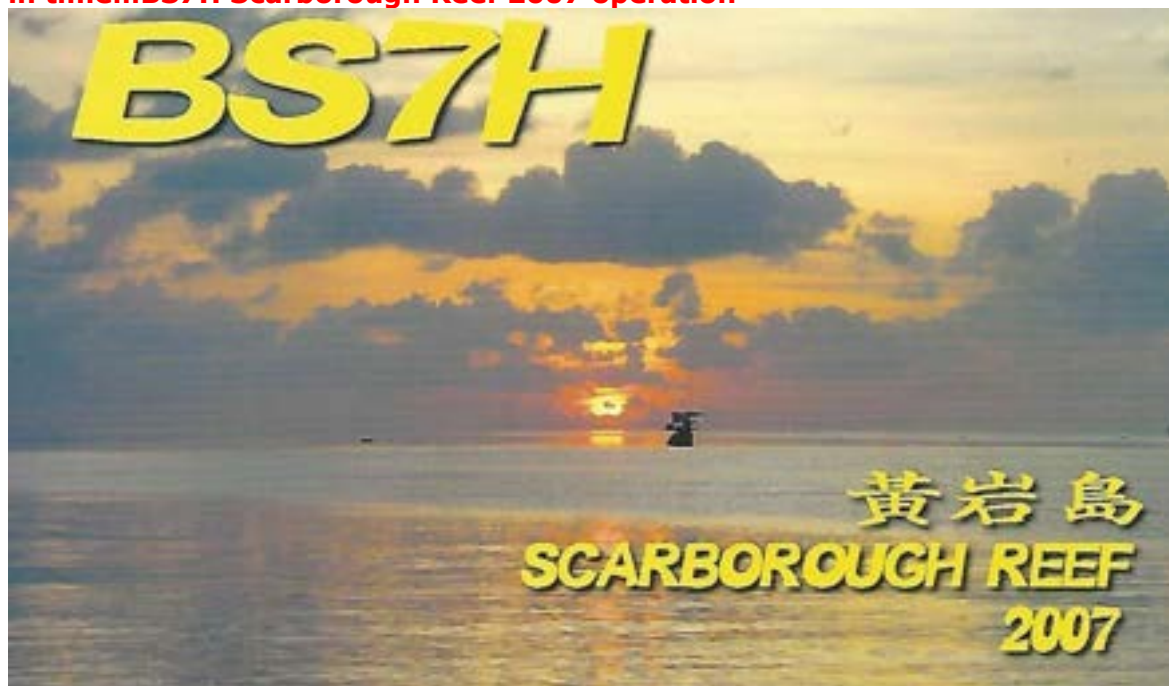
6Y, JAMAICA Neil, G0RNU will once again be operating as 6Y/call between October 23 and November 6. Activity on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

A2, BOTSWANA Look for Andreas DB8UX as A25UX between August 3 and August 9. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using low power FT8. QSL via LoTW.

E5, COOK ISL Steve, ZL4CZ / E51CZZ and Steve, ZL2KE / E51KEE will be active from Rarotonga (OC-013) and Aitutaki (OC-083) during July 20 to August 6. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using mainly 20-15-10. Possibly 160 and 8 depending on QRN and interest from DXers. Holiday-style activity with XYLs. QSL via LoTW.

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active as J88PI from Palm Island between September 12 and September 21. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. [DXpedition 2024 | gw4dvh-website \(g4dvh.co.uk\)](#)

Back in time...BS7H Scarborough Reef 2007 operation



JD1, OGASAWARA Tosy, JA6VZB will be QRV as JD1BQW between May 22 and June 5. An entry in the CQ WPX CW and ARRL digital contest is included. Before and after the contest he will concentrate on 6 and 12 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

LX, LUXEMBOURG A Belgian team with ON6ZV, ON6OM, ON7EG and ON3CC will be active in 'holiday-style' as LX/ON4IPA and as LX/OO6P between June 15 and June 21. Operation on HF using SSB and digi. The operators are member of the International Police Association radio club,

all the QSO's are valid for the IPA awards.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL Callsign may change and the dates are not yet known, but Jeff W7BRS has plans to be active from Lord Howe island later this year. QSL likely to be via Club Log OQRS, LoTW (pending). Full info to follow in due course.

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

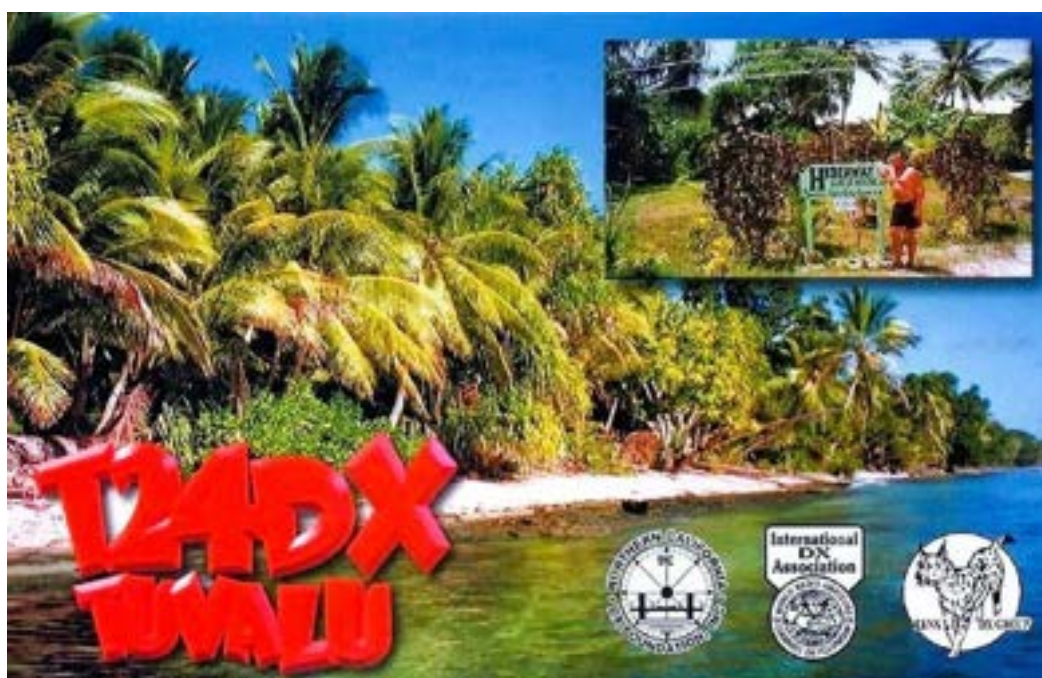
05-14 October, Namibia, Katima Mulilo region as **V5/HA5AO**, QRA: KH22dm

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

3A, MONACO Col, MM0NDX and Steve, MM0SAJ will again be active from Monaco during September 5-9 as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus likely to be on low bands in their evening and 6m if propagation permits. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

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.



6O, SOMALIA Look for 6O3T with Fabri IV3JPP, Paolo IV3DSH, Frank IZ8GCE, Maurizio IV3ZXQ and Mauro IV3AZV sometime 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL

information and more details on <https://dxexplorer.net/>

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 Christia, OE3DEC will be operating as 8Q7EC from South Male Atoll between July 1 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' using SSB only on 20 meter. QSL via home call, bureau only.

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.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE Pedro, CT7AHV will once again be operating as C91AHV during June 1-15. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. Pedro hopes to livestream on both Club Log and You Tube. QSL via H/c, LoTW.

Further details and specific information, with daily updates of frequencies etc will be published on QRZ.com, and here on DX-WORLD.

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.

On the scene...Yonaguni Island AS-024 JR6/7K1EAS



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.

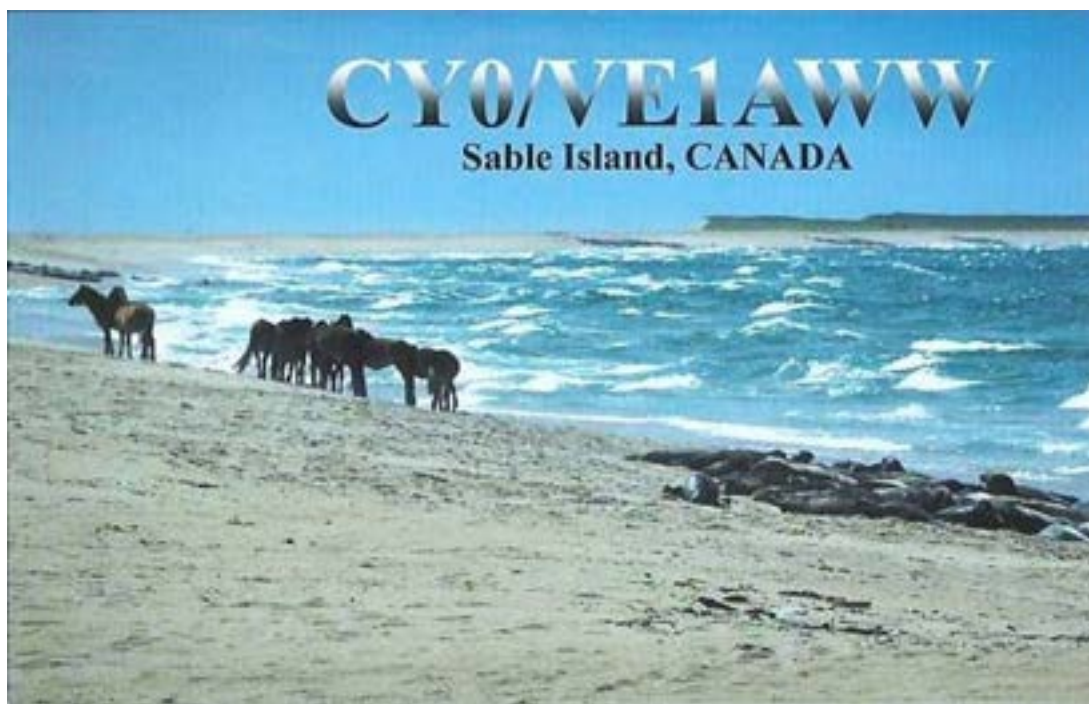
FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

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](#)



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.

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!'

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.

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.

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.

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 VP6DF between May 30 and June 9. 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.

VP9, BERMUDA Darrell AB2E will once again be active as AB2E/VP9 from May 23 until May 27. Operation primarily in the WPX CW contest as VP9I, before and after he will operate from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, home call direct.

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 Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW between May 17 and May 27. 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-008 Izu Oshima Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as call/1 during June 1-3. Operation on 40,

30, 20 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-017 Gorgona Isl A team large Colombian team will be active between June 7-11. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, digi and sat. *'The special callsign for the Gorgona Island Ham Radio Dxpediton will take almost 30 days. The team is trying to get it early, and if for any reason it's not on time, the expedition will run with the callsigns of the operators on the island, but we are positive to get the callsign sooner. Remember that this is a new expedition to Gorgona Island - last one happened in 1989!!'*

The poster features a scenic view of Gorgona Island with a prominent rocky peak. Text elements include: a PayPal logo and '@gorgona2024' in the top left; 'GRID FJ02' in the top right; 'POTA CO-0150 IOTA SA-17' in a blue oval; 'Expedición Isla GORGONA' in large green letters; 'JUNIO 7 A 11 - 2024' in white and green; 'BANDAS Y MODOS 6 a 80m. 2m/70cm SSB-DIGITALES-SATELITE.' and 'OPERADORES: HK4O - HK4THN - HK4X HK4C - HK4SSI - HK4LPA HK4T.' in a blue box; and logos for IOTA, POTA, and IARU at the bottom. A blue lizard is shown on the right, and a bird is on the left. Social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube are at the bottom.

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>

ASIA

AS-073 Kapas Isl The Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be active as 9M4IOTA during May 31 and June 2. Operation on HF. More to follow.

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.

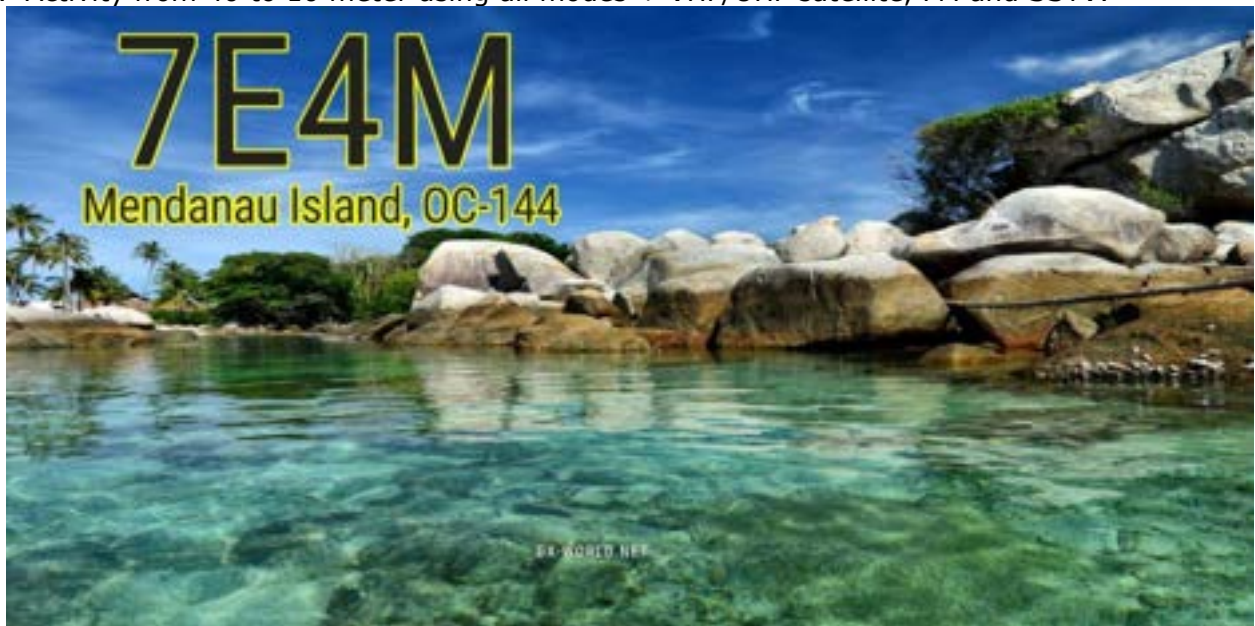
NORTH AMERICA

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J from September 13 until September 22. 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-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 and team will be operating as 7E4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes + VHF/UHF satellite, FM and SSTV.



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.



To celebrate 60 years since the founding of the IOTA programme, an anniversary dinner will be organized on Friday, 28 June 2024 between 19:00 and 23:00, at the V20 Bio Restaurant in the Zeppelin Museum, Friedrichshafen. The event offers an opportunity for chasers and activators to

share time together, chatting about topics of common interest, such as past and future expeditions, technology trends, and goals – [read more [here](#)]

*HAM RADIO 2024: From June 28 to 30, everything will revolve around amateur radio in Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance. In cooperation with the organizers, the DARC, as the conceptual sponsor of Europe's largest amateur radio trade fair, this meeting will open the doors to a world of almost unlimited possibilities. This big, wide world plays a significant role in the motto of HAM RADIO 2024: We celebrate 60 years of IOTA – Islands On The Air – [read more [here](#)]

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

EA, SPAIN Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles (URE), Spanish amateurs are allowed to replace their Normal prefix from 1 to 31 May as follows: **EA stations can use AO#75, EB stations can use AN#75, and EC stations can use AM#75, where "#" is the digit of their call area.** For example, EA1FMJ will use AO175FMJ, EC5BUH will use AM575BUH, EB7KA will use AN775KA. (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN Once again the Federacion Digital EA will operate special callsigns **AO1EU, AO2EU, AO3EU, AO4EU, AO5EU, AO6EU, AO7EU, AO8EU and AO9EU** on 3-12 May to celebrate Europe Day, the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (9 May 1950) that paved the way to the European Union. See <https://www.fediea.org/eudota/> for more information. QSL direct to EA3RKF. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Special callsign **TM13JO** will be active on 8-15 May as the Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay passes through the French Department of the Bouche du Rhone. QSL via F5SDD. Also active during the same time frame are expected to be TM83JO from the Department of Var (8- 12 May) and TM04JO from the Department of Alpes-de-Haute-Provence. QSLs via operators' instructions. They will be followed by a large number of other special callsigns, which in the following weeks will cover the progress of the Olympic Torch as it crosses other Departments and Territories until its arrival in Paris on 26 July. The Association des Radioamateurs Vauclusiens (F5KPO) organizes the "Olympic Torch Relay Challenge" for contacts made with those stations - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM00JO> for the details, and <https://www.oly24.fr/awardform.html> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA Sylvia, OE5YYN will be active as **OE20SOTA** between 1 May and 31 October to mark the 20th anniversary since Austria joined the Summits on the Air programme. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/OE20SOTA>. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...Greenland OX3LX by Bo



OK, CZECH REPUBLIC Sixteen special event stations, representing the teams competing in the 87th Ice Hockey World Championship to be held in the Czech Republic (10-26 May), will be active from 27 April to 26 May: **OL87DL, OL87F, OL87G, OL87HB, OL87LA, OL87OE, OL87OH, OL87OK, OL87OM, OL87OZ, OL87SM, OL87SP, OL87UN, OL87VE, OL87W and OL87YL**. Look for activity on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; paper QSLs will not be issued, but 3 certificates will be available: see <https://ol87whc.cz/> for information. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Members of Club Radio Durnal (ON4CRD) will be active as **OR90AL** on 1-31 May. The special callsign marks 90 years since the death of Albert I, King of the Belgians, who died in a mountaineering accident at the age of 58. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND Marking the 25th anniversary since Poland joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, special callsign **HF25NATO** will be active from 1 May to 31 August. A certificate will be available for download on <https://hf25nato.spaward.pl>. QSL via LoTW, or via Club Log's OQRS (only 100 "limited edition QSL cards" will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE The Historical Greek Battleship Georgios Averof was launched on 12 March 1910 and the Greek Flag was raised on the ship on 16 May 1911. Until decommissioning in 1952, it had three callsigns, depending on conditions at the time. In particular, since the decade of the 1930s, the Battleship Georgios Averof, used the callsign SZAB. On 16 May 2024, an Amateur Radio Station with the call sign SZ1AB will be on the air on the Battleship Georgios Averof, honoring the commissioning 113 years ago.

UA, RUSSIA A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix **RP79** (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be active on 1-9 May to celebrate the 79th anniversary of the end of World War II. More information, including the list of participating stations and their QSL routes, is expected to be available on <https://pobeda.srr.ru/> in due course. (TNX 425DX)

XE, MEXICO Special event station **6EORM** will be active on 17-26 May during the 10th edition of the Rally Maya Mexico. Activity is expected to take place on 40-6 metres from Merida (17-18 May, grids EL50, EL51, EL40), Campeche (19 May, grid EK49), Uxmal (20-21 May, grid EL50), Valladolid (22-23 May, grid EL50), and Cancun (24-26 May, grid EL61). QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

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)

9H, MALTA 9H6HE is the special callsign for the Malta Amateur Radio League (9H1MRL) to celebrate the swearing in of Dr. Myriam Spiteri Debono as Malta's 11th President. Look for activity from 15 April to 31 May, on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

CT, PORTUGAL Special event stations **CS2GPDX** (continental Portugal), **CR2GPDX** (Azores) and **CR3GPDX** (Madeira) will be active on 1-31 May to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Portuguese DX Group. QSL only via LoTW. A large number of certificates and trophies will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/CS2GPDX> for detailed information. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DM60IOTA celebrates the 60th anniversary of the IARU programme and plans to operate from all German IOTA references (EU-042, EU-047, EU-127, EU-057, EU-128, and EU-129). Exact dates are not known yet. (TNX DXNL). QSL via DL2VFR.

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)

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 Special callsign **TM83JO** will be active for fifteen days between 16 April, when the Olympic flame is lit in Greece, and 26 July, when the flame ends its journey by lighting the Olympic cauldron at the Paris 2024 Opening Ceremony of. Look for activity on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via QO-100. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Active during various dates in 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.

G, ENGLAND Joining Guglielmo Marconi's 150th anniversary celebrations, the Cornish Radio Amateur Club (GX4CRC) will be active as **GB150GM** from 27 April until 27 July. QSL via eQSL. This activity participates in the "Marconi 150 Award", organized by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) and the Coordinamento Stazioni Marconiane Italiane (CSMI) under the patronage of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation. See IR2GMCL below. (TNX 425DX)

GM, SCOTLAND The special event amateur radio station **GB6WW** will be working from Glasgow, Scotland from 1st to 28th May as a poignant tribute to commemorate the end of World War II. This event is not just about celebrating victory but also remembering the sacrifices made and the lessons learned from one of the darkest periods in human history. Amateur radio has a long-standing tradition of bringing people together from across the globe, and GB6WW embodies this spirit by connecting individuals through the airwaves to reflect on peace and freedom. The event encourages participants to learn about the technological advancements of the time, the role of communication in the war effort, and the importance of radio as a tool for both information and morale. By tuning into GB6WW, participants and listeners can explore the past, honor the memory of those who served and suffered, and celebrate the peace and freedom that their sacrifices secured. This event is a reminder of the power of communication to bridge time, space, and differences, fostering a global community united in remembrance and hope.

If you have made QSOs with GB6WW on three or more bands, you are eligible to apply for the award.

To apply, send an email to gb6ww@ft8.me with the details of your contacts. Please include your call sign, the dates of the QSOs, and the bands on which they occurred.

There is no application fee. The GB6WW Award is completely free, underscoring the spirit of amateur radio and the commemorative nature of the event.

HB9, SWITZERLAND Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi members of the USKA's Valais/Wallis Section will be active as **HB150GM** between April and December. QSL via the bureau to HB9Y. (TNX DXNL)

HB9, SWITZERLAND Special callsign **HB50VC** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) from 18 March to 31 December. 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 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI's Board of Directors will be active as **IR2GMCL** between 28 April and 27 July during the "Marconi 150 Award". See <https://www.qrz.com/db/IR2GMCL> for the rules. Paper QSL cards will not be provided; electronic QSLs will be downloadable from the HamAward platform. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI Montegrappa (IQ3RP) will be active as **II3GM** from 15 April to 15 May. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Venezia (IQ3VE) will be active as **IR3POLO** between 1 April and 30 June. The special callsign commemorates the 700th 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.

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 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: **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/>.

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 14allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ44IZ** (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)

ON, BELGIUM OT2024EPIC is the special callsign for the Antwerp Port Contest Club (ON8APC) to promote the seventh edition of the Antwerp Port Epic cycling race. Look for activity between 19 April and 19 May (the actual day the race will be held on). (TNX DXNL)

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 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 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)

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)

YU, SERBIA Organised radio amateurism in Serbia began with the founding of the "Society of Friends of Radio-Telegraphy and Radio-Telephony" on 15 July 1924 in Belgrade. Celebrating 100 years of Amateur Radio in the region, the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU1SRS) will be active as **YT100R** and **YU100R** from 1 April to 1 December. A certificate will be available: <https://www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/>.

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/>