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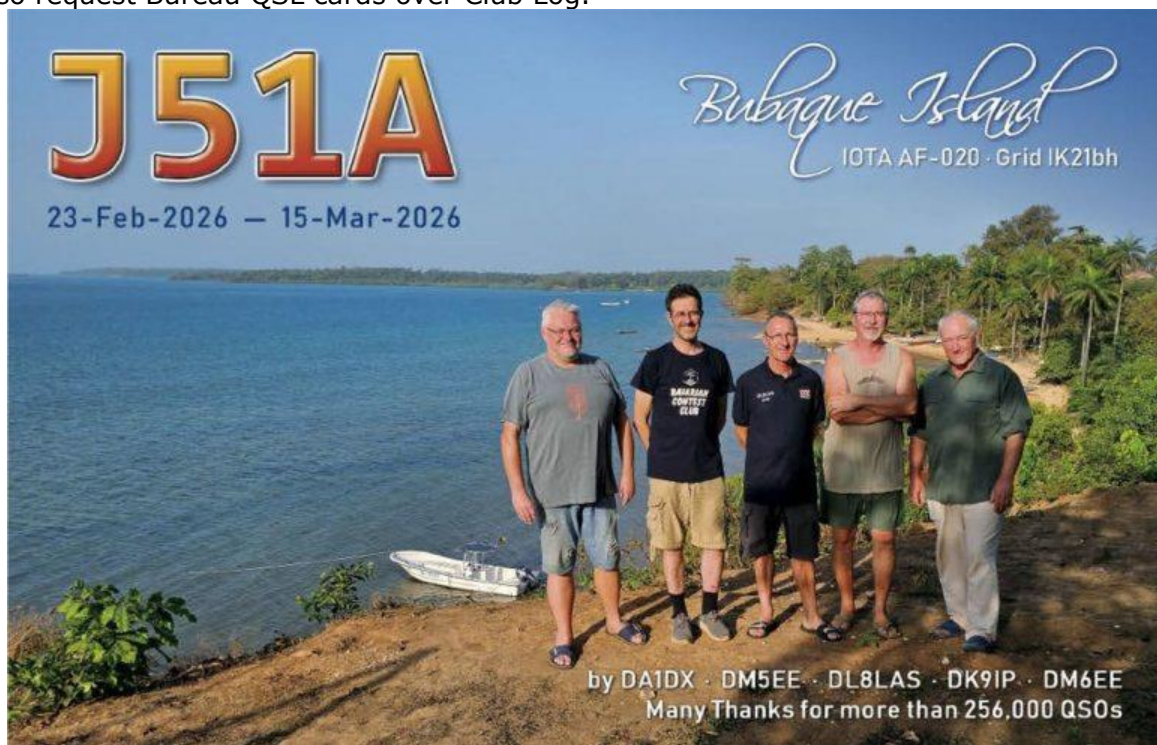
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DX News

J51A Guinea Bissau -QSL update

The paper QSL cards have been ordered from the printshop. If the cards are delivered in time, the first 7000 (direct) paper QSL cards will be processed on 13-14 June 2026 and mailed out the day after. All OQRS requests and donations that were received before 06-Jun-2026 will be handled in that first batch. Consequently, in the following months, more batches of cards will be processed. LotW uploads for the OQRS requests have been done every two or three days. Please note: You can also request Bureau QSL cards over Club Log.



VU4R Andaman Islands -update by Sarath VU2RS

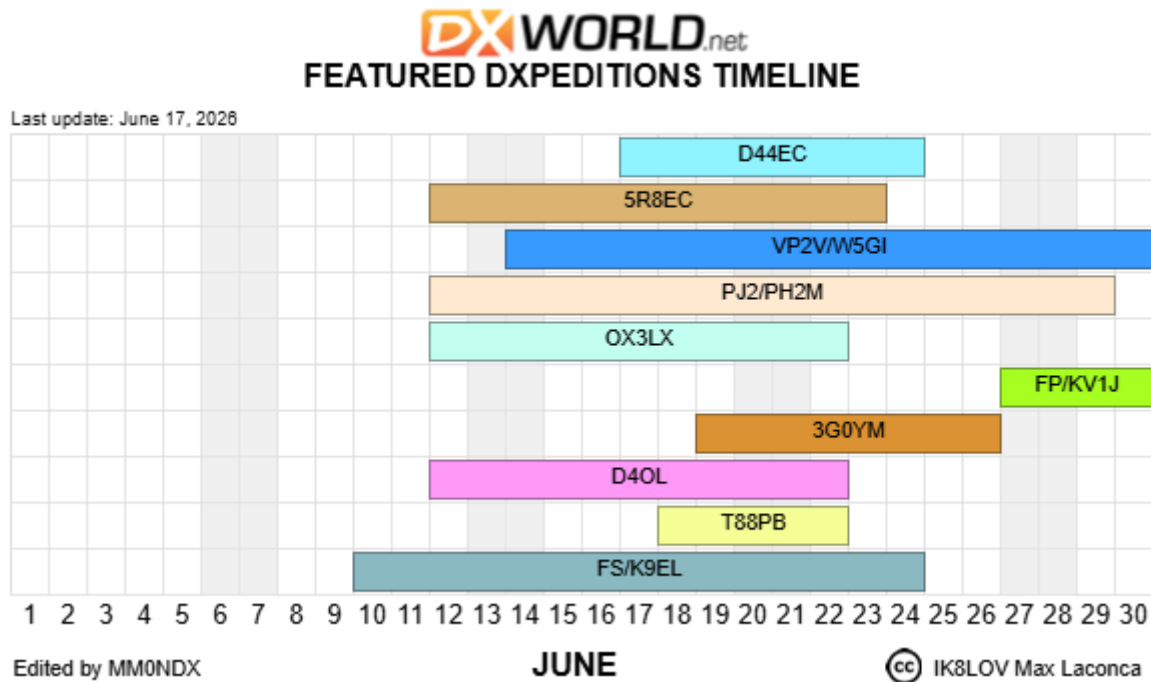
I am writing to share details regarding my upcoming preparatory trip for the VU4 DXpedition and the 49th SEANET Convention in Port Blair. This convention, held from December 18th to 20th, marks the first time in SEANET history that the event will take place there. The full DXpedition is scheduled for December 17th to 30th.

During my preparatory trip from July 22nd to July 27th, 2026, I will be operating under the callsign VU4R. I will also be participating in the RSGB IOTA Contest from Port Blair. This single-operator operation aims to provide chasers with an ATNO (All Time New One), primarily using SSB on the 40M through 10M bands. My setup will include an Icom 7300, a 400-watt amplifier, and a vertical antenna. <https://www.dx-world.net/vu4r-andaman-islands/>

E6SP Niue -update by Gavin ZL3GAV

Originally planning to return to Niue in July this year, Gavin now confirms the DXpedition has been postponed until sometime in the first quarter of 2027. Activity likely to be SSB, CW, Digital, SSTV and Satellite. A full update to come with more details. Previous activity and info below.

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

5H, TANZANIA Chas, NK8O is once again operating as 5H3DX until July 3. Operation from 30 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via NK8O, LoTW or OQRS.

5R, MADAGASCAR Kuni, JO1AEC is active as 5R8EC until June 23. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using CW only. QSL via home call, direct only.

5Z4, KENYA Matt, 5Z4/call is active in 'holiday-style' as 5Z4/call during June. QRV low power using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

CE0Y, EASTER ISL Manu CE3YMR will be operating as 3G0YM during June 20-27. QRV on different HF bands depending propagation. 'One of the most challenging bands in amateur radio is the 6-meter band, due to its unpredictable behaviour and variable propagation conditions. For this reason, a 3-element Yagi antenna will be incorporated, which will allow us — if conditions permit — to activate this attractive band, highly sought after by radio amateurs.'

<https://ce3ymr.wixsite.com/3g0ym>

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

D4, CAPE VERDE The well-travelled Olafur, TF1OL IS QRV as D4OL until June 22. Activity on FT8 and FT4 likely using MSHV program for the first time. Logs uploaded to LoTW and QRZ. Olafur says plans after Cape Verde are unclear at the moment, might be Portugal, Morocco, or Azores — will update soon.

D4, CAPE VERDE Ger, EC1A is operating as D44EC until June 24 from Praia. The QTH offers excellent conditions for antennas. Operation from 40 to 6 metres. QSL via EC1A, Club Log, LoTW.

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

FS, ST MARTIN John, K9EL is once again QRV as FS/call until June 24. Activity during his spare time with a focus on 6 metres when it is open, other bands from 40 to 10 metres. Log upload to Club Log and LoTW, QSL via K9EL OQRS.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Tom, KC0W is once again as KH0/call with 1.5 KW and new equipment.

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

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 20-22. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest us included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V7, MARSHALL ISL John, WA4IYB is currently residing on Kwajalein Atoll doing contract work, and mentions to DX-World that he's not entirely sure how long he'll be there, but it could be up to a year. When time permits look for V73RJ on 40-10m SSB using the island club station. QSL via LoTW & eQSL.

VP2V, B.V.I Jonathan, W5GI is once again operating as VP2V/call until end June. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

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

Coming up soon

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

[FP/KV1J July 2026](#)

JD1, OGASAWARA Koutarou, JP1IHD will once again be operating as JD1BQP from July 2 until July 11. Operation mainly on 6 metres this time but will listen on other bands with a Hexbeam. QSL via home call direct.

On the scene...D44OL Cape Verde



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-080 Anmyon Isl Look for 6M6M on June 20-21. Operation on 6 metres using all modes. QSL via DS2GWM, direct or bureau.

AFRICA

AF-095 Mondoleh Isl Darek, TJ1GD/P is QRV from this island, see DX-World for more updates.

EUROPE

EU-032 Ile de Re Marc, F6HQP will be operating as call/P during June 21-26. QRV on 40 and 20 metres using SSB. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

EU-050 Tremeti Isl Franco, IZ5IU9 will once again be active as IL7/call from June 20 until July 9. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB, expect activity on 144 Mhz and 433 Mhz also. QSL via home call.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Pierre, VE3KTB will again be active as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club, Ellesmere Island, NA-008 during mid-June to mid-July 2026. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB, FT8 + SATs when time permits as the main purpose of his trip is work related at the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory (PEARL). There is a chance VY0ERC may also be active from Cornwall Island, EU-009 on the way to Eureka.

NA-151 Prince Christians June 14-21

NA-018 Gander VHF site June 22-24

Bo, OX3LX will be active from these different locations. Focus on 6 and 4 metres but also on HF. Operation during his spare time.

QSL preview



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

TY, BENIN Red, DL1BUG will once again be QRV as TY5FR from July 7 until August 4. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct.

THE REMINDERS

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

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Kazu M0CFW will once again be operating as 3B9KW during the CQWW SSB contest (October 24-25) and during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). Operation before and after the contest as 3B9/call between October 20-28 and between November 22 end December 2. QSL via LoTW.

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

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

5H, TANZANIA With dates not yet certain, Dov 4Z4DX and Eyal 4X1RE plan to be active from Tanzania as 5H2DX (CW & SSB) and 5H2RE (SSB) sometime in August or September '26. They hope to activate different National Parks within the country. Updates to follow.

6O, SOMALIA The DX-adventure Team will be QRV as 6O6X during February 2027. Team leader Max ON5UR mentions: *'On 14 February 2026, our local contact was invited to the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology in Hargeisa, where Minister Jamaal Mohamed Jama personally handed over the official licence. During the DXpedition, we will be active under the callsign 6O6X ("six oscar six x-ray").*

Although the Belgian government still advises against travel to Somalia, several reliable sources confirm that Somaliland, located in the northwest, is the safest region of the country. The safety of the team is the top priority, which is why we have deliberately chosen to organise our activities in this area. On average, the country receives barely 500 visitors per year.'

A Belgian-Dutch-American team with Paul N6PSE, Marc ON4AMX, Patrick ON4HIL, Max ON5UR, Karel ON5TN, Marc ON6CC, Wim ON6DX, Franky ON7RU, Geert ON7USB, Francis ON8AZ, Casper PA7DX and Ronald PA3EWP will be QRV on HF and perhaps QO-100 and EME. Website under construction.

On the scene...D40L Cape Verde



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

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

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

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

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

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during November 9 and November 20. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

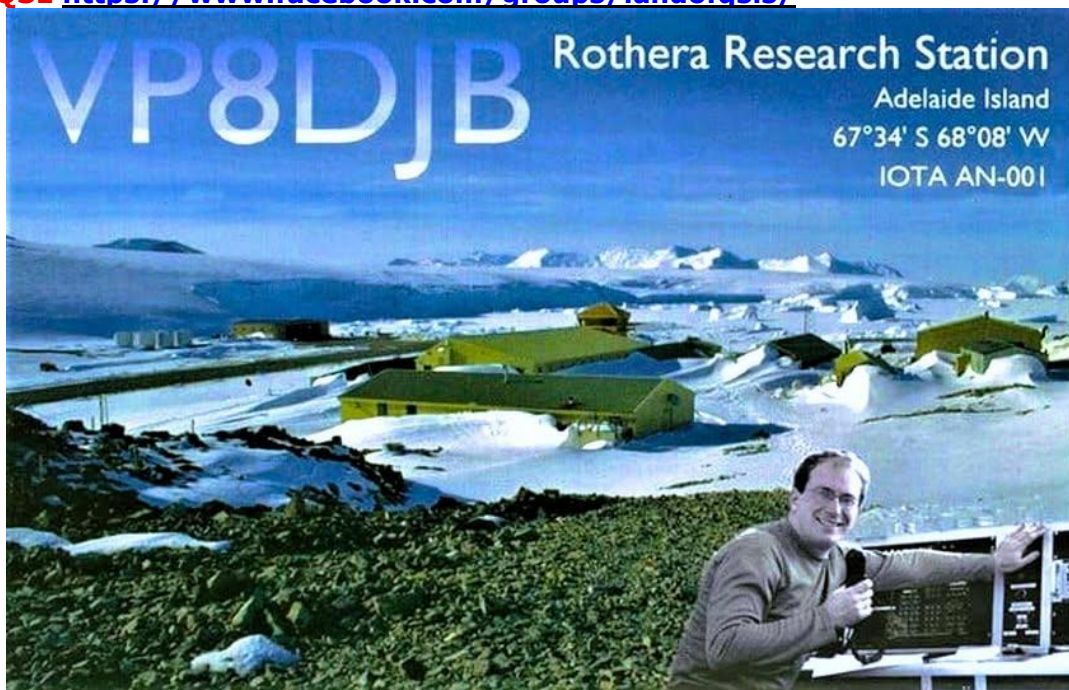
E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE between July 22 and August 14 for E51KEE (CW, SSB) and E51CZZ (SSB) between July 26 and August 6. QRV from Rarotonga. QSL via IK2DUW.

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

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Matt, WF2A will be operating as FP/call from October 21 until October 26. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included with an activity from POTA PM-0025. QSL via LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/FP/W2MJR>

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

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



J6, ST LUCIA Stephen KB4YKC and Paul KB4PMK will be operating as J6/calls from March 9 until March 16, 2027. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW.

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

IS0, SARDINIA Jose, EA5UJ will be active as IS0/call/QRP with a campervan from different locations. Operation between July 16 and July 27. Jose works only SSB from 80 to 10 metres and will try to activate some POTA references. QSL via LoTW, home call and OQRS.

J3, GRENADA Graham MM8IJU and Eric GM5RDX will once again be active as J38DX and as J38LD. QRV from September 1 until September 12 from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via M0OXO and LoTW.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Ken, JO1VRK will once again be active as KH0/AJ6VJ from December 29 until January 3, 2027. Operation on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA A team that previously activated T2C, C21MM and V6D will now be operating as KH8A between October 29 and November 13. The team includes nine operators DJ9KH, DK5WL, DL1KWK, DL2RNS, DL4SVA, DL6KAC, DL6KVA, DL7JOM and DL7VEE. We are planning to operate 4 stations 24/7 from 160m to 6m in CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY.

<https://kh8a.mydx.de/>

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

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

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

On the scene...EX/4G1HOD Kyrgyzstan



S9, SAO TOME Francisco, CT7AKS will be active as S9R with EC7R, D2ACE, CT1BOL, D2IM, CT1BZG and CT3MD between October 17 and October 31. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. <https://s9r.viacom.ao/>

T2, TUVALU Previously active from Tuvalu in September 2023, the Rebel DX Group plan to return later this year and QRV as **T22TT**. Full details to follow.

Meanwhile, you can see all info, pictures and audio recordings regarding the Rebel's T22T activity [here](#).

T8, PALAU Mike, JA6EGL will once again be operating as T88SM during January 8-14, 2027. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, FM/AM. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Noburo, JH1OLB will once again be active as T88DT from November 26 until December 2. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU A team with Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN, Kuni JA1CJA, Jusei JA3IVU and Shozo JA3HJI plan (tentatively) activity from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during October 21-29, 206. QRV on various bands and modes as: T88MB (JA3AVO), T88CZ (JI3DNN), T88DK (JA1CJA), T88ED (JA3IVU) and as T88DN (JA3HJI).

TK, CORSICA Alex, OE5AUH and David OE5DDJ will be operating as TK/calls from August 9 until August 22. They plan to hike the GR20 trail. Low power station with 10W.

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

V6, MICRONESIA Kenji JH3AIU and Masa JR3RIU will be active from Chuuk Island as V6AIU and V63JX between November 26 and December 1. Main goal is the CQWW CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

VP2V, B.V.I Bob, GU4YOX will be active as VP2VBB during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). Before the contest he will be operating as VP2V/call. More to follow.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARDX) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027.

Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditions.com/dxpeditions/vp0sg>

VP9, BERMUDA Look for Al K7AR, Ron WJ7R and Lee N7NU as VP9/calls between September 23 and September 27. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. Before and after the contest on other bands as conditions allow.

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

Guess the QSL



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

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL Look for VU4R on July 22-26. Activity on HF using SSB and FT8 with an entry in the IOTA contest. This is a test in anticipation of the main event on December 17-30 alongside

the 49th SEANET convention. <https://www.dxindia.in/VU4R>

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will once again be QRV as ZC4MK late November. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via home call.

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

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-067 Itatiaia Isl A team composed of PY8WW, PY7RP and PP1DX will be on air from Itatiaia Island, SA-067 (Espirito Santo State group) during July 24-26. Main focus on CW & SSB. Participation in the IOTA contest. Up to 3 stations QRV simultaneously.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/PQ1I>

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

Arctic Legends Dxpedition

AS-050 Isachenko Isl July 23-26 as RI0BI

AS-055 Vize Isl July 12-16 as RI0BW

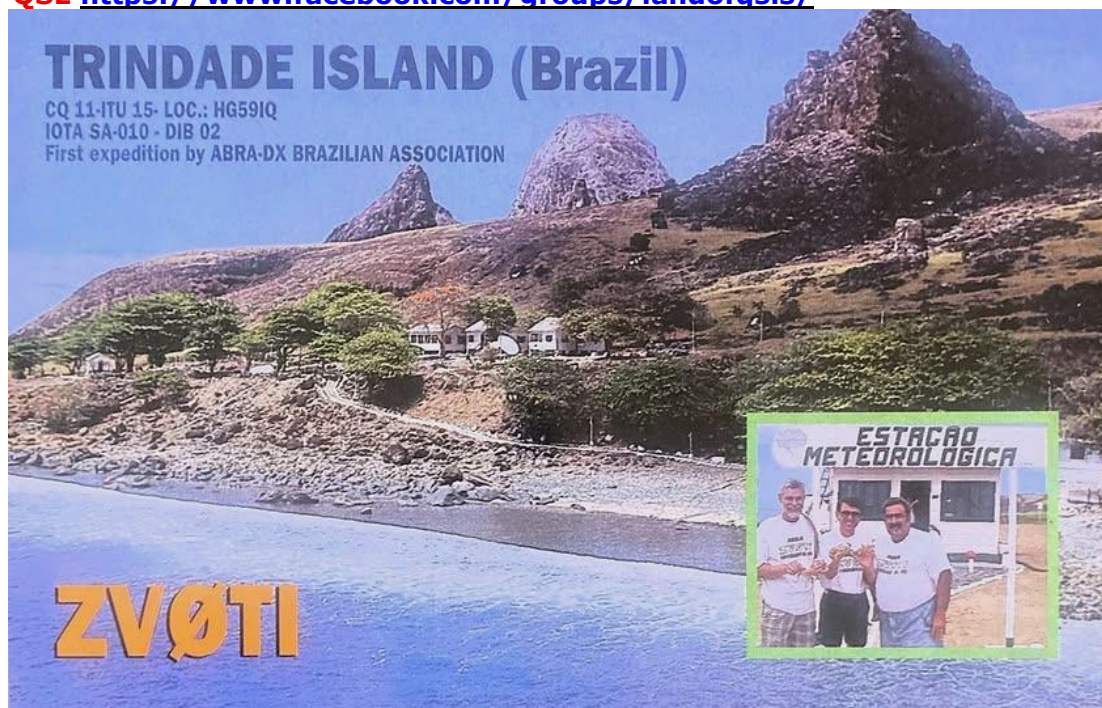
AS-057 Ugedineniya Isl July 18-21 as RI0BU

EU-160 Chaichiy Isl July 4-7 as RI1PC

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

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

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



EUROPE

EU-038 Texel Isl Dennis PA2DK and Pim PA5PR will be operating as PC38EU during July 24-26 (IOTA contest). Outside the contest they will look for 6 metre VHF. QSL via LoTW and bureau.

EU-073 Cheradi Isl Vin, IK7IMO will be QRV as IB7V during the IOTA contest on July 25-26. Operation high power using SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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

NORTH AMERICA

NA-038 Madeleine Isl From July 15 to August 14, the NA-128 Contest Group will be in the Madeleine Islands (Cap-aux-Meules) NA-038 (FN97). Participation in the 2026 IOTA Contest, but with less equipment and fewer operators, though still active to give out the multipliers. They will be QRV on various bands and modes before and after the IOTA Contest.

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group

NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group

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

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

OCEANIA

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

SOUTH AMERICA

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

Antarctic destinations

The 2027 French Polar Team Expedition by Mehdi, F5PFP

I hope to be QRV from Admiralty Bay, King George island, South Shetland Islands in early 2027, where the following base entities are situated:

Base Machu Picchu (Peru)

Base Comandante Ferraz (Brazil) & the ruins of the Base G-Admiralty Bay (United Kingdom) on the same site.

The ruins of the Base Giacomo Bove (Italy)

Refuge Brazil (Brazil)

Base Pieter J Lenie Field-Copacabana (USA)

Refuge Republica del Ecuador (Ecuador)

Base Arctowski (Poland)

Admiralty Bay is a large, open and windy area with bad soils for anchorage, so not a good place for sail boat stopovers. That means, I won't be able to be QRV from all these entities, but from 1 at least I hope, maybe 2 or 3 in case of very good weather window.

As a French expedition, we must submit soon the exact sites to get landing permissions from TAAF administration (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises) which is the French representative of the Antarctic Treaty.

Feel free to report your TOP 3 most wanted base entities on the list above, and I will do my best without any guarantee of success.

Lighthouses

F, FRANCE From August 13 to 17, 2026, DF1DJ, DJ5KX, DJ8EI, DK5OPA, DL1DCT, DL5KA, and DL8KR will be on the air from the lighthouse in Berck-sur-Mer (France) under the call sign TM0BSM. Further information can be found at www.qrz.com.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

A6, UAE Members of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will be active as **A60PC** (QSL via EA7FTR) on 17-30 June. Also expect activity by **A60PC/0, A60PC/1, etc.** (see <https://www.qrz.com/db/A60PC> for the QSL routes for the various suffix extensions). The special call sign's suffix stands for Pledge and Commitment, a national initiative that brings together UAE citizens and residents to express their loyalty to the nation, allegiance to its leadership, and pride in the UAE's development journey and its humanitarian values. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DQ40CNP is a special callsign to be in use between 12 June and 11 July to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster (26 April 1986). This activation also shines a light on a lesser-known piece of history: the GDR (East Germany) radio amateurs who discreetly used their stations to share information and contribute to public health protection during the crisis. QSL via DL1EAL; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL, DCL (DARC Community Logbook), QRZ, HRDLog and Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM23CM** (Coupe du Monde) on 11-25 June during the FIFA World Cup's group stage. QSL via eQSL.

OE, AUSTRIA Bernhard, OE6HLF will be active as **OE2026WM** (Weltmeisterschaft, i.e. World Championship) on 16-28 June, during the FIFA World Cup's group stage featuring the Austrian national football team. QSL via home call.

W, USA This year's Youth on the Air summer camp for young radio amateurs aged 15-25 in the Americas will be held in Huntsville, Alabama on 14-19 June. Campers will operate the special event station **W4Y** between sessions as well as during dedicated time slots (details on <https://www.qrz.com/db/W4Y>). QSL via LoTW, or send requests to KC3UII.

THE REMINDERS

BBC Long Wave Shutdown event

The RSGB and the BBC Amateur Radio Group will be activating four special calls to mark the closure of BBC Long Wave transmissions on 198kHz (1500m) after more than 90 years. The Long Wave transmitters at Droitwich in Worcestershire, Westerglen near Stirling and Burghead overlooking the Moray Firth, will be closed down on 27 June 2026.

GB1500M will be active for one week from 21-27 June 2026 and may be activated from G, GM, GW, GI, GJ, GD and GU, by RSGB and BBCARG members over the period.

GB198LW will be activated by Cray Valley RS (England), **GB198END** by Moray Firth ARS (Scotland) and **GB198KHZ** by Stirling and District ARS (Scotland) during the week 21-27 June 2026.

Full details are on the RSGB website <https://rsgb.org> – search for “BBC Long Wave Shutdown”. A commemorative QSL card will be available for any QSOs or SWL reports via M00XO OQRS.

World Cup 2026 Special events

Amateur radio operators across USA, Canada and Mexico host cities are activating special callsigns to celebrate this summer's 2026 World Soccer Tournament. Operate VHF, UHF, and HF, analogue and digital with and let's make this a fun event! With 16 cities participating you have 16 wonderful QSL cards to collect!

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

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

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

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DA100LENZ** (special DOK SL100) celebrates the 100th

anniversary of the German author Siegfried Lenz until the end of August. QSLs will be sent out automatically via the bureau. (TNX DXNL)

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

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

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

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

QSL preview



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

DL, GERMANY **DR170TESLA** is the special callsign for members of DARC's Ortsverband Mainz (DL0MZ) to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla between 1 May and 31 December. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via DK8ZZ. (TNX 425DX)

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

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

DL, GERMANY **DB70DLRS** is a special callsign marking the 70th anniversary of the

Deutschland-Rundspruch, the DARC's weekly news broadcast tailored specifically for amateur radio enthusiasts in Germany. Look for activity on all bands and modes from 1 June to 31 December. QSL via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/DB70DLRS> (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY During June and July, the following special event stations (special DOK: 26WRTC) operate around the WRTC contesting event in England: **DL2026W, DL2026R, DL2026T, DL2026C, DL26WRTC, and DLOWRTC**. An award scheme is also available. For more information see: <https://www.qrz.com/db/DLOWRTC>. QSL via OQRS, DK5ON (d/B), DCL, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The DARC club Hilden (R04) uses the callsign **DQ40CNP** (special DOK 40CNP) to commemorate the Chernobyl disaster 40 years ago. QRV from June 12 until July 11. QSL via DL1EAL (d/B), DCL, LoTW, eQSL, qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Look for **DF26FIFA, DF2026WM** (Weltmeisterschaft, i.e. World Championship), **DF2026C, DF2026M** and **DF2026U** to be active between 10 June and 20 July "to celebrate and accompany" the men's football (soccer) world championship (FIFA World Cup 2026) to be held in Mexico, Canada and the USA. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, DCL (DARC Community Logbook), or via DK5ON. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...S21WD Bangladesh QSL update

The QSL work for [#S21WD](#) and [#J51A](#) has been successfully completed after 2.5 days of hard work. 🇧🇩 🇯🇲

All direct and bureau requests have now been processed and will be on their way to you tomorrow.

In total, more than 15,000 individual QSL cards were labelled and prepared for mailing, including cards for S21WD, J51A, V73WW, VP2VI, PX0FF, 3G0YA, 4W8X and 4W1A.

A big thank you to everyone who supported this effort and helped with the hard work behind the scenes.



F, FRANCE Commemorating the 82nd anniversary of the Normandy Landings (D-Day, 6 June 1944), members of the Caen Radio Club will be active as **TM6DDAY** on 6-20 June. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres from the Merville Gun Battery site situated on the eastern flank of the landing area codenamed Sword. QSL via F6KCZ. In addition, a team of operators from Cherbourg will be active as TM6JDD on 6 June. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM6JDD> for QSL information. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND **GB50PUNK** is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times during 2026 to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. (TNX 425DX)

HB, SWITZERLAND **HB200LF** celebrates the 200th birthday of the Swiss engineer and building

contractor Louis Favre during June and July. QSL via ClubLog, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

HP, PANAMA Henry, HP1CDW, celebrates his 40 years on the air with the callsign **3E40CDW** until the end of November. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY The ARI "COLLI ALBANI" section will activate a commemorative station that will remain operational until July 31, with the call **II0NRG**. The event celebrates the first overflight of the North Pole, completed 100 years ago, by the airship "NORGE" UNDER THE COMMAND OF COLONEL UMBERTO NOBILE. This station will operate under the patronage of the municipality of Ciampino (Rome), from whose airport the "NORGE" airship took off, and of the Air Force Association. The station will operate in the HF range (and, where possible, also on QO100). The activity will continue until July 31, 2026, and for the occasion, an electronic "AWARD" and special eQSLs will be established. In addition, special QSL cards in paper form will be available upon request. The AWARD rules can be found on the QRZ.com page under the callsign II0NRG and on the diplomradio.com website.

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": **II4PRCE** (June), **II4JAFI** (July), **II4KEMP** (August), **II4PAGE** (September), **II4NTTI** (October), **II4GCLB** (November), **II4SLRI** (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/> (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Italian Republic, **II3RITN** (ARI Trento), **II9RICT** (ARI Catania), **IR2RAOR** (ARI Vigevano), and **IR5RTSE** (ARI Toscana Sud Est) will be active on 1-28 June. Several other callsigns in the format II#Rxxx or IR#Rxxx are expected to join this operating event: <https://hamaward.cloud/awards> (TNX 425DX)

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

LU, ARGENTINA The Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO) operates around the Argentine Flag Day between June 13 and 21. An award is also available, see: <https://lu4aao.org/certificados/dia-de-la-bandera-2026> and <https://www.qrz.com/db/LU4AAO>. (TNX DXNL)

LY, LITHUANIA **LY100RADIO** is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary since the official beginning of regular radio broadcasting service in Lithuania (12 June 1926). Look for activity from 12 May to 12 July; see <https://www.qrz.com/db/LY100RADIO> for the awards. QSL via LY2QT. (TNX 425DX)

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

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

PA, THE NETHERLANDS **PG75HSC** is the special callsign for Theo, PA3HEN to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via home call, and LoTW. Also joining the celebrations is Artur, SP3LPR as 3Z75HSC (QSL via home call, direct or bureau). The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include 1400+ operators all over the world: <http://www.highspeedclub.org> (TNX 425DX)

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

UR, UKRAINE To celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio, Nick, US8AR will be active throughout 2026 using the special callsign **EM50AR**. Electronic QSL cards can be downloaded

from <https://em50ar.pp.ua> (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA VC7BBD, operated by Lhtako Dene Nation, operates around the 50th Billy Barker Days during June and July. (TNX DXNL)

VE, CANADA Gabor, VE7JH, signs **VB7F** during the FIFA World Cup (June 11 to July 19). QSL via direct, bureau, ClubLog OQRS, eQSL. Another Canadian special event callsign will be VC3F. (TNX DXNL)

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

VU, INDIA AT9OVANI, operated by Manmohan, VU3YBH, celebrates the 90th anniversary of the All India Radio broadcaster until August 16. (TNX DXNL)

XE, MEXICO XE1AF, Fernandez Rodriguez Angel, announces that the following special event callsigns from Mexico will be active around the FIFA World Cup: **4A1CMX** (Mexico City), **4A1GDL** (Guadalajara), **4A1MTY** (Monterrey). (TNX DXNL)

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

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

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

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

ZB, GIBRALTAR ZB2FTY celebrates 50 years of Amateur Radio on Gibraltar during 2026. QSL direct via ZB2BU. (TNX DXNL)

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

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

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