

## The weekly DX bulletin 670

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### DX News

#### **Arctic Legens IOTA Dxpediton -delay (July 1)**

Technical setback: unforeseen delay. After prolonged storage, our satellite beacon LookOut (GLONASS/GPS, Iridium SBD) has failed — and crossing the 12-mile zone isn't permitted without it for safety reasons. A replacement unit has already been ordered, and we're awaiting express delivery. As soon as it's onboard, we depart. Thanks for your patience — updates to follow!

#### **9T0MD Democratic Republic of Congo -update/news**

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the second-largest country in Africa and has been the centre of one of the world's longest-running conflicts for decades. Ongoing fighting between rebel groups and government forces, systemic corruption, years of mismanagement of the country's resources and recurring health crises like COVID-19, cholera, measles and Ebola, have left DRC in a severe humanitarian crisis. It is estimated that 27 million people are experiencing poverty and food insecurity – the highest number in any African country. In order to ensure the safety of the team, the costs of carrying out the expedition are rising significantly. We hope that the amateur radio community will support us as it always has. Please support us [here](#). Thank you.



#### **3G0YM Easter Island -now QRT**

Today the **3G0YM** expedition from Rapa Nui comes to an end, after months of planning, preparation and intense logistics that began long before the first station was on air. Behind this activation lay not only the on-air operation, but also a tremendous amount of preparation typical of a DXpedition: team coordination, equipment transport, permit management, antenna setup, system testing, complete station assembly, and the constant resolution of unforeseen issues that inevitably arise when operating from a location as remote as Rapa Nui. Every detail had to be planned in advance to ensure everything functioned optimally when going live. Full story here: <https://www.dx-world.net/3g0ym-easter-island/>

## New digital modes JTTY

We (the WSJT Development Team) have completed our transition to a modern cloud-based development environment with automated package building and testing. Related changes to our workflow procedures reduce local burdens on team members and allow for faster development and more frequent releases. This is good news for all users of WSJT-X, MAP65, and QMAP! Our new official web site is <https://wsjtx.github.io/wsjtx/index.html>. Please explore it at your leisure. Today we are pleased to announce the General Availability (GA) release WSJT-X 3.0.2, MAP65 3.6, and QMAP 0.7. Tested packages for Windows, macOS, and Linux include all three applications as well as our usual collection of utility programs. From a user perspective these program versions are simple bug-fix releases: installation procedures and program usage are the same as before. <https://www.dx-world.net/new-digital-mode-jtty/>

## 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.

**8R, GUYANA** Aldir, PY1SAD is once again active as 8R1TM until July 26 from 160 to 10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW.

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

**EX, KYRGYZSTAN** Mike, UN8G is QRV in 'holiday-style' as EX/KZ1R until July 4. Operation mostly on 6 metres with some 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW and Club Log, no paper cards.

**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

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J is once again (18<sup>th</sup> tour) active as FP/call, this for the 18<sup>th</sup> time. Activity until and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest. [FP/KV1J July 2026](#)

**FS, SAINT MARTIN** Serguei, F4EQE is once again active as FS/call until July 13. Operation with a multi-band GP antenna and a Yaesu FT-891 using FT8 and PSK31. QSL via home call.

**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.

**KP2, US VIRGIN ISL** Chris, N3TEN is active as call/KP2 until June 27. More on <https://www.qrz.com/db/N3TEN/KP2>

**OX, GREENLAND** Emil, DL8JJ will once again be active as OX/call between July 3 and July 14. Operation during his spare time using CW from a base camp on Tasiilaq.

**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.

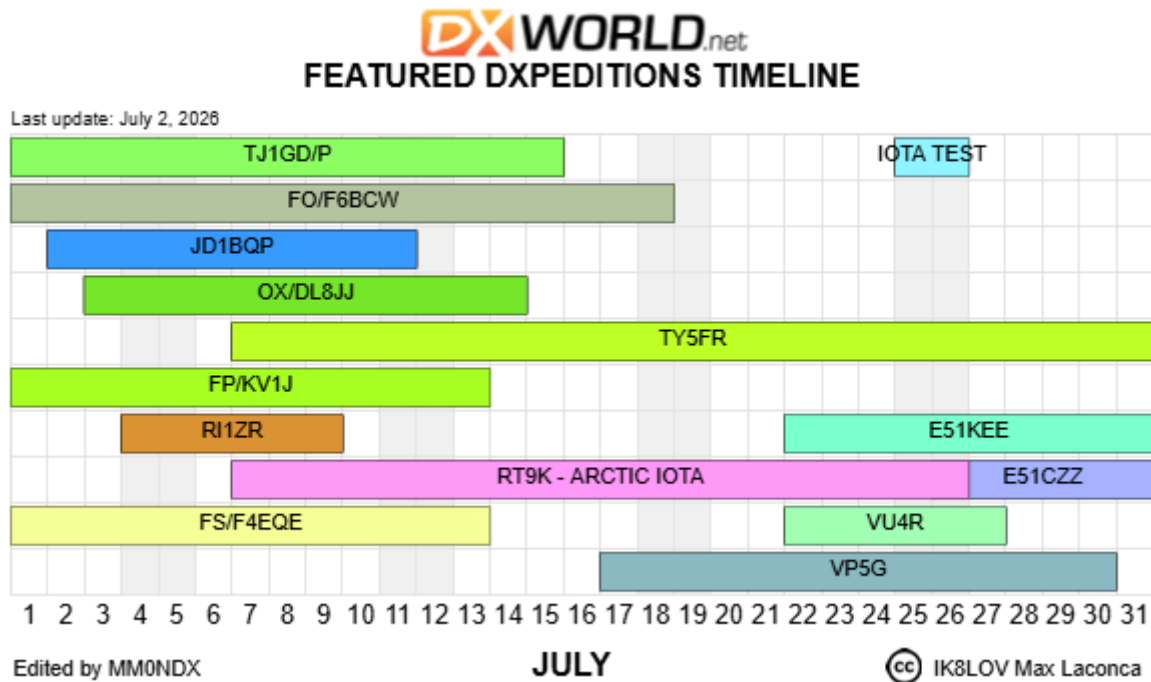
**V7, MARSHALL ISL** John, WA4IYB is currently residing on Kwajalein Atoll doing contract work, and mentions to DX-World that he's not entirely sure how long he'll be there, but it could be up to a year. When time permits look for V73RJ on 40-10m SSB using the island club station. QSL via LoTW & eQSL.

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** Chris, ZL7DX is once again QRV from Waitangi. Operation on various bands using FT8. QSL via M0OXO.

### Coming up soon

**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.

## DXCC timeline



## IOTA

### This week on air

#### AFRICA

**AF-095 Mondoleh Isl** Darek, TJ1GD/P is QRV until July 15, see DX-World for more updates.

#### 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>

#### EUROPE

**EU-011 Scilly Isl** Look for Dave G4FRE is GX0FRE until July 7. Activity from 40 to 6 metres and as M2I on July 5-6 for VHF on 6, 2 and 70cm.

**EU-050 Tremeti Isl** Franco, IZ5IUU is once again active as IL7/call until July 9. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB, expect activity on 144 Mhz and 433 Mhz also. QSL via home call.

**EU-052 Corfu** Maksym, DL3PLZ will be operating as SV8/call from July 7 until July 14. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL upload to LoTW and Club Log.

**EU-067 Paros Isl** Tommy, VK2IR is active in 'holiday-style' as SV0BXF/8 until August 1. Operation from 80 to 6 metres. QSL via home call direct.

#### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Pierre, VE3KTB is again active as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club, Ellesmere Island, NA-008 until 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.

## Coming up soon

### **EUROPE**

**EU-028 Elba** Francesco, IZ1KVQ will be active from Elba between July 10 and July 15. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a portable station. QSL via IZ1KVQ, direct or bureau, LoTW.

### **Ham radio Friedrichshafen 2026**



What an amazing few days at **HAM RADIO Friedrichshafen 2026!** It was a real pleasure to meet so many friends, supporters, sponsors, and fellow radio amateurs from around the world. The enthusiasm, encouragement, and positive energy we received have given the entire VPOSG team an extra boost as we continue preparing for South Georgia 2027.

The event was also a fantastic opportunity for our multinational team to spend time together, strengthen friendships, and continue building the teamwork that will be essential for a successful expedition.

A very special thank you goes to the **Clipperton DX Club** and **F6KOP** for generously hosting our booth and creating the unique atmosphere of friendship, enthusiasm, and camaraderie that made every day so enjoyable. We are truly grateful for your hospitality. Merci!

The adventure continues, and we look forward to sharing the next milestones of the VPOSG project with you very soon. Thank you all for being part of the journey!

73s

VPOSG team

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**6W, SENEGAL** The Italian Dxpediton Team has announced their next trip to Senegal sometime between October and November. Operation with 4 stations on all modes and frequencies. More to follow.

**GJ, JERSEY** Holger, DG3FEH will be active as MJ/call from July 18 until July 23. Operation on 40, 20 and 15 metres using SSB and OQ-100.

**P4, ARUBA** Mat, DL4MM will once again be active as P40AA during August 6-10. Focus on WAE CW contest, outside the contest from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, Club

Log.

**T8, PALAU** Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be operating as T88PB during September 4-7. An entry in the All Asian DX SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VP8, FALKLAND** Santiago, LU2DUR will be active from the Falklands between January 10 and January 17, 2027. Operation during his spare time on HF using SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

### **THE REMINDERS**

**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 Dxpediton 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.

### **Guess the QSL**



**60, SOMALIA** The DX-adventure Team will be QRV as 606X 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 606X ("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.

**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.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Lui YT3PL and Luc F5RAV will once again be active as C5R from near Banjul from October 1 until November 4. Their humanitarian work is ongoing – so far they made 3 new classrooms for WILCOS school for children aged 3 to 5 years old. All the money that is donated will be invested in this project – they already spent €7500 but still need to make new toilets and add new tiles to make new floors. You can donate via here.

**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.

**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.cdxc.cz/>

**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.

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



**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.'*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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..

**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 previous 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 DXpediton 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.

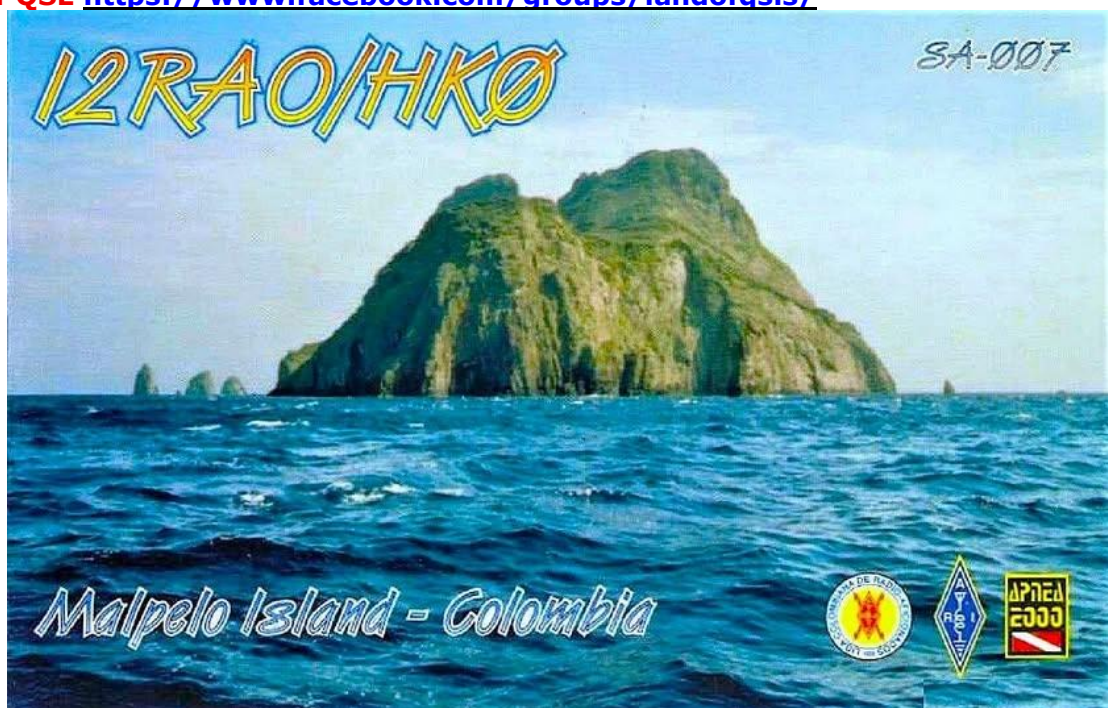
**S7, SEYCHELLES** Rudi OLK2ZA and David OK6DJ will be QRV as S79/OL1T between December 28 and January 8, 2027. Operation on various bands and modes. More to follow. QSL via LoTW.

**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](#).

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



**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, 2026. 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.

### On the scene...MDXC team meet-up at Friedrichshafen



**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/>

**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 Snavely;

KD0IVB, Emily Snaveley; 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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.

### On the scene...Carsten DM9EE at Friedrichshafen



## IOTA

### THE NEWCOMERS

#### EUROPE

**EU-017 Lipari Isl** Marcus, DL3NC will be active as I/DL3NC during the IOTA contest (July 24-26). QRV with an Icom 7300, VDA and dipoles. QSL via home call or Club Log.

#### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-083 Tangier Isl** Island Hopper Group is headed back to Tangier island, VA for the 2026 IOTA contest and POTA in the days leading up. (Tangier island is a 4 park POTA). Corey, KB4YPN will be on the island July 22-26 with the bulk of the group arriving July 24. They'll be using personal calls for POTA and K4T for the contest July 25-26.

This year's team members include: Scott AD4SA, Santiago KQ1O, Craig WA3RGH, Russ KQ4HNX, Stuart KN4CED and Corey KB4YPN.

In addition: KQ1O in conjunction with the Island Hopper Group hope to make 630m more accessible to the hams with limited space. On Friday evening and into the night, Tangier will come alive as the Island Hopper Group transmits on 630m in an all-time new location.

### THE REMINDERS

#### ASIA

**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.

## **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.

**EU-137 Ven Isl** Look for OZ0J, OZ3ACB and OZ9U as SM/OV2E during July 23-27. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. Outside the contest on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, Club Log or OZ0J.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 end October (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!*

**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>

## **Antarctic destinations**

### **HF0PAS South Shetland Islands**

Rafal, SQ40 informs that all going well, he will try to be active as HF0PAS from the Henryk Arctowski Polish Antarctic Station, King George Island, South Shetland Islands after May. He will remain there until October 2026. News updates will be posted on the HF0PAS QRZ page.

### **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 TMOBSM. Further information can be found at [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com).



WRTC is essentially the Olympics of Amateur Radio Contesting – and is almost upon us! On 8th July 2026, competitors that have qualified to represent their Qualification Area (unlike the Olympics, which has participants competing for their country) will arrive in the United Kingdom to prepare for this once every 4 year event. The host nation changes each time and, this time, for the 10th WRTC, it's coming to the UK! There will be 50 teams of two, each with an assigned referee. Each will be allocated an HF operating site in South East England, where they will take part in a 24 hour SSB/CW contest (the IARU HF Championship) over the weekend of 11th/12th July. So, WRTC is kind of a contest within an existing contest.

This is your opportunity to work these special stations and apply for your award!

The WRTC contest will be live on a dedicated online platform provided by World Radio League. This is a live scoreboard where you can track your favourite team in real time. Also, when you contact one of the special WRTC stations, you can see it on the WRL platform. What's more, you can check which of the 50 WRTC stations you still need to contact. Can you work all 50 of them? If you're an SSB operator, there are 250 possible QSOs across 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m. Similarly, there are 250 possible QSOs if you are a CW operator. If you are both an SSB and CW operator, 500 QSOs are possible with WRTC stations alone!

<https://www.dx-world.net/wrtc-2026/>

## Special calls

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**DL, GERMANY** The annual special event station **DL0SOP** (special DOK SOP26) operates throughout July. For the award see: <https://dl0sop.darc.de/>. QSL via OQRS, LoTW, eQSL.

**F, FRANCE** The French REF accompanies the Tour de France (male: July 4 to 26; female: August 1 to 9) with the callsign **TM00TFR** from all Departments touched by the Tour. For more information about their awards see: [www.qrz.com/db/tm00tfr](http://www.qrz.com/db/tm00tfr)

**G, ENGLAND** **GB26WRTC** is the official headquarters station for the upcoming World Radiosport Team Championship, taking place from 8-13 July. During the IARU / WRTC Contest, the station will be operated by a youth team. WRTC 2026 will be covered by daily shows on YouTube, plus a 24 hour livestream of the contest itself: <https://www.youtube.com/@WRTC2026/streams> (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** Special callsign **SN93LOT** will be active on 1-31 July to commemorate the 93rd anniversary of the ill-fated flight of Lithuanian pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girenas. On 15 July 1933 they attempted a nonstop flight from New York City to Kaunas in a small airplane named "Lituanica". After crossing the Atlantic Ocean, they crashed on 17 July when they were only 650km short of their final destination. QSL via SP1PMY.

### **Guess the QSL**



## **THE REMINDERS**

### **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!

**[FULL DETAILS HERE](#)**

**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 automagically 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** **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)

**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)

**DL, GERMANY** **DQ30GDXF** is the special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the German DX Foundation (<https://www.gdxf.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 until end 2026. 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 **DL0WRTC**. An award scheme is also available. For more information see: <https://www.qrz.com/db/DL0WRTC>. 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)

**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 **IIONRG**. 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 IIONRG 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": **II4JAFL** (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)

**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)

**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: **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** Special callsigns **3Z100LKK**, **HF100LKK**, **SN100LKK**, **SO100LKK**, **SP0LKK**, **SP100LKK** and **SQ100LKK** celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK) until end 2026. "The cradle of Polish Amateur Radio", LKK was one of the largest clubs in Europe before World War II. See <https://radiodyplom.pl/ses/282> for the commemorative certificate. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints: **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 50<sup>th</sup> Billy Barker Days during 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 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the All India Radio broadcaster until August 16. (TNX DXNL)

**W, USA** The following stations will be active during the 18th annual "13 Colonies Special Event", which will be held from 13 UTC on 1 July until 4 UTC on 8 July: K2A (New York), K2B (Virginia), K2C (Rhode Island), K2D (Connecticut), K2E (Delaware), K2F (Maryland), K2G (Georgia), K2H (Massachusetts), K2I (New Jersey), K2J (North Carolina), K2K (New Hampshire), K2L (South Carolina), and K2M (Pennsylvania), plus 'bonus stations' WM3PEN from Philadelphia (the city where the US independence was declared), GB13COL from England (QSL direct, see qrz.com for instructions) and TM13COL from France (QSL via F5OGL). Information about the award programme can be found on <https://13colonies.us/> (TNX 425DX)

**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 45<sup>th</sup> 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)