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DX News

VP0SG South Georgia -update

NCDXF is pleased to announce a \$145,000 grant to the VP0SG DXpedition scheduled for March 2027. The VP0SG team is perfectly aligned with NCDXF's vision of cultivating the next generation of DXers by including several young amateur radio operators on their team. This initiative builds on the momentum of our youth engagement efforts and is structured to provide hands-on mentoring in a challenging DXpedition environment. These young operators will be integrated into the full cycle of planning, operating, and reporting, giving them both technical exposure and personal growth in the true spirit of amateur radio.

KH0/KC0W Mariana Islands -update by Tom KC0W

I'm still active on HF but my interest has shifted to 2 meter EME. Construction of the EME station is currently ongoing. Will start RX testing in late August. Antenna is 16 horizontal elements on a 37 foot (11.3 meter) boom. Current amplifier is 1kW but a 1.5kW amplifier from W6QPL is coming in December. Main mode will be Q65 but enthusiastic to try CW with Big Gun stations. AZ/EZ via Armstrong. Maximum antenna elevation is 45 degrees for all stations. For my EU moonset the antenna beams over the ocean down to zero degrees. For NA/SA the moon starts being workable at an elevation of 6 degrees due to Mt. Tapochau being in the way of moonrise. Contemplating adding automated AZ/EL rotation and a second antenna in 2027. Radio is a highly modified IC-9700. <https://www.dx-world.net/info-kh0-kc0w/>

VK9XY Christmas Island -update

Next Generation Takes the Lead: Meet the 2026 VK9XY Dxpediton Youth Team. The Pacific Islands DXpedition Group in partnership with Youth on the Air (YOTA) is proud to introduce the VK9XY Christmas Island DXpedition Youth Team. The team brings together young operators from around the world, each contributing unique skills, experience, and enthusiasm. Every team member has been assigned an area of responsibility, giving them the opportunity to take an active role in planning, preparing, and executing the expedition. <https://www.dx-world.net/vk9xy-christmas-island-2026/>

DXCC

This week on air

3B8, MAURITIUS August 21-27

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Until August 20

Alex, SQ9UM will be active as 3B8/call and 3B9/call. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

A5, BHUTAN Feng BA7LVG and Taka KJ2XXK are active as A50QO until August 20. Operation on QO-100 and LEO satellites.

C6, BAHAMAS Philippe, EA4NF is active as C6AUB on FM LEO satellites until August 23. Operation in full-duplex using a portable. QSL via LoTW.

EA8, CANARY ISL Look for EA8/IZ1GDB until August 29. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via IZ1GDB direct or bureau.

J6, ST LUCIA Seth, N4XTT is operating as J68TT until August 22. Activity from 40 to 10 metres and perhaps 80 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call direct, OQRS.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Henri OJ0JR and Anne OJ0YL are active until August 22. QRV from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Yasu FTdx10. Full VOACAP and ITURHFProp propagation

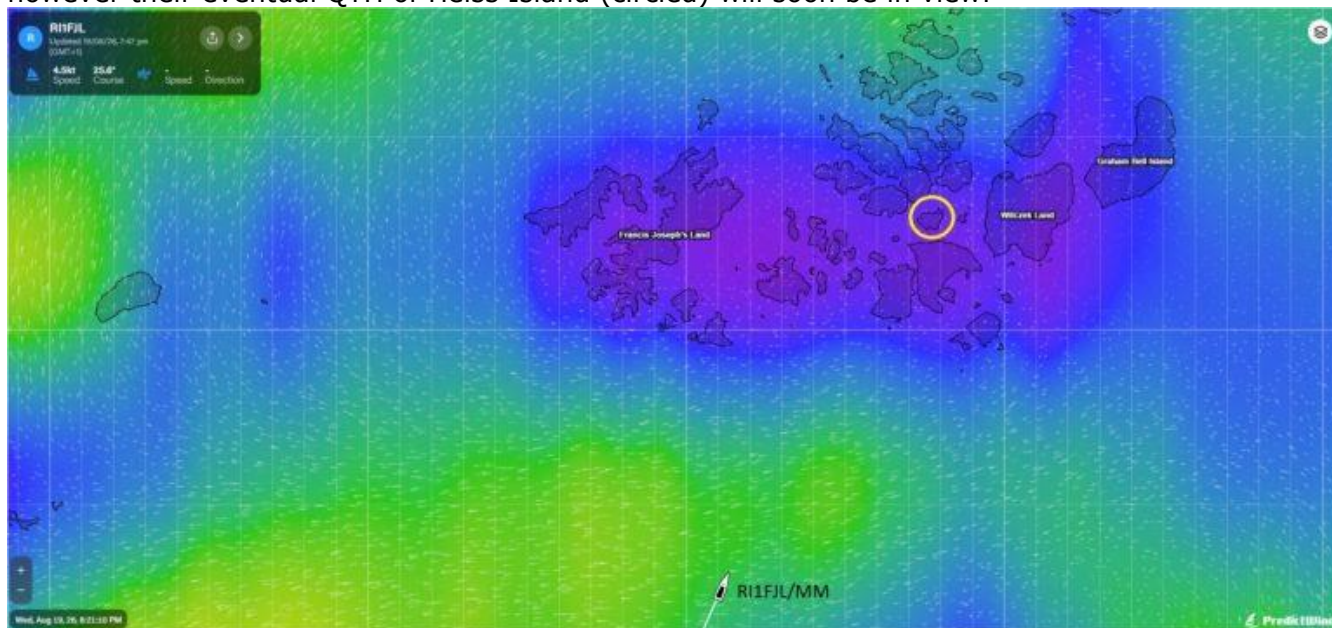
forecasts are available [here](#), featuring band-by-band predictions and sunrise/sunset data for Märket and your own QTH — useful for planning those low-band openings in the middle of the summer and finding the best path into OJ0.

Club Log uploads will be live-streamed if connectivity allows; otherwise, logs will be updated several times daily. OQRS will open once the DXpedition concludes.

R1/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND After two years of planning the RUDXT with a team of 6 operators will be active from Heiss island (FJL) during 15 days around August 15. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with 5 high power stations. <https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl>

Update RI1FJL August 19 1930z

Current track of RI1FJL team. Still a bit to go after encountering high seas and strong winds, however their eventual QTH of Heiss Island (circled) will soon be in view!



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

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON will once again be operating as V47JA from August 24 until August 31. QRV from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-3000D and an Elecraft KPA500 amplifier. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH will be operating as V51WH from August 25 until October 10. Activity from a farm near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 6 metres including 60 metres. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included as V55Y. QSL via home call.

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.

VK9, WILLIS ISL Sands, VK4WXW is again active as VK9WX during the 2026 winter tour. See QRZ.com for more. Lately he was found on 15 metres SSB.

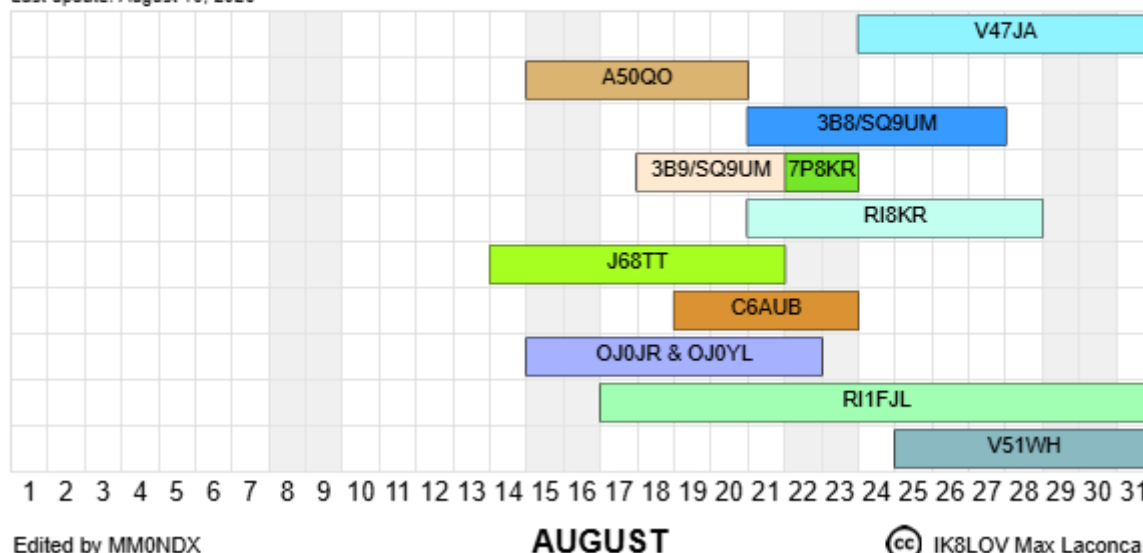
Coming up soon

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.

DXCC timeline

DXWORLD.net
FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: August 19, 2026



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-109 by the Russian Robinson Club

The "Russian Robinson Club" team Vladimir RK8A (RRC#1008) and Igor UA3EDQ (RRC#684) plan to visit 4 islands in the Ob Bay of the Kara Sea from August 21 to 28. All the planned islands are NEW ONE under the RRA program; in addition, 3 of them are included in the AS-109 reference under the IOTA program, which has not been presented on the air since 2013. The call sign RI8KR will be used. Check out more info [here](#).



EUROPE

EU-028 Elba Luca IW2LUY is operating in 'holiday-style' as call/IA5 until August 24. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSO upload to LoTW and Club Log. No paper QSL.

EU-064 Ile du Pilier Fabien, F4GYM is operating as call/P until August 22.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-130 Broughton Isl Mark, WB2OIL is operating as call/VY0 until September 1. Operation from 40 to 15 metres using mainly FT8 with some CW and SSB. Operation during his spare time while he is on a scientific expedition.

Coming up soon

OCEANIA

OC-149 Lola Isl Lance, W7GJ will be operating as H44GJ from August 28 until September 11. This will be an 6m EME Dxpedition using Q65-60A. More on <https://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/> Lance mentions: "When I am not aimed up at the moon", he says, "I may be monitoring 50.313 on FT8 mode if I am available". QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5H, TANZANIA Chas NK8O will once again be QRV as 5H3DX during November. Chas mentions: 'I will be returning to Tanzania in November to host guests from Dartmouth College. We will potentially have an influx of students and residents from a consortium of medical schools in the Northeast. Picture shows the Guest Hostel in development. Radio shack on the left below the water tank.'



5W, SAMOA Jacek, SP5EAQ will be active from Apia as 5W0AF starting on September 21 for 3 weeks. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB. QSL via SP7DQR OQRS.

8Q, MALDIVES Juergen, DL3JH will once again be operating as 8Q7JH between September 20 and October 10. Activity on 20, 15 and 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

JD1, OGASAWARA Rudi, DK7PE will be operating as JD1/JG1PFR during September 12-19. This will be a one week CW operation. Ogasawara has no airport, so getting there is already part of the adventure. The journey from Tokyo (once a week) is by ship and takes approximately 26 hours each way.

JD1, OGASAWARA From September 24 to October 6 look for Take JA1UII (as JD1BON), Koji JI1LET (as JD1BOI), Take JE1NVD/JD1 and Koji JI1CRM/JD1 will be active from Chichijima, Ogasawara Islands during September 24 to October 6. QRV on various bands & modes using a combination of antennas, including Spiderbeam, dipoles and TA33jr yagi. QSL via LoTW.

On the scene...OJ0JR and OJ0YL Market Reef



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 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.

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

7P, LESOTHO Wolfgang, HB9CCS will be QRV as 7P8EA during end October- end November. Operation mainly on 15 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: *'Activity planned in October 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.

A3, TONGA The Tongan Paradise Contesters will be active as A31W during the CQWW CW contest in November. More to follow.

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](#).

On the scene...TI5/DK2NF Costa Rica



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 DXpedition 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/>

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>

FS, SAINT MARTIN Look for team TO9W with more operators and new equipment from November 29 until December 11. An entry in the CQWW DX contest is included. Updates will be posted on their Facebook page.

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.'*

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..

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.

QSL preview



JD1, OGASAWARA Koutarou, JP1IHD will once again be active as JD1BQP from Chichijima between October 17 and November 2. Operation from 160 to 6 metres with a combo of antennas. QSL via home call direct.

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/>

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/>

T33, BANABA In November 2022, the [Rebel DX Group](#) were QRV from Banaba as **T33T**. Later this year, they plan to return there and be active this time as **T33TT**.

Full details to follow, but you can expect plenty of FT8 on HF bands plus some CW & SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS / LoTW.

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.

On the scene...RI1FJL/MM Franz Josef Island



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).

V2, ANTIGUA Look for JA3FHL, JA3PJL, JH3UHG, JJ2RCJ and JA0JHQ as V26JJ between October 30 and November 6. Operation on HF using various modes. QSL via Club Log.

<https://oba.to/V26JJ/>

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.

VK9, CHRISTMAS ISL The Pacific Islands DXpedition Group (PIDXG), in partnership with Youth on the Air (YOTA), is proud to announce a DXpedition to Christmas Island during November 16 and December 4 that will be planned, led, and operated by the next generation of DXers. For the first time, the veterans are the support crew. The eight-operator on-island team is composed entirely of operators under the age of 25, led by Max Freedman, N4ML. Veteran DXpeditioners Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, and Gregg Marco, W6IZT, join the team as on-island advisors and mentors. Confirmed team members include Connor Black, W4IPC; Tyler Schroder, NT1S; Lukas Bartkus, LY7J; and Urgent Jere, 7Q6UJ, several of whom cut their DXpedition teeth on 3D2Y and PJ6Y, first from the remote side and now leading in the DXpedition. We will be rounding out the team over the next few weeks.

Operation from 160 to 6 metres with 4 local stations and 2 remote. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via M0OXO.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL A large team (DL2AWG, DF4GV, DL2AMD, DL2SAX, DL1KWK, DL4SVA, DL6RY, DL4VK, DJ7TO & EA5GV) will be active as VK2LHW from May 24 until June 7, 2027.

Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi with 4 stations nonstop. QSL via Club Log or via DL2AWG. <https://lhi-2027.topdx.de/>

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, 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.

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 Josh, W9HT will once again be active as call/VP9 during October 17-20. Activity on HF and 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct.

On the scene...OJ0JR and OJ0YL Market Reef



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>

Z6, KOSOVO Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be operating as Z68PX during September 4-11. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8 using a vertical antenna and dipoles. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

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. The ten team members will gather in Apia (Samoa) during the week of 16 November before embarking on a 30-hour ferry crossing to Tokelau on 17 November. Upon arrival, the team will spend 14 days on the atoll, operating multiple HF stations on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (F/H). QSL via M0URX's OQRS. The callsign and additional details will be announced in due course. Donations to assist with shipping expenses and a humanitarian project are gratefully accepted, see <https://tok-dx.com/>

Guess the QSL



IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

EUROPE

EU-049 Samos Isl Dirk, ON5CT will be operating as J48S from September 11 until October 10. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT4/8. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. Log upload to Club Log. QSL via LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-058 Sapelo Isl The Sapelo Island Expedition Group will be active with Ricky K4JTT, Ian NV4C and Tim WK4U as N4N during October 8-11. This operation commemorates the 16th anniversary of the group's first Sapelo Island activation during International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend in 2010. Amateur radio operators around the world are invited to work N4N as the team operates from one of Georgia's most unique barrier islands.



NA-067 Ocracoke Isl Jon, WB8YJF will once again be QRV as call/4 from September 6 until September 19. Operation using CW, FT4/8, RTTY and some SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-101 Alexander Selkirk Isl Moises CE3VTZ and Felip XQ7IR will be operating as XR0Z for about 10 days in October. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using FT8, CW and SSB with 2 stations. The team will establish their shack at a shelter located 1,057 meters (3,468 feet) above sea level. Reaching the site is a tough physical and logistical undertaking. Getting there involves a four-hour, seven-kilometre hike from the village to the mountain summit. To transport all necessary equipment each operator will carry a 15 kg backpack, with additional support provided by local fishermen. Bookmark <https://www.xr0z.net/> for more information and updates. QSL via M0URX's OQRS.

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.

AS-128 Hon Son Isl Jacek, SP5APW will be active as 3W9C from September 4 until September 12. Focus on 6 metres but also operational on 20, 15 and 10 metres. On his way to Vietnam, he plans to visit the Tokyo Ham Fair, and mentions that it would be nice to have eyeball QSOs with some JA friends there, who only known by radio until now.

AS-133 Koh Rong Isl 20 International Operators Set to Deliver Unprecedented Amateur Radio Activity from Southeast Asia's Premier Tropical Destination Koh Rong Island, Cambodia. The amateur radio community is invited to participate in one of 2027's most anticipated DXpeditions: XU7X Cambodia. Operating from November 13-23, 2027 from the pristine Koh Rong Island off Cambodia's coast. This landmark expedition brings together 20 operators from Brazil, USA, Ecuador, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Japan to deliver continuous 24-hour amateur radio operations across 6 simultaneous stations. QSL via M0URX. <https://www.xu7x.net/>

NORTH AMERICA

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-029 Algodao Isl Fabio, PY4YY and Marcelo PY2AE will be active as PS1A during September 24-26. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS and LoTW.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/PS1A>

Antarctic destinations

Davis base

David, VK2JDS, is currently part of the Australian team on the station Davis and operates as VK0DS. QRV until October during his spare time, mostly on 40, 30, 15, and 10m (FT8). He also plans to try EME on 6m, an ambitious project given the location. QSL direct via VK2JDS, LOTW.

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 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, 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.

On the scene...A50QO Bhutan



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

9M, MALAYSIA Celebrating National Day (31 August) and Malaysia Day (16 September), several special event stations located in various Malaysian states and federal territories are expected to be activated between 22 August and 30 September. Active from East Malaysia will be **9M26MS** (Sabah) and **9M26MQ** (Sarawak). Active from West Malaysia will be **9M26MA, 9M26MB, 9M26MC, 9M26MD, 9M26MJ, 9M26MK, 9M26MN, 9M26MP, 9M26MR, 9M26MW**, and possibly **9M26MM** and **9M26MT**. QSL via operators' instructions.

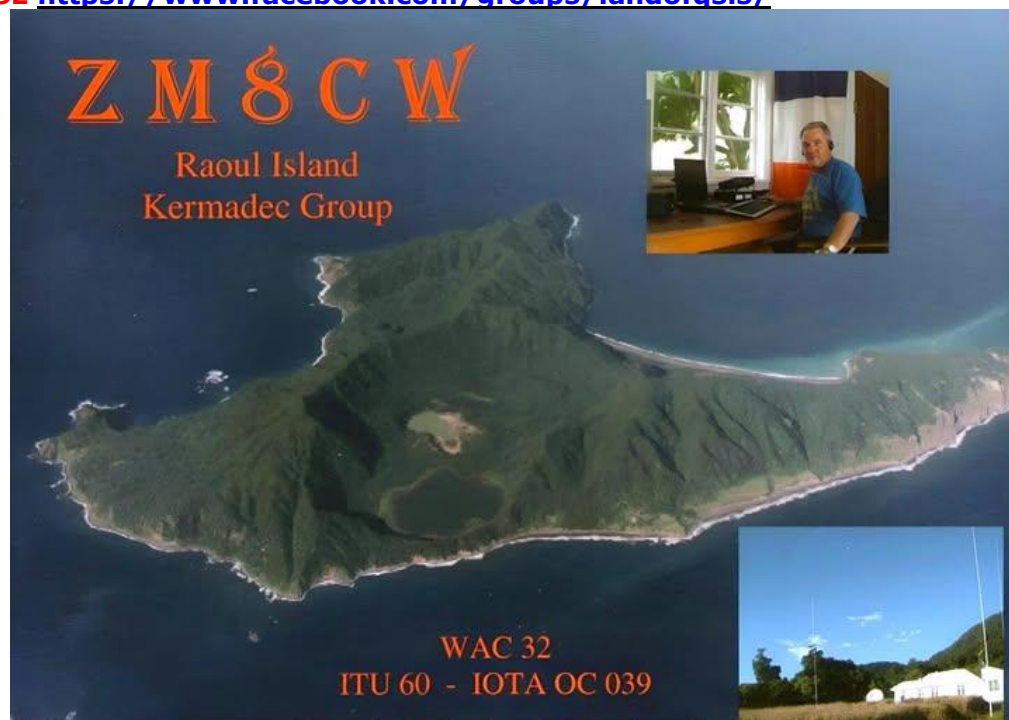
EA, SPAIN Members of the Union de Radioaficionados de Cieza use the callsign **A05FSB** during the Feria de San Bartolome in Cieza, a festive week from Aug. 24 to 31. QRV on all bands and via QO-100. QSL via bureau or direct, LoTW.

I, ITALY Members of ARI Taranto (IQ7TA) will be active as **II7MGXX** from 21 August to 3 September during the XX Mediterranean Games. Several other special callsigns will be operated by members of ARI branches located across Puglia: **II7MGBA, II7MGBR, II7MGBT, II7MGFG, II7MGLE, II7MGML, II7MGMU, IR7MGGC**. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud/awards>

TF, ICELAND Iceland's scouts use the callsign **TF5SS** during a Jamboree event from Aug. 20 to 26. QSL via bureau.

XE, MEXICO Once again special callsign **4A2MAX** will be activated on 1-31 August in remembrance of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe. Activity will be on various bands and modes. Born in 1894, Father Kolbe (SP3RN) was killed on 14 August 1941 at Auschwitz. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, QRZ, Club Log's OQRS, or via EA5GL. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/4a2max> for more information.

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



THE REMINDERS

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.

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.

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.

CO, CUBA The Cuban amateur radio society celebrates its 60th anniversary on the air with the callsign **T40FRC** (active since the 3rd of July). QRV on 160-10m on CW, SSB, FT8/4 yet marred by unstable electric energy conditions. An award is also available.

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.

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).

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).

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.

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.

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)

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.

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.

QSL preview



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>

ER, MOLDOVA ER35RM is the official special event station celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Republic of Moldova's independence (27 August 1991). Look for activity on multiple bands and modes between 1 and 31 August. QSL via operator's instructions.

ER, MOLDOVA During August, **ER35MD** celebrates Moldova's independence 35 years ago.

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>.

GW, WALES GB64MOD, a special event station that "celebrates the spirit of the Mod movement through amateur radio", will be active on 1-31 August, operated by Curtis MW0USK and Kevin MW9KJC: <https://gb64mod.co.uk>

HL, SOUTH KOREA HL81V marks the 81st anniversary of independence during August. QSL via bureau.

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

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": **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/>

JA, JAPAN 8J7SPO is a special callsign commemorating the Japan Sport Association's 80th Japan Games and the 25th National Sports Festival for People with Disabilities, to be held in Aomori Prefecture. Look for activity on various bands and modes between 1 August and 26 October. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log, and confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards go to JQ7ATB.

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.

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ67PP** (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/>

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>

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>

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.

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

UR, UKRAINE Special event station **EN35UKR** will be active on 1-30 August to mark the 35th

anniversary of Ukraine's independence. QSL via LoTW, or via UT2UCN.

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>

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

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/>.

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.

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

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

ZB, GIBRALTAR **ZB2FTY** celebrates 50 years of Amateur Radio on Gibraltar during 2026. QSL direct via ZB2BU.

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)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL100TUX** (op Stuart, ZL3TUX) continues to celebrate the centenary of NZART (New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters) until the end of August.

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.



Astronomy picture of the week by Jim Danielson, AC9EZ

NGC-7023 The Iris Nebula. We are back with more astro captures after a multi-month hiatus! This capture marks my first use of several new processing tools now in Siril, including SyQon Parallax, Cosmic Clarity, and several scripts from the VeraLux suite. I captured this image from Bortle 2 skies in central North Dakota earlier this year using my SeeStar S30. This was my first successful capture using EQ mode with the SeeStar and I am very happy with how it turned out. Total integration time is quite low - about 3.5 hours consisting of 561x30" subs. Processed in Siril. Pic 2 is of the starless image. Pic 3 is a basic auto stretch of the image (background extracted, plate solved, and color calibrated). I think the core was a little blown out, so I will need to revisit this data at a future date. According to NASA, the Iris Nebula is a reflection nebula located about 1,400 light years from earth.

