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*** EDITOR'S NOTE: Just a reminder that the ARRL's Field Day is next weekend (June 28-29th). The bulletin may come earlier or later than expected due to my participation in this event with NODXA. Have a fun and safe Field Day weekend..... 73 de Tedd KB8NW (Editor)

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 15th-June, through Sunday, 22nd-June there were 209 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP8, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

2014 N7QT DXPEDITIONS (Update). Rob, N7QT, who was active as HK0/N7QT in April, has updated his coming activities for this year and next on QRZ.com which include the following locations:

September 18th-October 2nd -- Christmas Island, Australia (VK9X); activity on 80-10m using CW, SSB and the Digital modes.

October 3-13th -- Austral Islands; callsign TX5D; holiday style DXpedition; primary focus on 80/40m using CW and SSB; see OPDX.1125

November 2014 -- (Canceled) Manihiki Island, North Cooks (E51); 80-10m using CW, SSB and the Digital modes.

January 2015 -- Montserrat (VP2M); 80-10m using CW, SSB and the Digital modes.

QSL via his home callsign, direct (SASE, IRC OR 2 USDs), LoTW, eQSL or by the Bureau.

- 3A, MONACO. Sorin, YO2MSB, will be active as 3A/YO2MSB portable from Monte Carlo, mostly probable somewhere from the city's main harbor, between September 5-12th. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct or eQSL.
- 4W, TIMOR LESTE. Another operator has announced that he will be going to Timor Leste. Adhi (Bimbo), YB3MM, a member of MDXC #021, will be active as 4W/NB3MM from from Dili between July 31st and August 5th. Activity will be on 30/20/17/15/12 meters using mainly SSB with some CW and PSK31. QSL via IZ8CCW (direct, by the Bureau or OQRS) or YB3MM (direct only). Please DO NOT send to NB3MM, the W Bureau or YB Bureau. For more details and updates, watch: http://www.mdxc.org/timorleste2014
- 5N, TANZANIA. Flavio, IW2NEF, will be active as 5H1NE (pending) from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) between July 22nd and August 6th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using SSB only. QSL via IK2DUW.
- 6V, SENEGAL. Heinz, DO3MY, will be active as 6V1W from Point des Almadies, Dakar, between the months July and September. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.
- CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Press Release). [edited] While the event is still in the planning stages, Murray, WA4DAN, has received permission from Parks Canada for a one-day DXpedition to CY0 Sable Island, slated for September 8th, 2014. The second operator will be Randy, NOTG, also a veteran DXpeditioner with prior experience on Sable Island. They will be using the Sable Island Amateur Radio Station that he and the CY0P team left behind after their venture as CY0P in October 2013. Murray will be QRV on SSB and Randy will operate CW. Antennas are expected to be 17m and 20m Yagis. At least one of the two stations will be QRO. As usual, travel will be via Maritime Air Charter using their Britten-Norman Islander. Hours of operation will be limited by the requirement to fly during daylight hours. With luck, the DXpedition (proposed callsign CY0C) will operate from approximately 1300-2100z on September 8th. Trip planning and logistics support are being provided by Gary, VE1RGB, who has been the logistics coordinator for three previous CY0 ventures and was an operator at CY0P. On this trip, he will not be operating, but will instead be providing technical and operational support to Murray and Randy, and to the Sable Island ARS. Gary will be the QSL manager for CY0C. Over-night stays on Sable Island are currently not being authorized because of renovations being carried out to Parks Canada facilities on the island.
- FS, St. MARTIN ISLAND. Paul, W7NZJ, will be active as FS/W7NZJ from Orient Beach, St. Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383, WW Loc. FK88) between June 29th and July 6th. Activity will be on 20 and 15 meters on the CW and the Digital modes, using an Icom 706 with 100w into a 20m dipole and Buddistick. QSL via eQSL.
- GJ2, JERSEY. Members of the Jersey Amateur Radio Society/Jersey Contest Group will be active as GJ2A from Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WAB WV-54) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Multi-Op/Fixed/Island entry. QSL via LoTW is preferred.

IOTA NEWS.....

- AS-147. Taka, JA8COE, who was recently active this past week as JA8COE/8 from Yagishiri Island (WLOTA LH2512), will return for the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th). He will use a Spiderbeam antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or using the OQRS on ClubLog. He has a Blog page at:

 http://takaja8coe.de-blog.jp
- AS-155. Operators Leon/BU2CN, Tang/BM2AAV, Eddie/BV2DD, Evan/BV2KS, Lee/BV2NT, Lee/BX2AB, Koshiro/JA3AQM and Bom/XX9LT will be

- active from Liuqiu Island between July 25-28th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. They will also be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) signing BV0L and as a Multi-2/Island entry. QSL via BV0L (see QRZ.com).
- EU-008. Dave, GM4NFI, is planning to be active as GM4NFI/P from Fladda, Inner Hebrides, on the Saturday of the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode (mostly SSB) entry using 100 watts to a portable dipole. QSL via his home address, direct or by the Bureau. PLEASE NOTE: This operation is VERY much WX dependent as landing is VERY difficult if there is any bad sea condition because he is using a small boat.
- EU-036. Arno, DL1CW, will be active as LA/DL1CW/m from Hitra Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via DL1CW.
- EU-089. Operators António/CU8AS, Hermann/HB9CRV, Siggi/DL2YHY, Lutz/DL8MLD, Arlindo/CT1EGW (CU8AU), Luis/CT1EEQ (CU8AV), Pedro/CT1EKD and Luis/CT4NH (CU8NH) will be active as CR2V from Flores Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th). QSL via HB9CRV (QRZ.com address). Activity outside of the contest will be made using their individual callsigns. QSL via their home callsigns (QRZ.com address). The operators will be there between July 21-28th.
- EU-107. Operators Gil/F4FET and Diego/F4HAU will be active as TM1BIG from Petite Island (DIFM MA055) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Multi-Op/SSB-Mode/Expedition/High-Power/24H entry. QSL via F4FET. Also, look for activity after the contest. Activity will be on 80-10 meters.
- EU-119. (Update) Operators Victor/R1NU, Gen/R3BY, Max/RU5D and Ivan/ UA6MF will be active as RI1O from Severny Gorodok Arctic settlement on Morzhovets Island (RRA RR-02-08, RDA AR-21, WLOTA L-1070, ARLHS ERU-051 and RLHA RLE-031) between June 22-30th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via R1NU, direct or by the Bureau.
- NA-029. Operator Ken, K6LA, will once again operate from Prince Edward Island in eastern Canada using the VY2TT superstation (Grid Square FN76vs, CISA PE-001) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mixed/24H/High-Power entry. QSL via K6LA direct.
- NA-067. Nathan, N4YDU, will once again be active from Ocracoke Island between July 20-27th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. Operations will also include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/Mixed-Mode entry using the callsign W4O. QSL via N4YDU direct only.
- NA-213. Remember to look for operators Steve/KI4GGJ, Allan/KV4T, Bridget/KS4YT, Robert/AJ4T, Tre/W4CCF, Nicholas/KJ4AVG and Gramlin/KD4QZR to be active from Dauphin Island (USI AL-002S, Mobile County, AL) between June 23-30th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. Look for operators to sign homecall/p. QSL via their home callsigns.
- OC-145. By the time read you this, operators Sisca/YB8RXA, Din/YB8RW, Gatot/YB8SFE, Kadek/YB9BU, Vino/YD8SVX, Marthen/YD8TWV, Poppy/YD8TYC, Fredric/YD8UFD, Bahtiar/YE8XBN, Salim/YE8XII and Alfi/YE8XW will be active as homecall/p from the North Maluku Island until June 26th. Activity will be on the HF

bands. QSL via YB9BU.

OC-148. Kadek, YB9BU, will be active as YB9BU/P from Kupang, Timor Island between July 31st and August 5th. This island does not count for the DXCC entity Timor-Leste. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign. For more details about Kupang, Timor Island, see:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kupang

- OC-294. Operators Cezar/VE3LYC, Craig/VK5CE, Johan/PA3EXX and Bob/KD1CT will attempt to operate from Sandy Islet for 5 days between September 14-21st as VK6ISL (callsign pending). They plan to have two stations on around-the-clock, using CW and SSB, on 40-10 meters. For one of the two stations the Team will employ a solid state 400 watts amp, whereas the second station will use 100 watts. They will bring vertical antennas for 15m, 20m, and a multi-band antenna. The Pilot Station will be Bob, WB2YQH. Their Web page states, "Sandy Islet represents the last IOTA group of Australia still waiting to be brought on the air for the first time! After multiple rounds of communication during the last almost three years, we are extremely pleased to report that the Department of Parks and Wildlife of Western Australia have agreed to approve a landing and operating permit for the Team. This permit is valid until September 30th, before the start of the Giant Green Turtles hatching season." QSL via VE3LYC (see Web page), direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available at ClubLog. For more details and updates, watch: http://vk6isl.weebly.com
- SA-072. (Update) Operators Ronaldo/PS8BV, Anselmo/PS8AB and John/PS8PY will be active as ZY8D from Canarias Island between July 25-27th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using SSB, and an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th). QSL via direct to: P.O. BOX 166, Teresina, PI 64001970, Brazil.
- JW, SVALBARD. Alexander, UA3IPL, will be active as JW/UA3IPL from Spits-bergen Island (EU-026) between June 26th and August 28th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW (slow speed), SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. He will use a Yaesu FT-857D with FC30 tuner and G5RV antenna. QSL via RW6HS direct. ADDED NOTE: Spitsbergen is discovered and named by Willem Barentsz in 1596. Spitsbergen meaning "Pointed mountains" from Dutch spits-pointed, bergen mountains.
- JW, SVALBARD. Yoshi, JJ8DEN/KH0PR, will be active as JW/JJ8DEN from the JW5E Club Station at Longyearbyen on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125) between June 27th and July 3rd. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via JJ8DEN, by the Bureau or direct.
- KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Joe, OZ0J/5Q2T, will be active as KH0/OZ0J from Saipan's Island (OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333) Rental Shack http://saipan.rental-shack.com/ between August 26th and September 2nd. Activity will be on all possible bands between 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY or PSK). QSL via OZ0J, direct or by the Bureau. He requests to please use the OQRS on Clublog.org. For more details and updates, watch his Web page at: http://www.oz0j.dk
- KL7, ALASKA (IOTA Op). Yuri, N3QQ, will be active using the Russian Robinson Club callsign KL7RRC from Adak Island (NA-039) between July 24-31st. If he gets a special permit from U.S. FWS and U.S. Navy, and weather/time permits as well as obtaining a boat, Yuri will go to Kiska Island (NA-070) for the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th). QSL via N7RO.
- PJ6, SABA. Mike, G4IUF (ISWL Member), will once again be active as

PJ6/G4IUF from Isle House, Windwardside, Saba Island (NA-145, WFF PAFF-027, WLOTA 2043) between September 29th and November 2nd. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or E-mail for Bureau request (see QRZ.com).

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 22-29th)....

Jun/23rd AN Jun/26th AN Jun/28th AN Jun/29th AN Jun/24th AN Jun/27th AN

Jun/25th AN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY **GEOMAG** K Values Alpha -----

K=0-1 AN - Above Normal Quiet 0-7 HN - High Normal Unsettled K=2 8-15 LN - Low Normal Active K=3 16-29 BN - Below Normal Minor Storm K=4 30-49 DIS - Disturbed Major Storm K=5 50-99

VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9 100-400

QSL INFO AND NEWS..... QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (June 22nd)

4K/UT6UA via UT6UA AM07TG via AM07TG OV3TH via OZ1XLR 4K/4L6EZ via UT6UA AM08BLV via EA8BLV (d) OX5T via OZ0J 5X1S via OZ2HC AM08CZK via EA8CZK PA200KN via PA1DV 6M6M via HL2UVH AM08RM via EB7DX PG14MC via PA0FAW 7X5KBS via EA7FTR AM09CD via EA9CD PR88ZX via PR8ZX 8S0DX via 8S0DX AM09IB via EA9IB PS77DX via PS7DX 9A/DL4JU via DL4JU AN01RJ via EB1RJ PY22VA via I8LWL 3E100PC via HP2B (d) AN01TR via EB1TR PY22XB via PY2XB AM01ABT via EA1ABT AN04DSP via EB4DSP R700SR via RA3DUW AM01GOI via EA1GOI (d) AN07DX via EB7DX RI0F via RX3F AM01YO via EA1YO SD1B/7 via DL8AAV AN07KA via EB7KA AM02EA via EA2EA AO07ABV via EC7ABV SM6/V63YM via SM6FJY (d) AM02NN via EA2NN BW9/VK2HSL via VK2HSL (d) SM7/DJ2RG via DJ2RG AM03FAR via EA3FAR CB3N via XQ7UP SN777E via SP2FAP AM03FUJ via EA3FUJ CO2UE via RW6HS SV2HTI via SV2HTI AM03PP via EA3PP CR2WRTC via CU2CE SV8/LA6IKA via LA6IKA AM03RKM via EA3RKM (L) CT9/DL4YAJ via DL4YAJ T88MZ via DU1/JH0CKF (DU-B) AM04AAA via EA4AAA EA6/DJ5GI via EA6/DJ5GI TA4/UT0UM via UT0UM AM04FBJ via EA4FBJ EA6UP via EA6SK TM0O via ON4ZD AM05BWR via EA5BWR EF6 via EA4URE TM200NB via F5KOB EV5SL/2 via EV1P AM05FL via EA5FL TM82DCPF via TM82DCPF AM05GL via EA5GL FR4PV via EA5GL UA3ASZ/1 via UA4L AM05HZB via EA5HZB GB0HMG via G0AGO V44KAI via W5TFW (d/L) GB0SAN via G6CMD VX9MOSKVA via VE9GFD AM05XA via EA5XA AM06AZ via EA6AZ GB4SMH via G-Bureau YL2014L via YL2014L AM06QY via EA6QY HB0/DM9EE via DM9EE YL73EPC via YL3GBC AM06URB via EA6ZX HB0/HB9CVQ via HB9CVQ (d/L) YU100CER via YU1HQR AM06VQ via EA6VQ HB0/RC5A via RC5A YU177SB via YU1ASB AM07ABV via EA7ABV HG140JLO via HA8KW YV7BMZ via YV7BMZ AM07ATE via EA7ATE IA5/I5HLK via I5HLK ZF2DO via N5DO AM07ISH via EA7ISH (d) J42OSE via SV-Bureau ZF2DX via K0DEQ AM07JZ via EA7JZ J48TSL via SV2DGH ZW8T via PS8HF AM07KZ via EA7KZ KH2L via W3HNK ZX14MT via PT2AA AM07NL via EA7NL LI8OM via LI8OM ZX14RS via PT2AA AM07SS via EA7SS MX0AAA via G4JTR

(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only

⁽e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only

FT5ZM QSL STATUS. QSL Manager Bob, N2OO, reports: "Cards just arriving from the printer. The SJDXA QSL team has been hard at work preparing the labels. All of our attention is focused on FT5ZM QSLs right now. I ask everyone waiting for other cards that I handle to be patient while we get through this enormous project." Watch <www.sjdxa.org> for FT5ZM updates.

UPLOADS TO LOTW. Art, IK7JWY, reports: On June 3rd, 21014, the complete logs of the 9J2T and 5M2TT operations were uploaded to LoTW.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B9EME, 3D2RA, 3D2RA/P, DL8GP, EA1PO, EA8MT, RA9YN, RK9AD, XE2X, YB1ALL, ZA/ON4ANN and ZL4PLM

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3W2BB, 4L1MA, IA/IZ3SUS, SV2ASP/A, VK6FZM/mm and ZD9M

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3A/F4BKV, 3B8/F1BCS, 5U6E, 5V7JD, 5X8C, CR2X, DM5EE, FG/TU5KG, FG4NO, FM5CD, FY/F6CKD, HB30OK, HP0INT, HR5/F2JD, IS0AYM, J28NC, J28UC, SV0XAF/8, TJ3AY, TK/F2YT, TK5MO, TO2M, TP8CE, TS7C, T00/F8BBL, TA0/F5SNY, ZA100I, ZA/F4DTO and ZD8O

RUSSIAN/CHINA TOUR. Hans, N6TCZ, will once again return to Russia starting August 1st, for a land/rail MIR Corp Tour from Moscow to Beijing, China. His China tour will begin September 20th, and end on October 21st. Hans tells OPDX he will be hoping to operate as casual and portable from various Russian ham Radio Club Stations as in the past from the following cities: Kaliningrad, St. Petersburg, Moscow and Volgograd. Then if possible while visiting Beijing, he will apply for an operator's license. Callsigns you may hear are RA,R1,R2/N6TCZ and BY/N6TCZ. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. Also, read his interesting QRZ.com page.

S7, SEYCHELLES. Operators Heli/DD0VR and XYL Bigi/DE3BWR will be active as S79VR from the Seychelles Islands (AF-024) between November 3-30th. Activity is planned from Mahe, Praslin and La Dique Islands. Operations will be holiday style on 20/17/15/12/10 meters (on the IOTA frequencies) operating only QRP CW and QRO/QRP SSB. He mentions that he will make CW QSO (using his G-QRP-Club NR 7073) in the QRP segments with 5 watts and SSB with 500 watts on all other bands if possible depending on the conditions. Heli will use an Elecraft KX3 with a modified Tokyo High Power HL-1.1 and KX1 for QRP into a Vertical, Single-Quad, Double-Zepp and a Currentsumeantennakit. QSL via DD0VR, direct or by the DARC Bureau.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI. Another group this past week has announced that they will be active as T31M from Kanton Island led by Hans, DK9KX. The team plans to set sail from Apia, Samoa, to Kanton Island on September 4th. The T31M team did not know about the Italian group's plans for their T31R operation until May 29th. The T31M team has already bought and paid for their license an chartered a vessel:

April 16, 2014 - booked and paid for a vessel March 26, 2014 - received the T31M license May 29, 2014 - Hans immediately E-mailed IW3SQY of their plans....

See QRZ.com (T31M) for complete details and timeline Meanwhile, Fabri, IW3SQY, of the Italian team has posted an article called "Reconsider???" at http://t31r.dxfamily.com/reconsider/ which talks about the situation and tries to invite Hans group to be part of their team in November, but no response has been made. Stay tuned for updates.....

T8 PALAU. Yasu, JH2DFJ, will be active as T88DF from Republic of Palau between July 27-31st. Activity will be on the HF bands and 50 MHz to 135 MHz using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV, WSPR and JT65A. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

T8 PALAU. Joe, OZ0J/5Q2T, will be active from Palau Rental Shack on Koror Island (OC-009) http://palau.rental-shack.com/english> between September 2-9th. Currently, his T8 callsign is pending, but he should have it by the end of June. Activity will be on all possible bands between 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY or PSK). QSL via OZ0J, direct or by the Bureau. He requests to please use the OQRS on Clublog.org. For more details and updates, watch his Web page at: http://www.oz0j.dk

T8, PALAU. "The Daily DX" reports that Nobuaki, JH1QJU (ex-JA0JHQ), will once again be active as T88ZD from Koror, Palau, between September 4-8th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via JH1QJU.

TY, BENIN. Members of the Italian DXpedition Team (IDT) have announced their next DXpedition will be to Benin. They report on their IDT Web page: "We received the callsign for our DXpedition to Benin, TY1AA. Owing to working commitments of some members of our Team, we are not able, at the moment, to announce an exact date for the DXpedition. Therefore, the actual date of operation could vary somewhat with respect to the already announced date (November 20-30th, 2014)." Operators mentioned are Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA and Stefano/IK2HKT. Also listed but not confirmed are Alfeo/I1HJT, Mac/JA3USA and Gino/IK2RZP. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Their suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826, 3530, 7025, 10115, 14030, 18068, 21030, 24893 and 28030 kHz SSB - 3780, 7103, 14270, 18155, 21310, 24975 and 28420 kHz RTTY - 14087 kHz

6m - 50102/CW and 50123/SSB

QSL via I2YSB, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available for direct QSL and LoTW at: http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline/For more details and updates, watch: http://www.i2ysb.com/idt

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. A Polish team of operators will be active as VK9XSP from Christmas Island (OC-002) between October 18th and November 1st. Operators mentioned are Bob/SP2EBG, YL Gala/SP2GKS, Jan/SP3CYY, Jurek/SP3GEM, Wlodek/SP6EQZ, Ryszard/SP6FXY, Janusz/SP6IXF and Roman/SP9FOW. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

 $\dot{\text{CW}}$ - 1822.5, 3525, 7025, 10115, 14025, 18085, 21025, 24900 and 28025 kHz SSB - 1840, 3793, 7045/7165, 14265, 18125, 21273, 24970 and 28440 kHz RTTY - 7070, 10138, 14090, 18101, 21090, 24915 and 28090 kHz 6m - 50105/CW and 50105/SSB

They will have two to three stations on the air 24 hours a day, and pay a special attention to the lower bands and to areas where VK9X is the most difficult to work from. Also, look for one station to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). QSL via SP6EQZ. For more details and updates, watch: http://www.vk9xsp.dxing.pl

VP9, BERMUDA. Members of the Radio Society of Bermuda will activate VP9HQ in the IARU HF World Championship (July 12-13th). QSL via OH1VR.

VP9, BERMUDA. Eric, K9GY/T6MO, will once again be active K9GY/VP9 in the Worked All Europe CW Contest (August 9-10th). He plans to be there between August 6-11th. Activity will probably be mainly CW on 40-10 meters. His operations will be from Ed's, VP9GE, Hamilton apartments QTH <see the Web page at: http://vp9ge.com >. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or K9GY.

XW, LAOS (Update). Alex, RK3DT, is once again active as XW3DT from Laos. He told OPDX that most of his activity (time permitting) will be on 17 and 15 meters CW/SSB. Alex also told OPDX that he will be there until the end of June. QSL via his instructions on his QRZ.com page (once posted).

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Members of the Cayman Amateur Radio Society will once again activate ZF1A during the IARU HF World Championship (July 12-13th). Look for a new crew of operators this year. QSL via K6AM, direct by the Bureau or LoTW.

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