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EXPEDITION CRUISE (Update). Chuck, W7AUM, is currently on an expedition cruise on the "National Geographic Explorer" from November 9-29th. He sent the following to OPDX on November 15th: "Last night on the gray line I made my first two contacts from the ship as for the first time 20m and 15m opened up a little.

Today (Tuesday) in the morning, I set up the KX3 on the Salisbury Plain on the north coast of South Georgia. I could hear Cypress Island and some European stations but even with continuous CQ I couldn't get a come-back.

Our second landing was on Prion Island where we only allowed one hour on shore and had to stay on a raised path. The beach was filled with aggressive fir seals so no time or place to set up there.

If conditions allow I will try again at our next stop at 14.285 SSB with VP8PDK/P/QRP. I don't know where we will be tomorrow but if I can operate it will be between 1200 and 1800 UTC. South Georgia is 6 hours ahead of Seattle and 2 hours behind UTC. If I am lucky enough to make some contacts I'll ask them to spot me. There is very slow email and internet on the ship and of course note at any of the islands we are visiting so it is hard to precisely say when I will be on the air."

Remember, Chuck will only operate from South Georgia Island between November 15-19th. Also, look for him to operate from the Antarctica as W7AUM/P between November 22-26th. Suggested QRP frequencies when on land are: 7285, 14285, 21285, 28385 or 28885 kHz. He states, "I will try these same frequencies when I am operating Maritime Mobile on the National Geographic Explorer. Chuck told OPDX [edited], "The rig I am using is VP8LP's Yaesu while in Stanley, Falklands. Otherwise I am using an Elecraft KX3. The Power: high power from Stanley, 100 watts from the ship; 10-15 watts when portable. Antennas: 3 element SteppIR from VP8LP's QTH; dipole from the ship, wire antenna on a 30' pole with counterpoise when portable. Modes: Phone." No Web page, no ClubLog and no LoTW. QSL via his home callsign.

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