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** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE: This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late CQWW DX CW Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the CQWW DX CW Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 17th/November, through Friday, 24th/November there were 239 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9L, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, 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".

3Y0X BOUVET DXPEDITION NEWS. The following was posted November 22nd, [edited]: Our sea container should now be between the ports of San Antonio, Chile and its destination, Punta Arenas, Chile. The logistics have at times been confounding, but we are actually ahead of schedule with our shipping.

We have our license and callsign for our maritime mobile operation on the way to Bouvet. One of the problems with shipboard operation is static charge build up on antennas from the winds and precipitation. This is a particular problem with antennas that are not at DC ground. Having a transceiver exposed to this hazard can be disastrous for the radio. We are aware of the issue, and are instituting ways of dealing with this threat.

Our band plan is now posted on this website:

<http://www.bouvetdx.org/band-plan-frequencies>

The most recent propagation predictions continue to support the patterns shown in the videos on our propagation page.

FT8 adds a new dimension to DXpeditions. We will use this mode, but not as a PRIMARY mode. We will only use FT8 when we cannot use the standard, higher rate modes. We have outlined our FT8 operating plan on the Band

Plan page of this website. Please visit this page if you intend to try contacting 3Y0Z on FT8. It is "must" reading.

4L, GEORGIA. Mamuka Kordzakhia, 4L2M, President of the National Association Radio Amateurs of Georgia (NARG), will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via EA7FTR.

4X0, ISRAEL (Special Event). Jan, 4X1VF, informs OPDX that the UNESCO World Heritage Committee has declared Shivta to be a World Heritage Site. The Shivta National Park is on the list of confirmed WFF Israel National Parks Award (4XFF- 032), and has a very long and interesting history (see the Web page at <http://www.biblewalks.com/sites/Shivta.html>). Members of the "The Holy land DX Group" (Shalom/4Z4BS, Mark/4Z4KX, Ruben/4Z5FI, Yulik/4X6HP, Ros/4Z5LA, Vlad/4Z5IW, Arthur/4X4DZ, Alex/4Z4AK and Jan/4X1VF) are going to operate from this location between 0800 UTC Friday, December 22nd, through December 24th, noon-time. It will be the first time operating from this QTH (Holy land Square D27BS). They will use the callsign 4X0XMAS, and will be running three stations using CW and SSB on the WFF frequencies. This operation will also participate in the "Christianity On The Air" event (December 22-24th) for the HOCOTA award. (For details, please visit QRZ.com under 4X9XMAS). QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

5T, MAURITANIA (Update/Reminder). Fawaz, A92AA, is now active as 5T1A from the capital city Nouakchott until December 20th. However, he will take a short break to be a member of the 5T5TI (IOTA AF-050) DXpedition Team between December 1-7th (see OPDX.1340). Activity outside of the IOTA DXpedition will be on all bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via A92AA.

6Y, JAMAICA. Members of the "Good Old Buddies Fun Club" (GOBFC) will be active as 6Y3M during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via VE3NE. Operators mentioned are Gyoergy/HA6ND, Gyorgy/VE3NZ and Lali/VE3NE.

8R, GUYANA. Heye, DJ9RR, is once again and now active as 8R1/AG6UT from Guyana. His length of stay is not known. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, and he is planning to be in CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th). Look for him to be on the air after the contest. QSL via LoTW or DJ9RR, direct or by the Bureau.

9Y, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Nikola, VE3EY, is once again active as 9Y4/VE3EY from Trinidad Island until November 27th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. His rig is a Elecraft K3S-10 + SPE Expert 1.3K-FA into a BigIR vertical for 40-10 meters and 60 ft. tall "T" loaded vertical for 160/80m supported by a 18m Spiderpole. QSL via VE3EY.

A4, OMAN. Members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society (ROARS) will activate their contest station, A44A, in Muscat during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via A47RS. Operators mentioned are Mohib/A41JZ, San/A45TT, Richard/N6AA, Arthur/W6XD, Deepak/VU2CDP and Prasad/VU2PTT (A45VA).

AH2, GUAM. Members of the Guam Contest Club will be active as AH2R during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Toshinobu/JI3ERV (NH2C), Mikawa/JR7OMD, JA1KSA and Osamu/JR8VSE. QSL via LoTW or to JH7QXJ, direct or by the Bureau. PLEASE DO NOT QSL via the KH2 Bureau.

C5, THE GAMBIA. Andre, ON7YK, is now active as C5YK from Bijilo for almost the next 2 months. He is currently the only resident licensed operator in The Gambia! Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters. He has been active on FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct, LoTW or eQSL. Visit his Web page at: <http://www.on7yk.eu/index.html>

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Tomi/HA7RY, George/AA7JV and Mike/KN4EEI are now active as C6AGU from Water Cay (NA-001) until December 3rd. Activity

will be on 160-10 meters using mostly CW and some SSB. Look for them to be in the upcoming CQWDX CW and ARRL 160m CW contest. QSL via HA7RY. PLEASE NOTE: C6AGU is being used as an experimental station to test new antennas and equipment for DXpeditions by the AA7JV/HA7RY DXpedition team. Most recently they have been testing antennas for the upcoming KH1 DXpedition. Due to concerns with bird wildlife, they are limited to vertical antennas with a maximum height of 43 feet. See pictures of the antenna on QRZ.com under C6AGU.

CT9, MADEIRA ISLAND. By the time you read this, Vaclav, OK6RA, will be active as CT9/OK6RA from Madeira Island until November 27th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via OK6RA direct only.

CY9C ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). Dr. San Hutson, K5YY, and Lou Dietrich, N2TU, have joined the the August 2018 DXpedition team. Both are well known and have participated in many rare DXpeditions. The complete team and other details of the DXpedition are posted on the following Web site at: <http://www.cy9c.com>

GJ/MJ0, JERSEY. Mat, MJ0ASP (aka-F5SHQ), will once again be active as GJ2A during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via the LoTW. QSL also via ClubLog's OQRS.

GU, GUERNSEY. Bob, GU4YOX, from Guernsey Island (EU-114), will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via GU4YOX, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

HC, ECUADOR. Members of Quito Radio Club will be active as HC0E from Ecuador during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via HC1QRC.

HS, THAILAND. Operators Bob/5B4AGN, Zaki/9M2ZAK, Dietmar/DL3DXX, JayCie/E20NKB, Champ/E21EIC, Andy/G3AB, Don/G3XTT, Tony/G4UAV/HS0ZDX, Pas/HS3ANP, Panya/HS3XVP, Ray/HS4RAY, Fred/K3ZO/HS0ZAR, Stig/LA7JO/HS0ZGD, Svante/SM3DYU/HS0ZDY and John/W2YR/HS0ZDJ will be active as HS0ZAR from Phimai, northeast of Bangkok, during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via K3ZO. Look for some of the operators to be active as HS0ZGD before and after the contest. QSL via LA7JO, direct or by the HS Bureau.

INDEXA NEWS (Facebook Fundraiser). Dick Williams, W3OA, Secretary-Treasurer, International DX Association (INDEXA), announced that "INDEXA has established a Facebook Fundraiser that provides a unique way to make a contribution directly to our Humanitarian Aid, or Hams With Hearts, program. The Fundraiser will remain open through December 3. Here's the link (Fundraiser):

<https://www.facebook.com/bob.schenck.31/posts/1497963670252951>

Next Tuesday, November 28, is Global Giving Day. There are special incentives for making your Fundraiser donation that day. First, the normal Facebook fee of 5.75% is waived for that day so 100 percent of your donation will go to Humanitarian Aid. Second, a well known foundation has offered to match the first \$2 Million of donations to all the Facebook Fundraisers, up to \$1,000 per donor. The match begins at 1300Z, 8AM EST. Make your donation as soon after that time as possible to maximize the chances your donation will be matched before the \$2 million runs out.

Of course, you can make contributions to INDEXA any time, any day, by going to our "Membership Application" <http://www.indexa.org/application.html> page and clicking the Donations box."

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-019. (Cancelled) Emilio, IZ1GAR, will not be active as IH9/IZ1GAR from Pantelleria Island (IIA TP-001, WLOTA 0041) between November 24-28th. He had to cancel his plans due to work. Instead, he will be active from Sanremo as IZ1GAR during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th), as a Single-Op/Single

Band (80m)/High-Power entry. QSL via IZ1GAR, direct or by the Bureau.

- AS-107. Operators Chai/E20WXA, Rit/HS2AAW and Kim/HS2JQC will be active as E20WXA/P, HS2AAW/P and HS2JQC/P, respectively, from Ko Lan Island between November 25-26th. QSL via E20WXA.
- NA-072. Operators Stefan/HP1DRK, Massimo/HP1MAC, Ricardo/HP1RIS and Gianni/HP1YLS will be active as H91IT from Taboga Island between January 6-9th, 2018. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via HP1RCP.
- NA-075. Mikhail, VE7ACN, will be active as VE7ACN/7 from Galiano Island between November 24-27th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters including the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th). QSL via his home callsign, ClubLog's QQRS or LoTW. For more details, see: <https://www.ve7acn.com>
- OC-042. Chris, F4EBK, will be active as DU3/F4EBK from Baliuag City, Bulacan Province, Luzon Island, Philippines, sometime during February 2018. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters using a rotating dipole with 100w maybe 1Kw. Listen for QSL route.
- OC-179. Cezar, VE3LYC, has announced this past week he will be active from Taumako Island, the largest in the Duff Islands group in the Temotu Province, sometime in early May 2018. The operation will last for a period of at least 5 days, but the entire trip is expected to take 12 days. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new www.iota-world.org have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For December). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of December 2017:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie, G6XOU (/A WAB Square TM22 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Stratton, in Cornwall, by Mike, M0SMJ (/A WAB Square SS20 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrzcq.com or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc. NO LoTW.

I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see www.iswl.org.uk for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (November 30th-December 3rd).....

Nov/27th AN	Nov/30th AN	Dec/02nd AN
Nov/28th AN	Dec/01st AN	Nov/03rd AN
Nov/29th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	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

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <http://www.bandconditions.com>:
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
<http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (November 24th) www.qslinfo.eu

4Z100TT via 4Z5TT DU1/SP5APW via SP5APW SP660K via SP4PKM
5K1B via EA3BT (O) DU9/R4WAA via R4WAA (d) SU/DM4DX via DM4DX (L)
5T1A via A92AA EA8/E77DX via E77E SV8/SV1JG via SV1JG
6Y0ND via LZ3ND (***) EA8/UA5C via UA5C (d/e) TK/S53F via S53F & (L)
6Y0W via LZ1NK (d) HB600NVF via HB9JOE & (L) TK/S57K via S57K
8R1/AG6UT via DJ9RR HG6Y via HA6OI TO5W via KO8SCA (O/L)
8S0DX via SM0DSG (B) IQ1NM via IQ1LA V73/PD0LK via PD0LK
9G5W via S59ZZ IY7MG via IQ7DV VK9VKL via VK9VKL (d)
AM3MDV via AM3MDV (L/e) OH0/DL6UAA via DL6UAA VQ917JC via ND9M & (L)
CT9/DL5AXX via DL5AXX OH0PM via OH2PM W1G via WO4L
CT9/LZ2JE via LZ2JE (O) OP7TG via ON7TG XU7XXX via KC0W (d)
CT9/OK1VVK/P via OK1VVK (d) PI4APD via PE2K ZZ7ZP via PY2AA
CU2/CU3AK via CU3AK PI4ECC via PA0MBD
DR60PAS via DL9RDZ RN17CW via RD9CX
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only
(**) QSL only via the address in Germany -- LZ3ND:
 Nick Moukarev, Am Gries 27, 85435 Erding, Germany

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/5K1B>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/5T1A>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/5T1R>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/TO5W>

NEW QSL ROUTE. Dan, N4GN, reports [edited], "Satish, 9N1AA, has asked me to be his QSL Manager upon the death of his previous manager N4AA whom became SK in late Oct. 2017.... I have Satish's logs and new cards have been printed and ALL of 9N1AA QSL cards are answered and up-to-date... QSL via N4GNR for 9N1AA 73 Good DX !!"

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 9U4M, CU4DX, DA0WRTC, EA5KV, F5NBQ, H40GC, LU6ETB, PU1KVA, S58N, SM6VVT, TI2DYP, TX5EG (OC-067), V47FWX and V53DX

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4S7AB, 5N7Q, A5A, A51PN, FR4PV, GM3X, JW5E, OE3K, R23RRC (AS-091), R24RRC (AS-114), R71RRC (AS-071), S01WS, SV2ASP/A, TX5EG and VK9MAV

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4L0A, 4M1K, 7Y3HM, 9A9XX, 9L1A, 9M0O, CE4KCA, DL1NKS, DL4OCE, DL9WVM, E51YAQ, HA6PX, HB0/DK4YJ, HB9CXZ, HC2IMP, IK0CHU, J6/SP7VC, JA3EUB, MD/DL7VEE, OK1RH, PJ2/NF9V, PQ7L, PT2GMA, RF9C, SW8WW, T32YA, TK1R, TM24H, TO5X, TY1TT, UA0ZC, V31VP, V4/KE1B, WP2AA, YV1YL and Z35M/P

SATELLITE NEWS.....

Look for Yuri, UT1FG, to be activating some water grids for the satellite operators. John, K8YSE, reports, "Yuri, UT1FG/MM, is back to sea on the Vessel Seahorse. It is currently sailing from Algiers to Morocco where

it will load cargo. The plan is to sail to a USA port in the Gulf to be determined. There are quite a few ships named Seahorse. The MMSI number is 538007572. Yuri is using the Elk antenna, but only has RG58 coax feeding it. Even so he reports working K3SZH on AO-7 today (Nov. 23rd). If he doesn't find coax in Morocco, perhaps we can get some coax to him when he arrives in a USA port. So he is likely to do better on a Mode B satellite rather than one with a UHF downlink. He has keps for AO-91, AO-85 and CAS-4B. Please wait for a while before sending your logsheets. He will likely be able to mail QSLs when he docks in the USA."

AO-91 Commissioned, Declared Open for Amateur Use! The ARRL Web page reports: "AMSAT-NA's latest Amateur Radio CubeSat, RadFxBat (Fox-1B), now known as AO-91, has been opened for general use. AMSAT Engineering officially announced that AO-91 was ready for use at 0650 UTC on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. AMSAT VP of Engineering, Jerry Buxton, N0JY, turned over operation to Mark Hammond, N8MH, and AMSAT Operations during a contact on the AO-91 repeater during the pass over the Eastern US, AMSAT said in a bulletin." Read the complete press release at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/ao-91-commissioned-declared-open-for-amateur-use>

TF, ICELAND. Jonas, TF3JB, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW, his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

TK, CORSICA. Georg, NZ1C, will be active as TK/NZ1C from Corsica between December 16-24th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using a GP with a focus on CW and FT8, with some SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DD5ZZ.

UN4, KAZAKHSTAN. Nick, UN4L, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m) entry. QSL via UA9AB.

V6, MICRONESIA. Sumio, JI1MDM, will be active as V63AKB48 (SSB) and V63AKB (FT8) from South Park Hotel, Pohnpei Island (OC-010, WW Loc. QJ96cx) between January 15-18th, 2018. Activity will be on 20/17/15/12 meters. QSL via JI1MDM by the Bureau.

V8, BRUNEI. By the time you read this, Tom, KC0W, will be active as V85/KC0W from Brunei until December 10th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and possibly FT8. Also, look for him in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th). QSL via his home callsign direct. No LoTW. No Bureau.

VK6, AUSTRALIA. Kevin, VK6LW, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via VK6IR direct.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Operators Jim/K4QPL and Will/AA4NC will once again be active as VP5M during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as as Multi-Single entry. QSL via K4QPL or LoTW. PLEASE, NO BUREAU QSLs. Outside of the contest, look for operators to sign as VP5/K4QPL and VP5/AA4NC. Activity is usually holiday style on 160-10 meters (including 30/17/12m) using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign (No Bureau).

VR, HONG KONG. Alberto, IV3TAN, will be active as VR2XAN during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (160m) entry. Activity outside of the contest is mostly on the Low Bands (40/80/160m on CW/SSB). He uses an Icom 756 Pro III with an Icom IC-2KL (400w) amp into a Crushcraft D4, rotary dipole 10-40 meters and Inverted V Kelman dipole 80/160 meters. QSL via: Alberto Annesi, 1/F, 7A Nam Shan Road, Peng Chau Island, Hong Kong.

YC, INDONESIA. Members of the Organisasi Amateur Radio Indonesia (RARI), Lokal Kota Bandung, will be active as YC1ZAZ during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW. Operators mentioned are Sandy/YB1ACN, Budi/YE1AR, Gatot/YE1GD, Iwan/YE1NZ and Ebet/YD1BED.

ZA1WW, ALBANIA (Press Release Reminder/Update: CQWW MULTI-MULTI & LOW-BANDS). The Kosovo Amateur Radio Association (SHRAK) and the National Association Radioamateurs of Albania (NARA) will host a 2017 CQWW CW M/M entry and a subsequent 160/80m activity, from the coastal area of Durres along the Adriatic seacoast. The group is co-led by Fehmi Bojniku/Z62FB, and Fatos Demeti/ZA1F, with locals such as Elvira/ZA1EM (YL), and Driton/Z61DX. Their invited guests are Pertti/OG2M, Jaakko/OH1MA, Martti/OH2BH, Pekka/OH2TA, and Henri/OH3JR.

On the low bands they will use vertical radiators next to salt water, matched by appropriate RX antennas. They will be on dedicated low-band frequencies after the contest: listen on 1816.5 kHz and 3526 kHz, both \pm QRM. More information will follow after the contest. QSL information for ZA1WW: ClubLog, LoTW, and via OH2TA.

ZB2, GIBRALTAR. Operators Jeff/K1ZM and Robert/M0TTT/ZB2TT be in the CQWW CW SSB Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single/24 Hrs entry. QSL ONLY via M0URX OQRS (Direct or Bureau) or LoTW.

ZF9, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Stan, K5GO, continues to be active as ZF9CW from Cayman Brac Island (NA-016) until around December 16th. Look for him to be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or his home callsign direct.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Brian, W1OU, is now active as ZF2OK from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) for the next several months (sporadically). Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and running QRP. QSL via his home callsign. PLEASE NOTE: The ZF2OK is a re-issued callsign and was used by Curt, N0OK.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Pete, K8PGJ, will once again be active as ZF2PG on the Sunny Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) during the week of January 13-21st, 2018. Activity (when not diving) will occur on 20-10 meters SSB on the weekdays, the evening of the 18th on 160-40 meters, and will activate the Caymans for the NAQP SSB Contest (January 19-20th) on 160-10 meters. LoTW will be utilized and direct QSL via his home callsign. A weekday schedule will be posted on QRZ.com.

 The following stations are expected to be active in the
 CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 25-26th, 2017)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2017 CQWW DX CW Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqc2017.html> (By call sign)
<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqcd2017.html> (By entity)
<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqcz2017.html> (By zone)

The CQ World-Wide DX Contest Web page and rules:
<http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm>

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	CQZ	Class	QSL Route
3B9H	Rodrigues Island	39	SOAB	M0OXO
3V8SS	Tunisia	33	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
3XY3D	Guinea	35		F5OZC; QSL via (REF-B/d)
4L2M	Georgia	21	SOSB 20M	EA7FTR
4U1A	Austria	15	M/S	UA3DX
5X1NH	Uganda	37	SOSB	ClubLog
5X8B	Uganda	37	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL automatic via (B)
6W1SU	Senegal	35	SOAB HP	M0URX
6Y3M	Jamaica	08	M/2	VE3NE
6Y0W	Jamaica	08	M/2	LZ1NK (d)
7Q7WW	Malawi	37		
7X2ARA	Algeria	33		QSL via 7T7T or (B)

8P50B	Barbados	09	SOSB 20M	LoTW; QSL via KU9C & (C)
8R1/AG6UT	Guyana	09		LoTW; QSL via DJ9RR
9G5W	Ghana	35	M/S	LoTW; QSL via S59ZZ (L after 6 mos)
9H6A	Malta	15	M/?	LoTW
9K2K	Kuwait	21	SOAB	LoTW
9M6NA	East Malaysia	28	SOAB HP	LoTW
9Y4/VE3EY	Trinidad & Tobago	09	SOAB HP	VE3EY
A31MM	Tonga	32	SOSB 15M	LoTW; QSL via EA5GL
A44A	Oman	21	M/M	A47RS
AH2R	Guam	27	M/S	LoTW
AH0K	Mariana Islands	27	M/2	LoTW; QSL via OH6GDX & (C)
C6AGU	Bahamas	08	M/?	HA7RY
CR2M	Azores	14	SOSB 15M HP	LoTW
CR300	Madeira	33	SOAB	LoTW
CR5SSB	Portugal	14	M/S	CT1EOU
CR6K	Portugal	14	SOAB HP	CT1CJJ
CT9/OK6RA	Madeira	33	SOSB 40M	OK6RA
CT9/R7KW	Madeira	33	M/S	K2PF (d)
CU4DX	Azores	14	SOSB 40M HP	LoTW
D4P	Cape Verde	35	SO	LoTW
DR8A	Germany	14	M/S	LoTW
DU9/RZ3FW	Philippines	27		Home Call(d)
DU9/R4WAA	Philippines	27		Home Call(d)
ED8X	Canary Islands	33	M/S	RN3RQ
ES9C	Estonia	15	M/2	ES5RY
FG/F6ARC	Guadeloupe	08	SOSB 15M	LoTW; QSL via F6ARC(REF B/d)
FK/JR3RIU	New Caledonia	32	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via JR3RIU (d)
FY5FY	French Guiana	09	SOSB 20M	FY5FY
GJ2A	Jersey	14	SOSB 20M	LoTW
GU3HFN	Guernsey	14	SOAB LP	GU3HFN (B); QSL via GU8ITE (d)
GU4CHY	Guernsey	14	SOSB 20M	GU4CHY
GU4YOX	Guernsey	14	SOSB 15M	LoTW; QSL via GU4YOX (B/d)
HB0A	Liechtenstein	14	M/?	HB0A (d)
HC0E	Ecuador	10	M/2	HC1QRC; QSL via HC0E (B)
HQ9X	Honduras	07	M/2	KQ1F
HS0ZAR	Thailand	26	M/2	K3ZO
HS0ZIA	Thailand	26	M/?	
J68GD	St. Lucia	08		LoTW; QSL via K9AW (d)
KH7M	Hawaii	31	SOAB	KH6ZM
LY4A	Lithuania	15	M/M	LoTW
OF5Z	Finland	15	M/M	LoTW
N4WW	USA	05	M/S	
NP2X	US Virgin Islands	08	M/?	LoTW; QSL via K5WW
P40C	Aruba	09		
P40L	Aruba	09	M/2	WA3FRP
P40W	Aruba	09	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via N2MM
PJ4A	Bonaire	09	SOSB 15M	K4BAI
PJ4E	Bonaire	09	SOSB 80M	LoTW
PJ4I	Bonaire	09	SOSB	LoTW
PJ4Y	Bonaire	09	M/S	DL5CW
PS0F	Fernando de Noronha	11	M/S	PY7RP (d); QSL via (C)
PX0F	Fernando de Noronha	11		PP5BZ
PZ5V	Surinam	09	M/2	M0URX
R7AB	Russia (Europe)	16	M/S	LoTW
RW0A	Russia (Asia)	18	M/2	LoTW
S79K	Seychelles	39	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via G3NKC & (C)
SO4M	Poland	15	M/S	
SO9M	Poland	15	SOAB LP	SQ9UM
SU9JG	Egypt	34	SOSB 15M	LoTW; QSL via EA5GL
TF3JB	Iceland	40	SOSB 20M	LoTW; QSL via TF3JB (B/d)
TI7W	Costa Rica	07	SOAB HP	W4FS
TK0C	Corsica	15	M/2	S50C
TM1A	France	14	M/S	LoTW; (REF-B)/F5GSJ(d)/(e)
TO1A	French Guyana	09	SOSB 15M	
TO2SP	St. Barthelemy	08	M/?	LoTW; QSL via SP6IXF (B)
TO5W	Martinique	08		LoTW; QSL via KO8SCA & (C)
UN4L	Kazakhstan	17	SOSB 80M	UA9AB

V26FF	Antigua & Barbuda	08		LoTW
V26K	Antigua & Barbuda	08	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via AA3B
V31EME	Belize	07		DG8NCO
V34AO	Belize	07	SOAB LP	DL7VOA
V47T	St. Kitts & Nevis	08	M/2	W2RQ
V6A	Micronesia	27	SOAB	JA7HMZ (d)
V85/KC0W	Brunei	28		KC0W (d)
VE2IM	Canada	02	SOAB HP	VE3DZ
VE3RZ/VP9	Bermuda	05	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via M0URX
VK6LW	Australia	29	SOAB	VK6LW (d)
VP5M	Turks & Caicos	08	M/?	LoTW; QSL via K4QPL (d)
VR2XAN	Hong Kong	24	SOSB 160M	VR2XAN
XR2K	Chile	12		CX1EK; QSL E-mail requests to cx1ek@arrl.net (your card not needed) for (B)
XR6F	Chile	12	SOSB	XQ4CW
YC1ZAZ	Indonesia	28	M/S	LoTW
YE2C	Indonesia	28	M/2	LoTW
YN2CC	Nicaragua	07	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via AJ9C (d)
Z60WW	Kosovo	15	SO	
ZA1WW	Albania	15	M/M	LoTW; QSL via OH2TA & (C)
ZB2TT	Gibraltar	14	M/S	
ZB2X	Gibraltar	14	SOSB 160M	
ZF2MJ	Cayman Islands	08	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via N6MJ
ZF9CW	Cayman Islands	08	SOAB	LoTW; K5GO (d)
ZM4T	New Zealand	32	M/2	LoTW
ZP9MCE	Paraguay	11	SOAB LP	EA5ZD

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