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3Y0Z BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release!)[edited]. The 3Y0Z team members are safely home. We have been home about two weeks now, after 31 days aboard our vessel M/V Betanzos.

We have been to Bouvet Island, and as a result, we have a better appreciation for the challenges we face. It is a dark, dismal and dangerous place. Yet, when the sun shines, it is magnificent.

The most difficult thing to reflect upon is the final day offshore, when we saw the island, crystal clear in calm winds, less than a mile away. The conditions were perfect for our first reconnaissance flight and possible landing of men and camp infrastructure. But, during the violent night before, the Captain had made the decision to abort. In retrospect, his call was clairvoyant. The mechanical, propulsion failure on the ship that occurred would have brought disaster, if it resulted in some of our men being stranded ashore.

We are sure you are wondering what happens now? Well, we are not the kind of people to give up. The same thing happened when we were trying to activate Peter I in 2005. We came back the following year and with DAP's (the vessel owner) help, we got it done.

We are optimistic about a fair settlement and a resulting refund of some of our money paid to DAP for this recent attempt to activate Bouvet. That money, and what we still have in the bank will allow us to begin making plans to try again. We have begun the difficult task of looking for a suitable vessel, and would hope to go back to Bouvet in the next year or two. Obviously, we will keep you informed.

Thank you for the hundreds of favorable and encouraging comments from our financial supporters and sponsors. No one has asked for any of their contributions back, and, in fact, many have offered additional support for the next chapter in this book. We are hopeful that those of you who have invested in this project will see fit to "roll over" your financial support to the next attempt.

So, if we can pull all the moving parts together, we are going to try it again. Hopefully, this time, with a different outcome.

73, Bob, K4UEE

XX9B MACAO DXPEDITION NEWS (PRESS RELEASE #4 - Final One, dated March 3rd)
[edited]. Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to confirm our final band plan during the XX9B DXpedition to be in the air between March 9th, 2018 and March 17th, 2018:

Modes	160M	80M	40M	30M	20M	17M	15M	12M	10M
CW	- 1821.5*	3517	7017	10117	14007	18087	21007	24891	28007
SSB	- -----	3777	7060/7167	-----	14167	18137	21277	24930	28477
RTTY	- -----	----	7047	10147	14087	18107	21087	24927	28087
FT8	- 1840	3573	7074	10136	14074	18100	21074	24915	28074

* We will listen DOWN 2-3 in 160m to JA. We will listen UP to all others.

Considering some obstacles, we had to consider to upload our logs twice a day at Club Log, instead of working with online log uploading. Thus, we guarantee the lowest possibility of any mistake that could affect the reliability of our log.

PP1CZ will be the one responsible for uploading logs at ClubLog. If you

wish to clarify any issue related to log, please address your e-mail to PP1CZ: pp1cz@terra.com.br, but do not forget that PP1CZ is part of the team and will be busy during the DXpedition.

We are proud to welcome our latest 2 ops: Luciano/PY5KD and Sara/VU3RSB They will certainly contribute to a wider number of contacts.

The final XX9B team will be: Leo/PP1CZ, Junior/PR7AB, Claudio/PY2MC, Alex/PY2SEX, Alex/PY2WAS, Fernando/PY4BZ, Herminio/PY5HSD, Luciano/PY5KD, Beto/PY6RT, Jim/PY7XC, Sara/VU3RSB and Bom/XX9LT.

PY2WAS and PY4BZ are already in Asia and the rest of the team will be joining in the coming days.

We will be prioritizing 160m and 80m transmissions during our sunrise and sunset times.

If you have queries, comments, requests, etc... address it to py2was@gmail.com as they will be shared with the rest of the team and replied in due course.

We thank all colleagues that contributed with their valuable opinions and support.

Enjoy your hunt!

73, XX9B DXpedition Team

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