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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 31st/May, through Sunday, 7th/June there were 227 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, 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, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XW, YA, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, 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".

4W, TIMOR-LESTE. Operators James/9V1YC and Wilbert/PE7T are now active as 4W/N1YC and 4W/PE7T, respectively, from Timor-Leste until June 16th. "QRZ DX" reports that activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL 4W/N1YC via W5UE. QSL 4W/PE7T via the PA Bureau (No direct cards please). Both will also upload their logs to LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES. Just a reminder that Nobby, G0VJG, is once again active as 8Q7CQ until June 18th. His last activity was limited because Nobby was on his honeymoon with his wife Maxine. Operations this time will be on the Island of Meedhupparoo (AS-013). Activity will be on the HF band but with a serious effort on 6 meters. Modes will be SSB with some PSK31. His equipment will be a FT-897 with a 400 watt amp into a small 6m beam, DK9SQ vertical loop for the HF bands and possibly a 3 element tribander. QSL via Owen, G4DFI, direct or by the Bureau. Visit Nobby's Web page at: <http://g0vjg.piczo.com/?cr=5>

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Ned/AA7A (C6ANS), Kenny/K2KW (C6ATA), Jim/W4KXY (C6AKX) and Larry/W07R (C6AWO) will be active from Eleuthera Island (NA-001, WW Loc. FL15wc) between June 7-15th. Activity will be on 6m, 2m, 70cm, 432 MHz and some HF bands. Their main focus will be on 2m EME and the ARRL June VHF Contest (June 13-15th) using the callsign C6ATA. QSL C6ANS via AA7A. QSL C6ATA via WA4WTG. QSL C6AKX via W4KXY. QSL C6AWO via W07R.

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. Operators Randy/N0TG and Murray/WA4DAN will co-lead a DXpedition to St. Paul Island (CY9) sometime in July 2016 (possibly July 5-13th). Their permit for CY9-land is granted only during July and August. Exact dates are yet to be determined. Operators mentioned are Randy/N0TG, Murray/WA4DAN, Aaron/VA1AXC, Will/AA4NC, Jay/K4ZLE, Wayne/K8LEE and possibly two other operators. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. Questions/comments can be sent via E-mail to N0TG (see QRZ.com). For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.CY9dxpedition.com>

D4, CAPE VERDE. Operators Massimo/IZ4DPV, Luca/IK2NCJ and Andrea/HB9DUR will be active as D4C from Sao Vicente Island (AF-086) between June 15-22nd. QSL via IZ4DPV, direct or by the Bureau.

E5, NORTH COOK ISLANDS (Update). Operators Rob/N7QT and YL Melanie/N7BX will be active as E51MQT from Manihiki Atoll (OC-014) between September 27th and October 29th. Activity has been updated to 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with a K3/KPA500 and a CrankIR vertical on the beach. QSL available using LoTW, direct with SASE (IRC or 2 USDs for international), or by the Bureau. ADDED NOTE: A third operator has also expressed interest in joining them for the first two weeks, so there might be 3 operators and two stations operational for the first two weeks, and two operators for the remaining two weeks. We are holding the name/callsign of the third operator until we can confirm it from him.

E6, NIUE. Peter, ZL2HM, will be active as E6AB from Cliff Top Fales, Namukulu, Niue Island, between June 24th and July 2nd. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters, possibly 6m, using SSB only. QSL via ZL2HM direct only.

EP6T DVD SOON TO BE AVAILABLE. A preview of the EP6T DXpedition to Kish Island DVD is now available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-dsoyKolKc> The preview states to order the DVD go to <http://www.rockall.be>, but as of June 7th we could not find it on the Web page.....

EP, IRAN (Update). Reports indicate that operators Mohammad/EP3MIR, Mohammad/EP2LMA and Saeed/EP2LSH (from newly formed Alborz Radio Club) are planning an early in the morning June 7th (until late in the afternoon), Iranian DXpedition using the callsign EP2C. Activity will be their first attempt in a field day style operation to learn skills and pile-up management. Look for them on 20m using homebrew antennas. Please be patient and help them discover our wonderful hobby. QSL Manager is ON4AMX.

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON (Update). Ariel, NY4G, will be active as FP/NY4G from St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands (NA-032) between July 15-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW and RTTY. For suggested frequencies, see the Web page below. QSL via LoTW or direct to NY4G or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.fp-ny4g2015.com>

FT5ZM DVD NOW AVAILABLE. It's HERE! The FT5ZM Amsterdam Island DXpedition DVD! This is the 2013-2014 DXpedition of the Year! This was a truly international DXpedition with 14 operators from eight different countries. A seven-week adventure culminating in an amazing 140,000 QSOs from the middle of the southern Indian Ocean. It was a long way from anywhere---the nearest ham population center was Japan at 6,000 miles away. Europe was 7,000 miles from them and the closest North American station was 11,000 miles. Every contact was DX!

The team challenged the Indian Ocean on the 128 ft. Braveheart, a veteran of many DXpeditions in the inhospitable Southern Ocean. It was nine days each way and the team suffered mightily during the period of rough seas and the feeling of total isolation from the rest of the world.

The French scientific team on Amsterdam was a terrific host, and they were well fed and hydrated. They limited them to travel only during daylight hours due to the terrain and animals, so they adopted 12 and 24 hour radio shifts -- the days and nights were long indeed. Still, the team pulled together and with true international cooperation got the job done with more QSOs than anyone would ever expect.

The whole story is covered in the DVD up to and including the surprise ending. This DVD details a great DX adventure, shows the dedication of 14 diverse hams, the Braveheart crew and the members of the French scientific contingent. All-in all -- this is one of the GREAT ones! You can own this video to your DVD collection by going to: <http://www.k4uee.com/dvd>

FY, FRENCH GUYANA. Christian, F5UII, will once again be active as FY/F5UII from the radio club station FY5KE in Kourou City between June 8-12th. Activity will be limited because of his work, but look for him on 80-10 meters on SSB. He suggests to look for him during the weekday mornings about 1000-1100z and after 2100z. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. For more details and updates, visit: <http://www.f5uui.net/en> Christian also has a Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/f5uui>

GJ15, JERSEY (Special Event). Members of the Jersey Amateur Radio Society will be active as GJ15IG between June 26th and July 3rd. Activity of this special event station is in support of the "XVI Island Games" held in Jersey in 2015. The Island Games are an international multi-sport event which, this year, involves 24 islands and 3000 athletes, competing in 14 sports. The log will be uploaded to ClubLog regularly and to LoTW at the end of the operation. Please use ClubLog OQRS if you need of a 'Bureau' or 'Direct' QSL card. DO NOT send your card via the Bureau. It's not needed, thanks.

IOTA NEWS.....

- AF-019. Emilio, IZ1GAR, will be active as IH9/IZ1GAR from Pantelleria Island (IIA TP-001, WLOTA 0041) at the end of November. In the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th), Emilio will be active as IH9R and as a Single-Op/Single Band (80m)/High-Power entry. Pantelleria counts as Multiplier Zone 33 Africa Italy for the CQWW DX rule (islands are located over the African continent platform). QSL via IZ1GAR, direct or by the Bureau.

- AF-064. Operators Ashley/ZS1ASH, Grant/ZS1GS, YL Mari/ZS1MW and YL Elizabeth/ZS1XS will be active as ZS1FUN from Dassen Island during the weekend of August 15-16th. Operators state, "We expect bad weather, but only dangerous sea conditions will prevent us from reaching the island." Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL direct via E-mail: [zs1fun.sa\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:zs1fun.sa[at]gmail.com)

- AS-082. Operators Eugene/RZ3EC, Sergey/RA3NAN, Gen/R3BY, Maxim/RU5D, Igor/UA3EDQ and Zoli/HALAG will be active as R3RRC/0 from the rare Brusneva Island (New! RR-08-11, RDA YA-11, New! RLHA RLA-033 and NEW! ARLHS and WLOTA) between July 24-29th. Operations will also include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). QSL via RZ3EC or the OQRS on Clublog after the operation. For more details, see: <http://www.as082.org>

- EU-028. Stefano, IV3LZQ, will be active as IA5/IV3LZQ from Elba Island, Tuscany Archipelago, Italy, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign direct only (see QRZ.com).

- EU-030. Operators Ralph/DL9MWG and Manfred/DL3VJG will be active as OZ/homecalls from Bornholm Island (OZI/DIA BO-001, WLOTA 2203) between July 4-11th. Activity will be on the HF bands on, or near, the IOTA frequencies, using CW and SSB, possibly some Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns, by the Bureau or direct.

- EU-067. Flavio, IW2NEF, will be active as SV8/IW2NEF from Naxos Island (GIOTA SAS-077, MIA MG-075) between July 25th and August 6th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands and an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). He will be using an Yaesu FT-857 into a fishing rod antenna at 10 meters. QSL via IK2DUW, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-088. Lars, OZ1IVA, will be active as OZ1IVA/p from Laeso Island (OZI/DIA NK-003, WLOTA 2820, WWFF OZFF-0001) between June 21-27th. Activity will be sporadic (mostly daytime/afternoons) mainly on 40/20 meters CW. Suggested frequencies are 7039 and 14039 kHz (+/-). He will be using a K1 into a vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau is preferred.

EU-124. (MC0SHL UPDATE/Press Release) [edited] -- We would like to announce that we are currently in the final planning stages of our regular trip to Ramsey Island - IOTA EU-124. This year we are going to try to have 3 stations on air full time as we are only there for 3 nights. Arrival on the island will be Friday, June 19th. Departure from the island is Monday, June 22nd. We will be using 3 of the new "Hexpedition" hexbeams built by Ant, one will be directed to the West to allow us to work as many stations in the USA as possible as we seem to be lacking contacts from there each year. There may be some Digital mode operating and again we will be looking on 6m to work as many as possible on there too.

Team members this year include a new addition of Vinny, M0TAV, who we welcome into the fold as a guest operator. Vinny is the antenna erector here in the midlands and has experience of operating from around the world when he was working on cruise ships and from his time in Thailand. The full team this year is: Rob/MW0RLJ, Ant/MW0JZE, Tim/M0URX, Charles/M0OXO, Tony/G4LDL, Chris/G1VDP, Vinny/M0TAV, Jane (Rob's wife and the chief chef and the one who keeps us in check), Laura/MW6INK (Ant's wife and Janes right hand and will also be taking to the air) and Glenys/G8KWD (Tony's wife and Janes left hand). The girls are in charge as usual and I am sure will keep us all in our place.

Usual DX Code of conduct rules will be adhered to (FULL CALL ONLY) and the regular QSL route via M0URX. Please do not send your card to us via the bureau as we do not need your card, but use Tim's on line request service to get your card sent this way free of charge - or request direct and donate a couple of dollars to assist with our costs.

There may be some operating the days before and after from the farm as we all assemble and get ready to travel. We look forward to meeting you on the air and again we ask to listen to who we call and just act in a true Ham Spirit and allow us to complete the QSO's.

MC0SHL now on Twitter -- At last we are catching up to the 21st Century. We have just created a Twitter account and will be using that when we are at the farm, on Ramsey, and carrying out any other activities - even on a day to day basis. We will advertise the frequencies we are on next week - along with the cluster - while on Ramsey, keep you up to date with QSLing activities, show some photo's of the boys & girls having fun, and along with the website keep you up to date with the group in general. So why not start following us. We can be found using @MC0SHL and we look forward to seeing you on there, and maybe meeting on the air next week.

Many thanks in advance and look forward to reading and working you guys..... Chris Colclough, G1VDP

<http://www.mc0shl.com>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/chriscolcloughg1vdp>

EU-129. Operators Robert/DH8HD, DJ6IO, Tom/DL1AAA, Thomas/DL3XX, Olaf/DL4HG, Andreas/DL7AT and Hans/DO3HJW will be active as DA0T/p from Usedom Island (DID/GIA O-13) between July 24-27th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW and SSB. Operations will also include an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). QSL via DL7AT, direct or by the Bureau.

NA-014. Mike, KI1U, will be active as KI1U/VE9 from Grand Manan Island, NB, between June 25-29th. Most operating activity will occur

during the ARRL Field Day (June 27-28th). QSL via his home callsign.

SA-042. Ren/PY8WW and members of the PARA DX Group <paradxgroup.com> will be active as PX8K from Caviana de Fora Island (DIB PA-16) between July 22-29th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). QSL via PY8WW or the OQRS.

SA-072. Operators Roberto/PT2GTI, Tino/PT7AA and Daniel/PT7BI will be active as ZY8P from Grande do Paulino Island (DIB MA-09) between June 12-14th. Activity will be on CW/SSB. QSL via PT2GTI.

IOTA TOUR. The "425 DX News" reports that Gabriele, IK3GES, will be active from several islands in Germany (DL), Denmark (OZ), Norway (LA), Finland (OH), Sweden (SM) and Poland (SP) between June 20th and July 26th. His tentative itinerary includes the following islands:

(EU-029) Mon	(EU-096) Kaurissalo	(EU-129) Uznam/Usedom*
(EU-033) Langoya	(EU-096) Kustavi	(EU-138) Hasslo
(EU-037) Oland	(EU-097) Emasalo	(EU-138) Tjurko
(EU-057) Rugen	(EU-097) Orslandet	(EU-139) Seskaro
(EU-076) Moskenesoy	(EU-101) Bjorkon	(EU-140) Kuutsalo
(EU-084) Graso	(EU-101) Raippaluoto	(EU-173) Reposaari
(EU-087) Alnon	(EU-128) Fehmarn	(EU-184) Hailuoto

* Active during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th).

Activity will be on the following suggested frequencies:

CW - 10120, 14050, 18085 and 21050 kHz
SSB - 14260, 18160 and 21260 kHz
RTTY - 10140, 14085, 18100 and 21085 kHz

QSL via IK3GES, direct or by the Bureau (OQRS on ClubLog will be available when he returns home).

IS0, SARDINIA. Luigi, HB9CXZ, will be active as IS0/HB9CXZ from Sardinia (EU-024, IIA D001, MIA MIS-035, WLOTA 1608) between July 11-17th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA. Takeo, JA1NEJ, will be active as JD1BOH from Chichi-jima Island (AS-031, JCG 10007, WLOTA 2269, WWFF JAFF-0018) between September 4-7th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via JA1NEJ, by the Bureau or direct (QRZ.com).

JW, SVALBARD. Operators Mia/OX5M, Daniel/OX5T and Joergen/OZ0J will be active as JW/OX5M from the Longyearbyen's club station <<http://jw5e.com/>> located on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) between September 16-23rd. Activity will be on CW, SSB and the Digital modes on the HF bands (160-10m) to the extent that there are antennas available. The trio will also participate in the Scandinavian Activity CW Contest (September 19-20th) as a Multi-Op/One-TX entry. If possible, they will upload their logs regularly to <Clublog.org>. A Log Search and other details can be seen on:

<http://qrz.com/db/jw/ox5m>

QSL via LoTW. Paper QSL cards can be requested via the same URL address. QSL Manager is OZ0J.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. Mike, AG6IP, is in the planning stages for a DXpedition to Wake Island (OC-053) in September 2015 for 2 weeks. He states [edited], "I plan to be there sometime in early September to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of Battle of Wake along with a group of World War II vets. I have reserved a special callsign K6W from September 4-19th, 2015. I am seeking monetary donations and sponsors that would like to help to put Wake Island back on the air in 2015. I will be operating 80-6 meters using Digital (PSK, RTTY and JT65) and SSB. Donations will off set a small portion of my out-of-pocket equipment shipping, transportation, lodging, operating and postage expenses while there. Wake Island is currently #46 on DXCC most wanted in ClubLog and currently restricted to the public. There are no commercial flights in to the island. I have also operated out of ZC4 land UK bases in Cyprus twice in 2007 and 2014 as ZC4MIS.

Please share link to other amateur radio operators around the world.

Thanks..... Mike." For more details and updates, watch:

<https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/bvqHd?psid=691bff52b5b94c36b264224fc67df05b>

MD, ISLE OF MAN. By the time you read this, Ief, ON6KX, will be active as MD/ON6KX from the Isle of Man (EU-116, WLOTA 0449) from the TT Road Races <http://www.iomtt.com/> until June 15th. Activity will be on the HF bands from the Snaefell Summit (SOTA GD-001) at a campsite near Douglas. Ief states that he will be using a FT-897D with homebrew verticals and wire antennas. A special one time only QSL card will be made available for this event via ON6KX, direct or by the Bureau.

MU, GUERNESEY. Freddy, F4HEC, will be active as MU/F4HEC from Guernesey between June 4-8th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct. Possible LoTW soon.

OJ, MARKET REEF. Harry, OH6VM, (and along with members of the Finnish Lighthouse Society) is once again active as OJ0VM from Market Reef (EU-053, WWFF OHFF-0038, ARLHS MAR-001, WLOTA 0542) until June 13th. He is there to do some lighthouse repair work. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mostly CW. QSL via OH1GPS. ADDED NOTE: Jussi, OH6KV, is also expected to be active as OJ0KV during the same time frame.

OJ, MARKET REEF (News - Press Release). Jarmo, OH2BN, sent out the following on June 6th [edited]: NEWS FROM MARKET REEF OJ0-LAND SEMI-RARE COUNTER UP NORTH -- OJ0B operating period: June 6-13th, 2015 -- Market Reef, OJ0, Grid JP90NH, is just a barren rock on the open sea between Finland and Sweden. A piece of granite split between OH and SM representing CQ zones 14 and 15, with the Finnish side additionally counting for another DXCC entity.

The Finnish Lighthouse Society (FLS) has been restoring the original charm of this very important landmark which is today fully automated, sending a warning light along a busy sea route. It is not surprising that many OH hams have joined the FLS and cooperation between FLS people and radio amateurs is quite extensive.

There are dedicated quarters on the reef for Amateur Radio with two 230VAC phases from a solar/diesel power source to provide 2 kW of energy for visiting hams. The antenna setup for a successful DX operation is provided by Martti/OH2BH, Timo/OG9X and Teemu/SM0W.

Pasi, OH3WS/OJ0W, is an ex-President of SRAL and current President of FLS. Pasi can be contacted if you would like to activate OJ0-land. The maximum number of members of an Amateur Radio team is four.

Two FLS hams - Harri, OH6VM/OJ0VM, and Jussi, OH6KV/OJ0KV, - will be joined this coming week by six more hams: Niko/OH2GEK, Martti/OH2BH, Pekka/OH2TA, Kim/OH6KZP, Juho/OH6ZZ and Jukka/OH8MSM.

They will be on OJ0 repairing all damaged antennas after a severe winter. Additionally, they will go ahead with first-ever 2M EME (JT65B) activity with tilt antennas from OJ0 while also keeping their 6M antenna fixed to USA in case of a sporadic-E opening. When the moon is down, they will be running MS.

OH6ZZ and OH8MSM will be in charge of EME operations while the rest of the team will take care of HF CW/SSB and RTTY during all key openings after making their HF antennas operational. This team of six will use the OJ0B callsign.

2M Data: EME 144.123 MS FSK 144.353
Antennas: 2x11H and 2x10V
Amplifiers: Tajfun 1000 and SPE 1.3 KW

The OJ0B team will also do some equipment testing as they plan to run two new SPE 1.5 kW output solid-state amps weighing 7.5 kg (16 lbs), ideally suited for a DXpedition. The spiky generator of the lighthouse will be an ultimate test of amp survival.

The OJ0B 2M U.S. pilot is Joel, W5ZN. (email: w5zn at w5zn.org)

The OJ0B general pilot is John, OH5NZ. (email: oh5nz at sral.fi)

Some other operations are also scheduled for the summer months this year, with Dietmar, DL3DXX, expected on Market Reef in August for his hideaway

on his 60th birthday. You will be able to congratulate Dietmar on his important milestone at the beginning of a new low-band season Dietmar's specific love in Amateur Radio.

As the weather is a key issue for an always critical landing, the order of events may be changed by Mother Nature.

OJ0B QSL via OH2BH. OQRS will be activated shortly.

For additional relevant data and pictures, visit QRZ.com > OJ0AM

OQRS link: <https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/OJ0B>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 8-14th)....

Jun/08th HN	Jun/11th AN	Jun/13th AN
Jun/09th AN	Jun/12th AN	Jun/14th HN
Jun/10th 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
VRVY 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.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (May 31st and June 7th)

3A/IU2CIQ via IU2CIQ	HB2T via HB9EE (L)	OX/DL7DF via DL7DF
3A90IARU via 3A2LF	HG21IAS via DL2JTE	OX/DL7UFR via DL7DF
4090A via 403A	II1IAFC via I1ANP	P37F via G3ZEM (L)
4L1AN via N4GNR	II2IGTO via IQ2MI	PA70F via PA6A
4J15EUG via 4J6RO	II4MB via IQ4FE	PA70V via PI4GV
4Z0DX via 4Z4DX	II5LDV via IQ5LV	PA70VVV via PA-Bureau
4K2015BAKU via 4J6RO	II8IYL via IK8PXZ	PI25COM via PA3CAL
4X7R via 4X6OM	II9P via IT9CHU (L/d)	PI4AMF via PA3EYC
5K4R via N4RR	IR1DCI via IK1GPG	RP70WA via RV3YR
8Q7CQ via G4DFI	IR2EXPO via 9A8ARS (B)	SK7BORE via SK7DX
9M2SE via 9M2RDX (d)	IY0GME via IZ0UIN (d/L/e)	SL8SUB via SM6DQR (d)
C56XA via G3SWH	K8E via W8CDB	SN12SDZ via SP1PBW
CO2QM via RW6HS (d)	K8O via W8CDB	SN60 via SP6PAZ
CT9/DC3JB via DC3JB	K8S via W8CDB	SP9/DJ7ZO via DJ7ZO
CT9/DK4JM via DK4JM	KH7XX via EB7DX (d)	SV8/F9IE via F9IE
CT9/R9DX via R9DX	LO5D via LU8EOT	SV9/R2DX via R2DX
CX7UV via EA5KB	LX/OO90 via ON7SS	SZ1A via SV1CIB
DK40REK via DJ6SI	LY/RV3MA via RV3MA	TM24H via F6KFI
DL/TA2LY via TA2LY	LY10LHFA via LY2KM	TM2Y via F6BEE
DL1YAF/VK9L via DL1YAF	LZ/OH6L via OH2BYS	TM40RADS via F6DKI
EA8/RA1A via RN3RQ or (L)	LZ293MA via LZ1KCP	TM5BBC via F5UOW
EA8/S57K via EA8/S57K	MU/F4HEC via F4HEC	TM5Y via F8DBF
EB5BBM/BY7 via EB5BBM	N1S via W1QV	TM6X via F5VHY
ED50 via EA5URS	N5E via AD5WB	TM95BD via F5KES
EF5BM via EA5BM	NB1CR via N1EPL	UE25IK via RK1OZM
EG1MAR via EA1UVR	O19VB via UA4WHX	UP0L via DL8KAC
EG5DEL via EA5GVJ	OE/IK1WNQ via IK1WNQ	UP60SPACE via RV3YR
EG8WFF via EA8URL	OE6XMF/FM via OE6CAG	W1T via W1GLO

EH7FA via EA-Bureau	OK8DCC via DL3DCC	W2W via K3NEM
EI8BLB via EI3JB	OK8FK/P via DK7FK	W5H via K5LN
EP2C via ON4AMX	ON80OSA via ON4OSA	W9H via K9BIK (d)
EZ5A via EZ5AD	OO7P via ON4AMI	XR44COPA via CE3TKV (d)
F/ON6JUN/P via ON5SD & (L)OQ5M via ON5ZO		YP0Y via YO5EI
G5D via G3UJE	OR90VL via ON5VL	YT45CW via YU1MM
GB400 via G4DSP	OT200GBN via ON6GBN	ZA/DL3GCS via DL3GCS
HA/OM7PY via OM7PY	OX/DK1BT via DL7DF	ZW110ROAR via PY2AA

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
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QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5W0JY, CE2MVF, CT3EE, EA5DNO, EV14, FS/K9EL, LB3RE, LX1HD, LY7M, NP2P, OA4SS, P4/N4QS, PA4WM, PJ2T, PY5QW, PY90IARU, SV10Z, UF5F, VQ9XR, XM9NC and YB4IR/7 (OC-268)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4W/NV3MM (OC-148), 7QAA, A92HK, CA7CAQ (SA-018), FM4LV, H42NT (OC-127), J6/DL7VOG, J87GU, K1N, VK7FG (OC-195), VK9NT and YB3MM/9 (OC-241)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!

RARE FFMA GRID TO BE ACTIVATED. Operators Bud/N7CW, Jim/K6ZH and Phil/NOKE will be going on a boat trip to activate the FFMA #1 (Fred Fish Memorial Award) most wanted Grid needed - DM02. They will be leaving from San Diego on Wednesday, June 10th, aboard a 49' sailboat and will be on the air sometime late Wednesday, through sometime on Sunday, June 14th, including most of the VHF Contest (June 13-15th). Unfortunately, they have to leave before the end of the contest because the Navy has scheduled exercises in the area on Monday. They will be active on 6m, 2m, probably 432, 1296 and the satellites. Phil is responsible for everything other than 6m. They will be running about 500w and a 3 element yagi (due to constraints from having to mount the antenna on a sailboat). They will use the callsign K6ZH. Watch for packet spots announcing their transmit frequency.

S7, SEYCHELLES. A group of JA operators will be active as S79HN between July 16-20th. Operators mentioned are Jim/7K4QOK (KG8RP), Tack/JE1CKA (KH0AM), Yutaka/JQ2GYU (WS2Y) and Miho/JJ2VLY (WS2M). All operators have experience of DX operations such as 9M0L, 9M4SDX, NH0J, W1AW/KH0, GJ6UW, EA9/KH0AM -- just to mention a few. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Uploads to ClubLog and LoTW may be available during their operation, but it depends on the Internet accessibility of the area. QSL via JJ2VLY, by the Bureau, direct (Mihoko Sakurai, PO Box 1, SUYAMA, SUSONO, SHIZUOKA 410-1299, JAPAN) and LoTW. PLEASE NOTE: Seychelles authority advises them to use frequency from 7050-7100 kHz as the 40m window, and they shall stay above 7050 kHz even on CW/RTTY.

TC0, TURKEY. Members of the Balkan Contest Group will be active as TC0A from Bozcaada Island (AS-099) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to LZ1NK: NIKOLAY ENCHEV, P.O. Box 176, 4300 Karlovo, BULGARIA. Operators mentioned are Nick/LZ1NK, Plamen/LZ1DCW, Nick/LZ3ND, Krasi/LZ2UW, Aleko/LZ3ZZ, Angel/LZ4AE and Mustafa/TA2TX. For more details, past operations and updates, see: <http://www.lz5x.com>

TF, ICELAND. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as TF/JA0JHQ from Kaffi Kjos between July 18-21st. Activity will be on 40-6 meters, but mainly 20m, using CW and SSB. He will use a HS-480HX (200w/HF, 50MHZ=100w) into a Single-Loop antenna (20/17/15/12/10m) and End-Feed antenna (40/30/6m). QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. For more details and possible updates, see: <http://pandasan.jimdo.com>

TX3X CHESTERFIELD ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release 5 - dated June 1st) [edited] -- Where s the Evohe? Did you ever wonder if the DX-pedition boat left yet, or where is the boat now, or have they arrived at the island? We are pleased to announce that <MarineTraffic.com> has offered us complimentary use of their vessel tracking service. While the boat is in coastal waters its position will be reported every few minutes. When

we leave the coastal area we'll report our position about every 4 hours. We re not aware of any previous DX-pedition that provided these positioning reports. The position map will be available at: <http://tx3x.com>

Joining our list of Corporate Sponsors and Partners:

- * SteppIR - Mike Mertel, K7IR, of Fluidmotion Incorporated is providing 2 SteppIR 2 element beam antennas. <http://www.steppir.com/>
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- * Jim Sansoterra, K8JRK - Shipping delicate electronic equipment across the globe requires special packing considerations. Jim is loaning us enough Pelican cases to protect all the RF equipment.

Project Planning: We're almost on auto-pilot. Under development are: tent and antenna locations, power grid physical layout, operator scheduling and task plans for a beach landing. It's important to have everyone's assignments documented and prioritized for setting up tents, antennas, power grid, etc. Many tasks will be done concurrently to maximize available sunlight.

Antenna/Power Plans - The website is updated with final plans. Antenna parties and equipment configuration activities will be conducted in San Jose, California over the next 6 weeks. Also planned for San Jose is configuring the Lenovo laptops with N1MM+, the drivers for the micro-Keyer II interface units and testing the networking.

Fund Raising - It's no secret DX-peditions are expensive and the team members pay most of the cost. DX-peditions requiring non-scheduled transportation need early infusions of cash to cover, in our case, the boat which is our largest cost item. With a budget of about \$150,000(USDs) and the team members paying their own travel to New Caledonia each TX3X team member will pay about \$15,000 to put number 22 on the air and hope your contributions will help offset their investment. While our web site's support page shows an increasing number of Clubs, Foundations and Individual donors, the contributions (to date) would cover only 20% of the total cost. If DX-peditions to the top 30 are to continue the DX community needs to help offset these ever increasing costs. We appreciate those who already contributed and encourage others to participate. You may use the Donate button at: <http://tx3x.com>

Please direct any questions to: info@tx3x.com

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V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS (Update). Members of the T30D DXpedition (2014) have decided to go to Majuro, Marshall Islands (OC-029), between October 13-28th, 2015. The team includes Werner/DJ9KH, Heye/DJ9RR, Rudolf/DK3CG, Joe/DK5WL, Günter/DL2AWG, Bert/DL2RNS, Georg/DL4SVA, Hans/DL6JGN, Franz/DL9GFB, Wolf/DM2AUJ, Sid/DM2AYO and Rolf/DL7VEE (Team Leader). The team will use the callsign V73D. They will make a serious effort on CW, SSB and RTTY, between 160-6 meters. They plan for 4x 500-watts-stations to operate 24/7. Rolf, DL7VEE, states, "Hopefully we have enough place for all planned antennas " There is now a Web page available at:

<http://v73d.mydx.de>

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND (Update to OPDX.1214.1). Rob, N7QT, has announced that a small team of 6-7 operators are planning to activate Middle Cay Islet (VK9W) in early/mid November using the callsign VK9WA. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (possibly 160m) using CW, SSB and RTTY. He states, "... 3 stations for a duration of approximately 10 days. Currently working to obtain formal landing rights within the next 3-4 weeks. We are primarily working on planning, team selection and purchasing equipment/supplies for the trip. A charter vessel has been secured, with tentative on air dates of November 12-22nd. Please note, dates are still subject to change. Charter boat cost is coming in around \$40K USDs, which will account as the largest single line item expense within our operational budget, so please consider

contributing to our cause at www.vk9wa.com. In an effort to keep costs at a minimum, we have planned this to be a micro light expedition. Our station equipment will consist of several Elecraft K3/KPA500 and SteppIR CrankIR verticals on the beach. Each station will be powered by Honda 2000EU generators." Currently, the operators mentioned are Rob/N7QT (Co-Team Leader), Jared/N7SMI (Co-Team Leader), Sandro/VE7NY and Adam/K7EDX and Hawk/SM5AQD. Pilot stations are: American Pilot - Mike/K4PI, Europe Pilot - Cédric/F5UKW and Africa Pilot - Andre/V51B. QSL via N7SMI, direct or by the Bureau. ClubLog OQRS direct or bureau is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. QSL cards are beautiful full-color photographic quality. QSLing priority is listed on their Web page. Club Log OQRS will be available shortly after the conclusion of the DXpedition. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL shortly after the operation.

VY2, CANADA. Operators Ariel/NY4G, Bill/N4IQ, Phil/AC4Q and Bob/ND7J will be active as VY2/homecall from Prince Edward Island (NA-029) between July 7-14th. Activity will be on all bands and modes, primarily CW, SSB and RTTY, including the 30/17/12m bands. They will focus on lower bands and favoring difficult propagation paths to provide as many amateurs the opportunity to get Prince Edward Island in their log as possible. Activity will also include the IARU HF World Championship contest. During the contest the team will operate in the contest bands exclusively (excluding 30/17/12m and 60m). The contest will be priority, however they will work as many "Qs" as possible. All QSL requests should be directed to NY4G or use ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <http://pei2015.com>

ZD7, ST. HELENA. Oliver, W6NV, will be active as ZD7N (TBD) from Helena Island (AF-022) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). Look for activity outside of the contest on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via W6NV.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. Oliver, W6NV, will once again be active as ZD8W from Ascension Island (AF-003) between November 6th and December 4th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th). Look for activity outside of the contest on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via W6NV.

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