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NEWS UPDATE @ 15:15z – Everybody is OK after the worst part of the storm passed. They made antenna repairs and will be on the air with up to four stations until tomorrow morning. Plans include 160m CW and 40m SSB tonight. Some of the Braveheart crew are ashore helping with station tear-down.

NEWS UPDATE @ 12:00z - At 11:00z today, VP8LP spoke with an operator at VP8STI who reported that the intention is still to continue onto South Georgia to operate as planned. They plan to remain QRV on Thule island for as long as possible whilst packing up, and are as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

January 25 @ 07:20z - Last night two tents and most of the yagis were destroyed by high winds. Both of their main tents collapsed partially and the team worked very hard through the night to save them. The Braveheart recorded winds of 70 mph (112 Kph). They are running only on 40 meters due antenna damage. Once they can assess damage they can determine whether they can proceed to South Georgia or not. Right now they are doing last QSO as VP8STI – they have asked the Braveheart to extract them when it's possible. They regret that they have fallen short of their plans, however the team and crew safety is most important.

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EA5RM - VP8STI/VP8SGI Chief Pilot

27/01/2016

January 27 – Antonio EA5RM – VP8STI/VP8SGI Chief Pilot – informs that finally, yesterday the team was able to collect all gear from Thule Is. All team members are OK and they are on the way to South Georgia where they will arrive after three days sailing. They will try to be on the air for eight days as VP8SGI.

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After 24 hours with almost any information from VP8STI, today, messages from Paul, N6PSE started to flow. They are in good shape but tired and excited while they are approaching to South Georgia Is.

Final VP8STI log will be uploaded from South Georgia.

EA5RM - VP8STI/VP8SGI Chief Pilot

PS: These guys are my heros. They are writing a glorious page in the Ham radio history.

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VP8STI SOUTH SANDWICH ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update January 28th).....

VP8SGI team expects to arrive early tomorrow to Husvik Bay, South Georgia Is. If everything goes well, they will be on the air tomorrow afternoon, South Georgia time.

David, K3LP, co leader of the VP8STI/VP8SGI DXpedition, called yesterday via satphone to Bill Hein, AA7XT. Bill tells me that "David sounded tired but in good spirits". David reported that they received two to three feet of snow to go along with the 70 mph winds.

VP8STI final log will be uploaded from South Georgia. Our manager N2OO, will turn on OQRS once we get those last log files and we make sure that the full log is complete. QSL updates will be posted on the VP8STI QRZ page.

EA5RM - VP8STI/VP8SGI Chief Pilot