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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 1st/July, through Sunday, 8th/July there were 211 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D6, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, 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, J2, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH1, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TN, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP2E, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, 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".

3Y0I BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. The following was posted July 5th, on the 3Y0I Web page <<https://bouvetoya.org/>>: WHEN NO NEWS MEANS GOOD NEWS -- We're in touch with DX Foundations we have applied to (eg. NCDXF, Indexa). We have received a big number of questions out of their application forms we had to answer to in details. We understand all of that, of course. The most recent project didn't succeed and they're simply cautious. Nevertheless, this all takes a lot of critical timing to our project and we start to have an impression, we're not welcome there and whatever information we provide, our applications would be dropped, forcing us to reduce the number of participants. This is the bad news.

The good news is that we are able to re-negotiate our vessel's contract to cut extra cost by 15k USD! We plan to run its inspection in person in Cape town in late July. We have also scheduled another cargo to RSA with a second part of our gear going to Bouvet Island. We also bear in mind security measures. Each participant of our expedition will land at the island while wearing a rescue drysuit to protect from cold and other unpleasant conditions. In addition, a professional CPR and first aid obligatory training will be provided to each of participant in prior of leaving Cape Town. We'll have a skilled paramedic on the board, too.

Stay tuned for more news coming soon!

The 3Y0I Team

ADDED NOTE: On the "Rebel DX Group's" Web page, "one Rebel" member has posted their observation/opinion (long) about the "DXpedition Funding", and states the following, "The Ham Community at large has it ass backwards and is being played." Read the post and leave your comments at:

<http://www.rebelDXgroup.com>

4W, TIMOR LESTE. Gordon, K7TRB, will be active as 4W6VA from Dili, Timor Leste (OC-148), until the middle of September 2018. Currently, Gordon states that he has a Hex Beam for 20, 17 and 6 meters which right now is in the testing HOG mode (Hex On Ground) until later in the week. QSL via his home callsign. He plans to add LoTW.

9X, RWANDA (Update to OPDX.1365). Members of the Italian DX Team, who will be active as 9X0T between September 27th and October 10th, will use a second callsign, 9X0Y, on FT8 only in the DXpedition mode. Suggested frequencies are: 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz. The team has prepared a brief, step-by-step manual for configuring the "Hound Mode" of the WSJT-X program which can be found on their Web page. QSL via I2YSB direct only. For more details and updates as well as a log search and an OQRS are available on: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx>

A2, BOTSWANA. Andre, NJ0F, will once again be active as A25A from Lotsane Lodge, Tuli Block, between July 13-20th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via NJ0F direct, ClubLog or LoTW. After Botswana he is expected to go to Malawi (probably will sign as 7Q7Z).

D4, CAPE VERDE. Christian, MOUPL, will be active as D44EK from Sal Island (AF-086) between July 23rd and August 7th. Activity will be on various HF bands using SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of July 4th. There was a slight change this month with KH1 moving down from 5 to 10. The list contain 340 entities and here are the top 10 entities:

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| 1. P5 DPRK (North Korea) | 6. BV9P Pratas Island |
| 2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island | 7. KH7K Kure Island |
| 3. FT5/W Crozet Island | 8. KH3 Johnston Island |
| 4. BS7H Scarborough Reef | 9. VK0M Macquarie Island |
| 5. CE0X San Felix Islands | 10. KH1 Baker Howland Islands |

The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list is available at:

<https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Manfred, DL5FAB, is planning to be active as FY/DL5FAB/P during the launch campaign of Metop-C from the "European Space Port" the Centre Spatial Guianese CSG, Kourou, French Guiana, until July 13th, and later in the year 4 weeks prior to the launch date which is as of today not confirmed yet... The Metop-C is one of the biggest earth observation and meteorological satellites ever built with 13 different instruments on-board. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and FT8. He is also planning to operate from one of the Salute Islands (SA-020, Diable or Royale, Saint-Joseph Islands). QSL via DL5FAB, by the Bureau or eQSL.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-064. A group of 6 operators from South Africa will once again activate Robben Island, in the Western Cape Province South West Group, as ZS9V during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) and between August 17-20th (This is the weekend of ILLW). Operators mentioned are Paul/ZS1V, Jan/ZS1VDV, Andre/ZS1AN, Johan/ZS1A, Pierre/ZS6A and Oleg/ZS1ANF. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and possible the Digital modes. QSL via M00XO or OQRS. For more details, see:

<http://zs9v.org.za>

AS-107. Members of the Thailand DX Association (HSDXA) will be active as E2X from Si Chang Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single/Mixed-Mode/DXpedition/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or E20GMY.

EU-010. John, MM0JTV, will be active from Island of Barra during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power

entry. QSL via MM0JTV, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

- EU-034. Members of the Kohila Radioclub will be active as ES3V from Vormsi Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Sven/ES1TI, ES2UK, Aive/ES2YW, Villi/ES3VI, Viljar/ES3VL, Rao/ES4RAO and Kaisa/ES7AGY. QSL via ES3VI.
- EU-045. Giuseppe, IK5WWA, will be active as IB0P from Ponza Island between July 15-26th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign.
- EU-055. Operators Bjørn/LA6SFA, Morten/LA7XIA, Christian/LA8OM, Knut/LA9RY, Kjell/LA6ZP, Jan/LA6GKA, John/LB2GI and Odd Arne/LB3AI will be active as LA4C from Bokn Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW or the Bureau.
- EU-093. Eugene, EA5EL (ex-EA5HPX), will be active from Tabarca Island between July 25-29th for the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via EA5EL.
- EU-094. Gil, F4FET, will be active as F4FET/P from Moutons Island/Lighthouse (ILLW FR0024, ARLHS FRA043, DPLF PB003, WLOTA 0002, WFF FFF700 and DIFM AT009) during the ILLW (International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend) <https://illw.net/> [August 18-19th]. He will be using a SUN SDR2Pro, SPE1 3KFA into a 2 phased switchable GP 40m - GP 30m and a Vertical 20m dipole. Modes will be on SSB and RTTY. QSL via F4FET.
- EU-146. Gil, F4FET, will be active as PA/F4FET from Schouwen Duiveland Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode/24-Hrs/Unassisted/High-Power entry. His operations will be close to the sea using a SUN SDR2Pro, SPE1.3KFA, Honda Generator into dipoles for 80/40/20/15/10m. QSL via F4FET.
- EU-187. Operators Georgios/SV9DJO, George/SV9GPV, Thomas/SV2CLJ and Christo/LZ3FN will be active as J49A from Dia Island, Crete, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via SV9GPV.
- NA-008. (Zone 2) Pierre/VE3KTB will once again be active from the Eureka Weather station and the Eureka Amateur Radio Club [probably the most northerly located amateur radio club in the world] from Eureka, Nunavut (NA-008), as VY0ERC between July 8-21st. The suggested bands are 40 and 20 meters, as well as FM satellites, using SSB, the Digital modes and very slow CW. Activity will be limited to his spare time. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS or direct.
- NA-026. Ted, K2QMF, will be active from Long Island, NY, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via K2QMF.
- NA-067. Jon, WB8YJF, will once again be active as WB8YJF/4 from Ocracoke Island (USI NC001S) between July 22-29th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. He will also be in the RSGB IOTA Contest. Please QSL direct for a fast QSL or via the Bureau.
- NA-207. Operators Bruce/KD6WW and Mike/K9AJ will be active as KD6WW/VY0 and K9AJ/VY0, respectively, from the rare IOTA Fafarad Island between July 19-23rd. Activity will be on 40-17 meters using mainly CW, with some SSB and possibly FT8, with two stations on the air. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

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.....

K9, UNITED STATES (LH Op). Members of the "Green Bay Mike & Key Club" will be activating Lighthouses #334 and #339, in Green Bay, WI, otherwise known as the Grassy Island Range Lights on August 4th, between 1400-1800z. Activity will be near 7270 and 14270 kHz signing as K9EAM. QSL to (w/SASE): Green Bay Mike & Key Club, 2937 Beth Drive, Green Bay, WI, or for an E-mail QSL send info to: d.catalano2937@gmail.com

KH1/KH7Z BAKER ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS.....

- * Don, N1DG, reported on July 5th, at 1200z, the KH1/KH7Z team is "now QRT. The last QSO was with JA2FJP on 80m FT8. We expect to be off island by 00:00 UTC 6 July for journey to Fiji. Our trip will take six days and cross the Dateline again. The team is very tired but proud of QSO totals of over 16,000 unique calls in the log, and successful deployment of new DXpedition Verizon of FT8 that showed over 6,000 unique calls in our log."
- * Then at 2300z, July 5th, the updated report states: The team is now underway, enroute to Fiji, with all expedition gear onboard and removed from Baker. Sailing time should be approx 6 days. We are posting a live map of the the NAI'A's location at kh7z.net.
- * QSL via K4TSJ for direct mail. Also, QSL via ClubLog's OQRS for direct and Bureau QSLs. THE OQRS WILL BE ACTIVATED AFTER THE DX-PEDITION ENDS. LotW upload for early individual donors will be about 10 days after the operation. For all others: Logs will be posted 3-6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition.
- * As of 1158z, July 5th, ClubLog reports that there were 68537 QSOs, with 18097 Unique callsigns. Breakdown by modes: 32206/CW, 18859/SSB, 926/RTTY and 16546/FT8. Breakdown by Continent: 93/AF, 28813/AS, 11897/EU, 25085/NA, 2318/OC and 311/SA.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND (Update). Philip, N7NVK, is expected to return this past weekend and be active as KH9/N7NVK again. His activity will primarily be on 40 and 20 meters, using Digital (FT8) and SSB. His activity is limited because of work, so watch around 0700-0900z Monday through Friday. The weekends, operating times will vary. He should be here for 3 months.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (July 9-15th).....

Jul/09th AN Jul/12th AN Jul/14th AN
Jul/10th AN Jul/13th AN Jul/15th HN
Jul/11th 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/hf/>

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 <www.qslinfo.eu> [July 8th]

CQ918FWC via CT1REP HG60KCI via HA8KCI PJ2/KB7Q via KB7Q (d/L)
DL60SOP via DL3KWF IS0/DL2JJ/M via DL2JJ R1943KB via RW3WW
EH3MG via EA3ZK IS0/DL8JJ/M via DL8JJ R25RRC via RZ3EC
EV26L via EU4AC LA/SP1FJZ/P via SP1FJZ SM/RX3AMI/LH via RX3AMI
FY/DL5FAB via DL5FAB OE18FIFA via OE3KLU SN170WL via SP3ZAT
GB0GKB via G4HLN OM/DJ8QP via DJ8QP SN85LOT via SP1PMY
GB13COL via G0VLF PA/DL6NAA via DL6NAA TA4/G4IJD via G4IJD
HF100ZHP via SP5ZHH PF2018FRA via PA0MBD TK/F1NSR via F1NSR
HF74AK via SP8MMW PI4ECC via PA0MBD YT0YOTA via YU1SRS

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal

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

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/Z68M>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: OK1JIR, RK6CI, SV1FJA, TE6DX (NA-155), VU2EKJ and XF2L (NA-221)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B7A, 3C0W, 4B4B, 9M0W, DK2EA, and VK5MAV/9 (OC-265)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 8P9HI, 8S0DX, HB0/DD5ZZ, HS0ZME, SC40VIC, V5/DK1CE and ZL/SM3TLG

TF, ICELAND. Yuri, VE3DZ, will be active as TF/VE3DZ from Iceland between July 19-25th. Activity will probably be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands and using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via VE3DZ.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND. Operators Everett "Ev"/W6ABM, Joseph/N7BF, Russ/N7QR and Peter/ZL2HM will be active as VK9EV, VK9BF, VK9QR, VK9PM, respectively, from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between October 10-19th. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. They will be on Norfolk Island during the 244th anniversary and celebration of its discovery. QSL VK9BF via N7BF. QSL VK9EV via W6ABM, direct, by the Bureau (not the VK Bureau) and LoTW. QSL VK9QR via N7QR direct. QSL VK9PM via ZL2HM.

VP9, BERMUDA. Steve, KU9C, will once again be active as KU9C/VP9 from Ed, VP9GE's, QTH between July 11-17th. During the IARU HF Championship he will operate as VP9HQ/RSB, the VP9 IARU Headquarters station. Outside of the contest look for activity on all HF bands (especially the 30/17/12m bands) as well as 6 meters, the SO-50/AO-85 FM satellites, and trying some FT8 along with enjoying the weather. QSL VP9HQ and the KU9C/VP9 callsigns to his home callsign.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Operators Mike/NA6MB (ZF2NA) and YL Gayle/K6GO (ZF2GO) will once again be active from Grand Cayman Island, near Bodden Town, between July 11-15th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters. They are expected to be active during the IARU HF World Championship Contest (July 14-15th) as ZF1A from the CARS HQ station. QSL ZF2GO and ZF2NA via K6GO. QSL ZF1A via K6AM.

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