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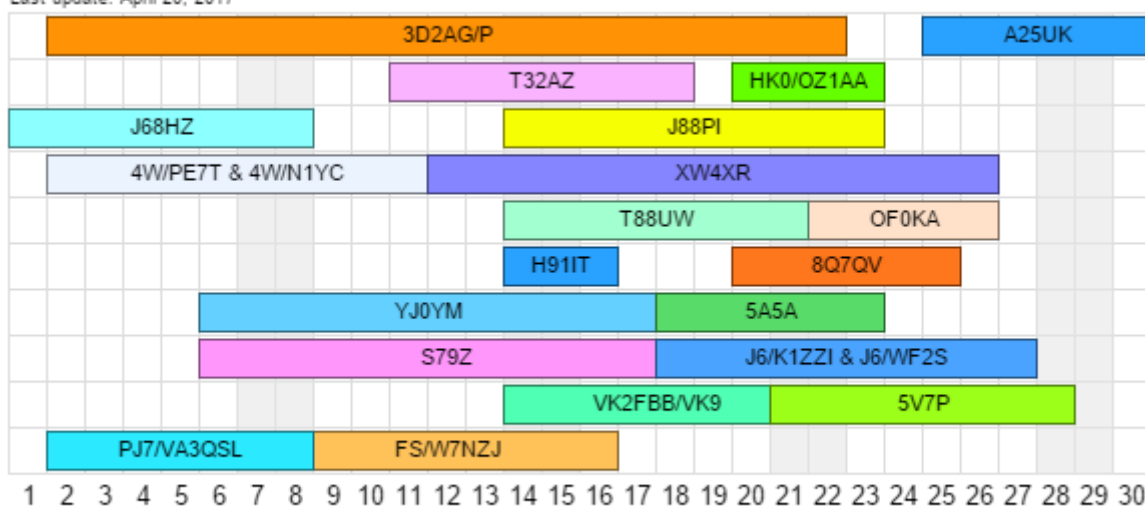
## DX News

**IOTA update by Craig, VK5CE.**

<http://dx-world.net/update-on-vk-iotas/>


## DX Timeline by DX WORLD.net

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## DXCC

### This week on HF

**3D2, ROTUMA** Look for 3D2AG/p until April 22. More news will be posted on Antoine's QRZ page! Coverage will be 160 to 6m, including 60m (5 MHz). There will be NO internet while on the island.

**5A, LIBYA** Dima, RA9USU is QRV until April 23 as 5A5A. Operation on CW. QSL via UA3DX.

**5V, TOGO** Operators OK1FCJ and OK6DJ will be operating as 5V7P from April 21 until April 28. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Helmut, DJ7CF is QRV as 6Y5/call until April 28. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via home call.

**8P, BARBADOS** Dick, G3RWL is active as 8P6DR until April 20. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Jim, G3VDB will be QRV as 8Q7EJ from April 24 until May 7. Activity in 'holiday style' using a vertical antenna. Operation on 20, 17 and 30 meter using mostly CW with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Vlad, UA4WHX is operating as 8Q7VB from Fulidhoo, a real local village, not a resort as many others use as QTH. Length of stay is as usual not known. QSL via home call, see QRZ.com for details.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Mike, UA1QV is operating as 8Q7QV until April 25. Activity in 'holiday-style' on 40 meter and above using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Michael, VK6ZOA is active as 8Q7MJ until May 28. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**A2, BOTSWANA** A large team led by Nobby G0VJG will be QRV as A25UK from April 25 until May 6. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO. <http://www.a25uk.com/>

**ER, MOLDOVA** Members of the Beskidzki's ARC will be active as ER0PL from April 23 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via SP9KAT, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log.

**GD, ISLE OF MAN** The Barry ARS is QRV as GT4BRS until April 22. They aim to be QRV on CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65. Also planned is Top Band and Special efforts on 5Mhz to West Coast of USA (CW & JT65 & SSB) to give all time new one on 60 metres. QSL via DJ6OI.

**HK0, SAN ANDRES** Thomas, OZ1AA is operating as HK0/call until April 23. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via OZ1ACB, Club Log OQRS.

**J2, DJIBOUTI** Dane, S53T is operating as J28ND until end 2019. Operation using homemade verticals. QSL via S57DX.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Ralph K1ZZI and Stephen WF2S are operating as J6/calls until April 27. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls, LoTW.

**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB is once again operating as J88PI until April 23. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

[http://www.g4dvh.co.uk/#!\\_dx-expedition](http://www.g4dvh.co.uk/#!_dx-expedition)

**JW, SVALBARD** Kamil, SQ8KFH is active as JW/call while working at the Polish Polar Station in Hornsund. Operation until May 20 on 20 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** Marc, ON7SS will be operating as LX/OO9O from April 24 until April 27. Focus on 30 meter using CW and PSK. On April 24, Marc will be active on 80 meter using SSB. [http://www.on7ss.be/lx\\_oo9o.html](http://www.on7ss.be/lx_oo9o.html)

**OH0, ALAND ISLAND** Ari, OH3KAV will be active as OF0KA from April 22 until April 26. Activity on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Gordon, G3USR is operating in 'holiday-style' as PJ4/call during mid-April. Activity on HF. QSL via home call, direct.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR is again operating as T88UW until April 21. Focus on 6 meter and digital modes. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log.

**TG, GUATEMALA** Dwight VE7BV and Doug VE7VZ will be operating as TG9BBV and TG9/VE7VZ from April 21 until May 15. QSL for both calls via VE7BV, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**TG, GUATEMALA** Tom, KC0W is active as TG7/call until May 8. QSL via home call, direct only.

**V4, ST KITTS** Alex, W1CDC will be operating in 'holiday-style' as V4/call from April 24 until May 7. Activity on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct only.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Stefan, HB9JAB is QRV during his spare time as V51/HB9JAB until May 8. QSL via LoTW.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND** Rob, VK2FBBB is operating as call/VK9 until April 21. Activity mainly on 40 meter with some 80 meter. QSL via bureau or direct.

**VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA** Jim, ND9M is active again as VQ96JC, license is valid until July, but he will try and get VQ917JC, as he has used "year-specific special calls every year

starting in 2007". Plans are to be QRV for about three hours during his evenings, as he has to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. He operates mainly CW, with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

**XV, VIETNAM** Jesus JP7MBO is active as XV9G until May 9. Activity on 40, 20 and 15 meter using mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via home cal.

## Coming up soon

**3W, VIETNAM** Peter, DF7DQ will be operating as 3W9DQ from May 1 until May 10. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Harald, DF2WO will once again be operating in 'holiday-style' as D44TWO from May 3 until June 8. Activity from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via M00XO.

**E5, SOUTH COOKS** Doug W6HB and Bruce AD7MM will once again be QRV as E51DLD and as E51BAS between April 28 and May 12. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Max, IZ2ZTQ will be QRV as FO/call between May 1 and July 31. Operation with green power on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meter using SSB, PSK, RTTY and JT65. He will visit:

- Marquesas Island – Fatu Hiva – IOTA: OC-027
- Tuamotu Archipelago – Rangiroa – IOTA: OC-066
- Leeward Society Islands – Bora Bora – IOTA: OC-067
- Windward Society Islands – Tahiti – IOTA: OC-046

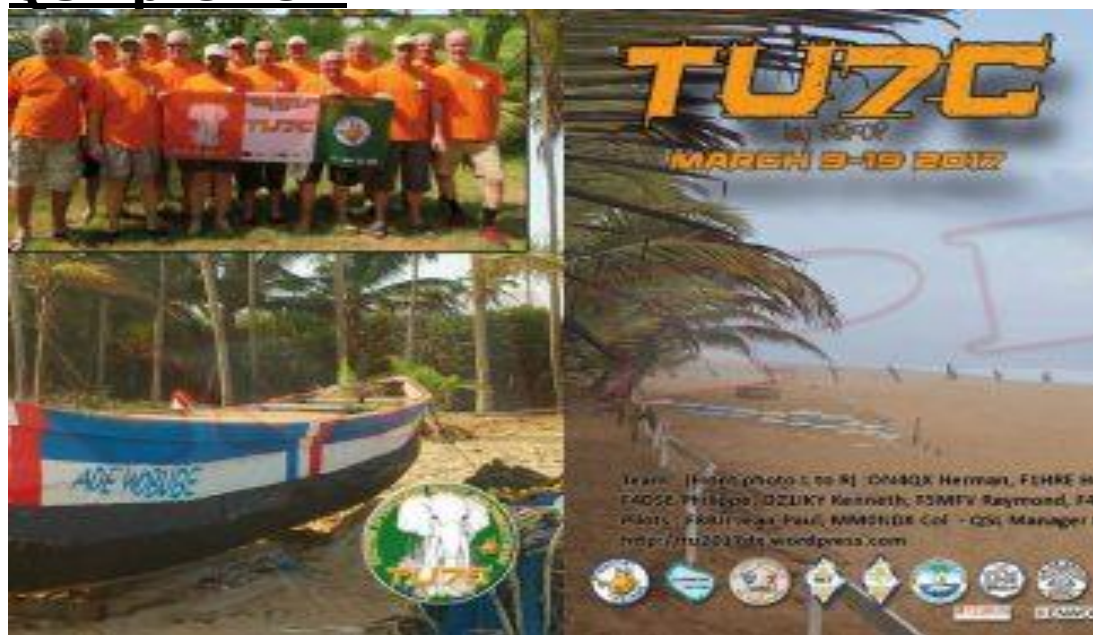
See <https://www.qrz.com/lookup/fo/iz2ztq> for updates. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Ivan, LZ1PJ will be QRV as S79J from May 2 until May 10. Operation using CW only during his spare time. QSL via home call, LoTW.

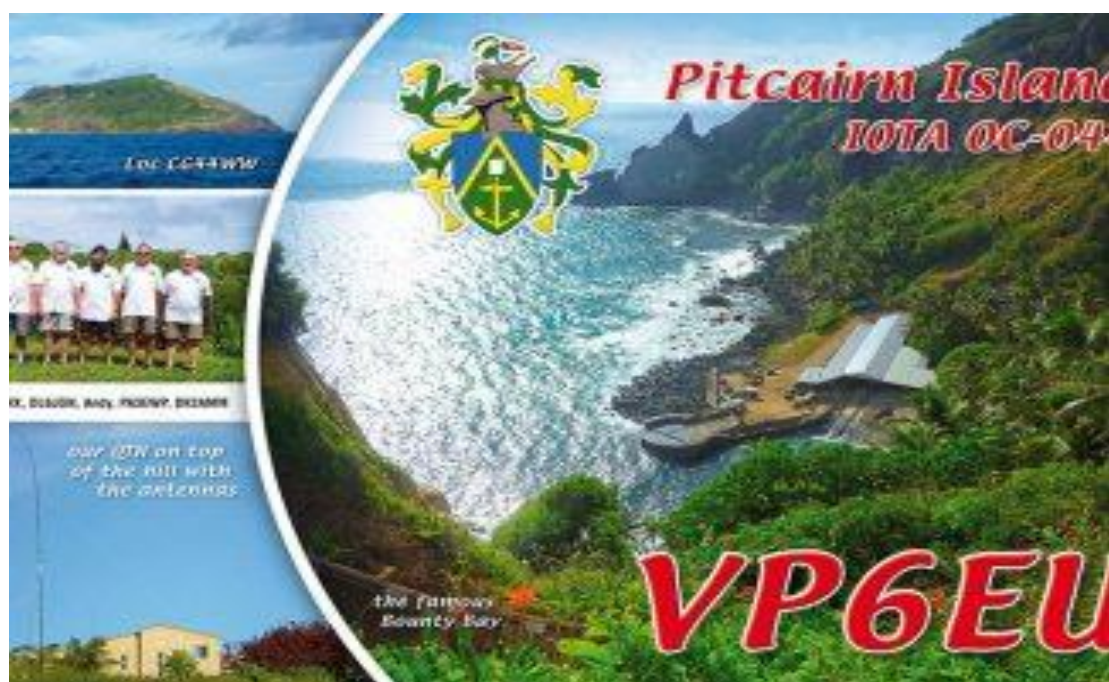
**VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND** Cristoph, DL1YAF will be active as call/VK9L from May 1 until May 8. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

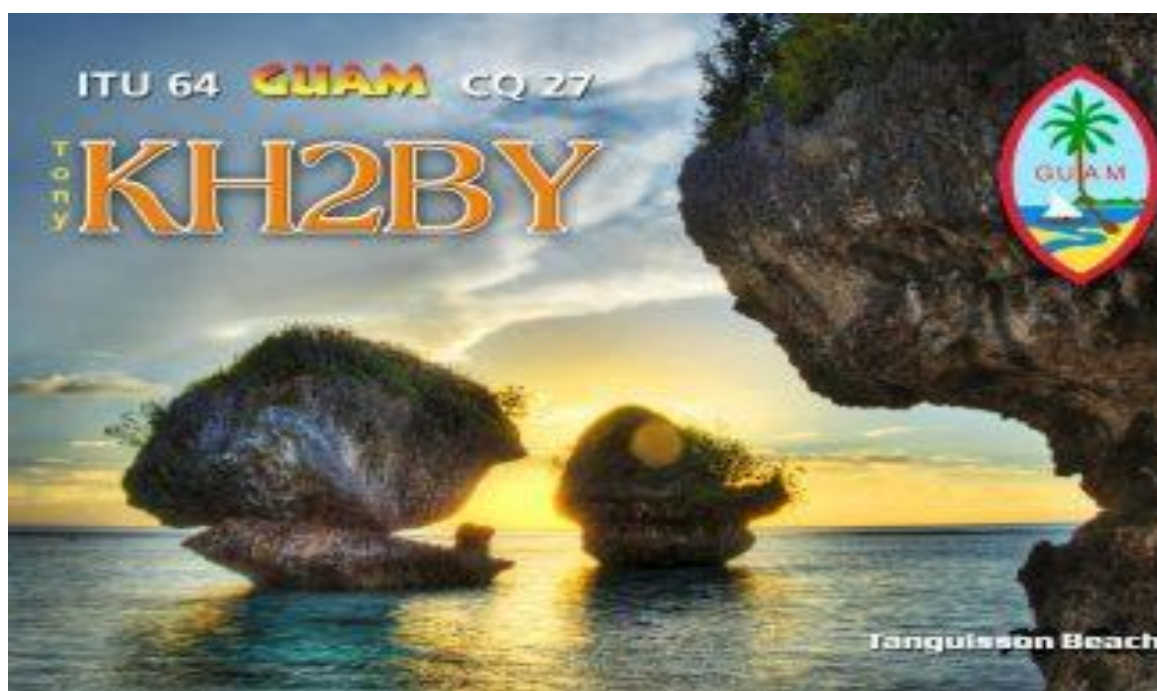
**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Al, KZ3AB will operate from Grand Cayman as ZF2AB from April 29 until May 6. Operation on HF. QSL via WA3EOP.

## QSL preview









## **IOTA**

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## **This week on HF**

**AF-086 Ilha do Sal** Tony, CT1FFU is operating as D4T until April 25. QRV on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF086>

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take, JS6RRR and Take JI3DST will be QRV as call/6 from April 26 until May 9. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using all modes. QSL via homecalls.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS079>

**AS-200 Naka Isl** Look for JA4GXS/5 on April 23 – April 24. Operation on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS200>

**EU-008 Islay** Ian, G8ZLL will be active from the Scottish island of Islay, Inner Hebrides from April 22 until April 28. He will operate mainly CW on 80, 40 and 20 meter. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU008>

**EU-008 Isle of Mull** John, 2E0GUA will be active in 'holiday-style' as 2M0GUA from April 22 until May 2. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU008>

**EU-008 Isle of Mull** A team from Tynemouth ARC will be operating as GS0NWM from April 21 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via M0URX, OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU008>

**EU-010 Barra Isl** Dave, GM0LVI is QRV as call/P until April 22. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU010>

**EU-063 Hopen Isl** Erik, LA2US is operating as JW2US until June. Operation around the IOTA frequencies using CW during his spare time. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU063>

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas** Nelson NE4LS and John KE4IDW will be operating as N4T between April 21 and April 24. Activity on HF using CW and SSB with low power. QSL via NE4LS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA079>

**OC-130 Mindanao Isl** Marc, ON5SM is once again operating as DU9/call until May 24. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, digital and SSTV. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC130>

**OC-202 Tinaga Isl** The CW Philippines Inc DXpedition Team with Ed 4F1OZ, Andy 4F1GNW, Nani DU1COP and Gil 4F2KWT will be active as DZ4C during April 21 and April 23. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via VE7DP. <https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC202>

**OC-233 Bruny Isl** Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/7 between April 22 and April 23. The focus will be North America on 40m/20m during the day and early evening and then Europe on 40m/20m during the late night and early morning. There is a direct salt water short path to Europe and JA. <https://oc233.wordpress.com/>  
<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC233>

## Coming up soon

**AS-047 Minami Daito Isl** Tak JR1LZK/6 and Mitsu JE1HXZ/6 will be operating from April 28 until May 6. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log.

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS047>

**EU-030 Bornholm Isl** Fred, SM7DAY will be QRV as OZ/call/P between May 3 and May 10. Activity on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU030>

**OC-165 Satang Besar Isl** Dennis 9W8DEN, Allpa 9M8ADX and Aldrin 9M8WAT will be active as 9M8RC between April 29 and May 1. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter. <https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc165>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announced DX

#### THE NEWCOMERS

**8R, GUYANA** Tom, KC0W will be active as 8R1/call from May 10 until June 8. QSL via home call, direct only.

**9H, MALTA** Mek, SQ3RX will be operating as 9H3SQ between May 15 and May 24. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL preferred via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**9M0, SPRATLY ISLAND** Originally announced for December, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands has been postponed to March 10 – March 20 2018, owing to the unavailability of the resort on Layang Layang. Plans are for Hrane, YT1AD and a large group to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. The team has two vacant positions.

**J5, GUINEA BISSAU** The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as J5T during mid-November. Operation with 4 stations on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via I2YSB and LoTW, real-time logsearch and OQRS via <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS**

**PJ6, SABA**

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN**

Frank, PH2M informs:

This is an update for my holiday-style DX-pedition to the Caribbean islands of St.Maarten, Saba & St.Eustatius.

The definite time schedule (local time) will be:

St.Maarten: Arrival on May 19 (afternoon) – departure on May 24 (morning)

Saba: Arrival on May 24 (afternoon) – departure on May 29 (morning)

St.Eustatius: Arrival on May 29 (afternoon) – departure on June 4 (morning)



For more info and updates during the DX-pedition, see my QRZ-pages:

<https://www.qrz.com/db/PJ7/PH2M>

<https://www.qrz.com/db/PJ6/PH2M>

<https://www.qrz.com/db/PJ5/PH2M>

QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**T8, PALAU** Akira JH0CKF, Kay JJ0RIK and Kunio JA8VE will be active from Palau as T88MZ, T8KA and T8VE between May 12 and May 19. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via homecalls.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Susumu, JA6REX will be QRV as V63KS from Chuuk between August 28 and September 4. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call. <http://v63.webcrow.jp/index.html>

**VP2E, ANGUILLA** Henri OH3JR and Seppo OH1VR will be once again operating as VP2EHC and VP2ESM from November 21 until December 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct only.

## **THE REMINDERS**

**3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON** Seb, F5UFX announces 'after our successful dxpeditions to tromelin (ft4ta) and juan de nova (ft4ja), we are very happy to announce our new project. our team will be active from saint brandon island 3B7 in October 2017 for a two weeks operation. more details to follow soon!'

**3Y, BOUVET ISL** A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>  
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

**9M2, WEST MALAYSIA** Rich, PA0RRS will once again be QRV as 9M2MRS between December 1 and January 30, 2018. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

**9U, BURUNDI** The MDXC team led by Antonio IZ8CCW and co-leader Gabriele I2VGW will conduct their next DXpedition as 9U4M, this between November 6 and November 17. QRV with 5 stations using all band and all modes. More to follow.

**9X, RWANDA** Harald, DF2WO will again be active as 9X2AW between November 15 and November 30. QSL via M0OXO.

**A2, BOTSWANA** Alex, IW5ELA will be active as A25AL in September 2017. More to follow.

**A2, BOTSWANA** Pavel R2AD, Yuri RM0F and Elena RC5A will be operating as A25BE, A25BI and A25SP around mid-September. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via homecalls, OQRS Club Log and LoTW.

**E3, ERITREA** Zorro JH1AJT, Franz DJ9ZB, Champ E21EIC and Dima RA9USU will be active as E31AA between May 19 and May 29. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JH1AJT.

**E4, PALESTINE** Members of the True DXing Group with SP9FIG, SQ9CNN and SQ9D will be QRV as E44WE from May 16 until May 30. QSL via SP9FIH, Club Log OQRS.

<http://www.e4.dxpedititions.org/>

**EA9, CEUTA & MELILLA** From 18 to 22 May 2017, a team of 10 from the "Tortugas CW" group will be active from Melilla before (as **EG9TOR**) and during KOS CW Contest 2017 (as **ED9T**) operating on all modes and bands before the contest (starting on Sat 12:00 UTC) and CW later. <http://qrz.com/db/eg9tor>

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Reiner, DL2AAZ will be QRV in 'holiday-style' as FG/call between May 22 and June 7. Operation from 30 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**FO, TAHITI** Jean-Pierre, F6CTF will be operating as FO/call between June and September. Operation on 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter. QSL via home call, direct.

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** Look once again for FP/KV1J between July 4 and July 18. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly SSB and RTTY with some CW. QSL via LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July17.html>

**H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE** Stan, LZ1GC will once again be QRV as H40GC between October 3 and October 17. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Members from Stirling District ARS and GMDX group will be operating as HB0/GM4UYE from June 1 until June 6. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. Whilst looking to give people an ATNO, ANY MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED to Yorkhill Children's Charity / Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Scotland. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Tim, LW9EOC will be operating as HC8/call from May 15 until May 29. Activity from 160 to 6 meter with focus on the WARC bands. QSL via home call.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Look for G8OFQ, KG0YL, VK2BXE and WB2REM will be operating as HD8M between September 14 and September 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log OQRS.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NAJ will once again be QRV as call/JD1 from mid-May until mid-July. Operation during his spare time. Activity on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** A Belgian team from ON4RSX ARC with ON5TQ, ON6QO, ON2KMJ and ON8VP will be operating as OJ0V from July 1 until July 7. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via ON5TC.

**PJ5, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS**

**PJ6, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS**

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN**

Frank, PH2M will be QRV between May 19 and June 4. More to follow.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** LU1FM, LU2CJW, LU3FMD, LU4FBU and LU9FHF will be active as PJ7T between October 24 and November 4. QRV on HF. QSL via LU1FM, LoTW.

**PY0T, TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLAND** A DXpedition is planned during 2018. More to follow.

**S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE** Jose, EA5IDQ will be operating as S9CW from October 12 until October 21. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

**T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI** Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

**T8, PALAU** Japanese operators JM1LIG/T88FM, JL1HYH/T88HY, JO3LVG/T88MK, JI6NCY/T88NC, JA6UBY/T88RR and JH6DUL/T88VV will be active between June 16 and June 23. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

**TK, CORSICA** Alex, F4GHS will be operating in 'holiday-style' as TK/call between May 23 and May 28. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be operating as V4/calls between July 1 and July 9. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via homecalls.

**VK0, MACQUARIE ISL** John, VK3YP has announced planning has commenced for a DXpedition to Macquarie Island (#9 on Club Log most wanted DXCC) in early 2018 with a total of 5 VK operators. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND**

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ and others will be active as VK9XI from Christmas and as VK9CI from Cocos Keeling Isl.

-Christmas Isl from October 2 until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND** Keith GM4YXI and Chris GM3WOJ are once again QRV from October 23 until November 6. Operation as VK9CZ (pending). This operation follows immediately after the VK9CI DXpedition. More to follow.

**VK9M, MELLISH REEF** Hawk SM5AQ and Rob N7QT are planning a DXpedition this November. Currently working to obtain landing rights and a VK0M callsign. A team of 8 operators will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.



**YJ, VANUATU** Look once again for YJ0GA from July 6 until July 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' with efforts to look for 20 and 30 meter for Western Europe. All QSL donations will be used to support the children at the Little Lights Preschool. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

## **Announced IOTA**

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**AF-111 Baiyah Isl** A team of 5 IOTA activators will be operating from Baiyah Island, plan is a 3-4 day activity. Dates to be determined. Website coming second half 2017. This IOTA has never been activated before.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF111>

**EU-094 Ile Saint Nicolas** A Belgian Team with ON4KZ, ON5HC, ON7PQ and ON9AZ will be active as TM7U from May 21 until May 26. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via ON8AZ, bureau or direct. <http://tm7u.be/index.php>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=eu094>

**NA-057 Guanaja Isl** John, AD8J will be operating as HR9/call between May 13 and May 27. Activity on all bands with a focus on 160 and 80 meter. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=na057>

**NA-128 Ile-aux-Coudres** The NA128 Contest Group will once again be QRV as CG2I from July 27 until July 30 for the IOTA contest. QSL via VE2EBK, direct, Club Log and LoTW will be uploaded after the contest. <http://www.qsl.net/na128cq>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=na128>

**OC-119 Jolo Sulu** Dindo, DU1UD is now in Zamboanga City waiting for appropriate transportation to Jolo Sulu. He will arrive on Jolo Sulu sometime in the next two weeks and is there as part of a work maintenance crew.

He will be QRV as DU1UD/8 on HF using vertical antennas, a K3 and KPA500 PA.

Operations will be sporadic, in between work commitments and at this stage there is no date for him being QRT. He could be on Jolo Sulu for several weeks, possibly a month.

His location is sensitive and therefore it's not appropriate to have an operating schedule.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc119>

### **THE REMINDERS**

**AF-038 Dahlak Isl** Zorro, JH1AJT will be operating somewhere around mid-May as E39DI. QRV from 160 to 40 meter. QSL via home call.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF038>

**AF-094 Rachgoun Isl** The Algerian Amateur Radio Union is planning a trip to AF-094 with the call 7Y94I. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF094>

**AF-108 Tigres Isl** A 8-man team will be operating the first half of June. The full planning is in stage. Website and full details to follow. This IOTA group has never been activated before. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF108>

**AS-022 Leont'yeva Isl** Yury R2DG, Vasily R7AA and Yevgeny UA6EX will be operating as RI0LI between July 24 and July 31. Activity is planned with 2 stations on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or R7AA direct or bureau.

<http://www.ri0li.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS022>

**AS-039 Commander Isl** A group will be active during July-August 2017 as RI0Z. Commander Islands — an archipelago of four Islands in the South-Western part of the Bering sea of the Pacific ocean. The administrative part of the Aleut district of the Kamchatka Krai of Russia. The island is named after who discovered them in 1741, Explorer commander Vitus Bering.

In the team's plans included visiting the most remote Islands – Mednyj (Copper). Island remote from the American Aleutian Islands at a distance of 190 miles.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS039>

**AS-069 Iony Isl** A Russian Robinson Team with R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW5D and RK8A will be QRV as RI0C during the second half of July 2017. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital mode. <http://www.iony2017.com/eng>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS069>

**EU-008 Islay** The Camb Hams will be operating as GS3PYE/P from May 6 until May 12. Activity from 80 to 2 meter using all modes.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU008>

**EU-128 Fehmarn Isl** Look for ON6ZV, ON6OM, ON7EG and ON4MW as DL/ON4IPA and DL/OO6P from June 17 until June 23. QSL via ON6ZV, direct or bureau. More on

<http://www.qsl.net/o/on6om//EU-128/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=eu128>

**EU-137 Ven Isl** SA7G/7 will be active from June 4 until June 11. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW. QSL via SM6CUK, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU137>

**EU-190 Viktoriya Isl** The RI1F team (up to 12 ops) depart for the NEW IOTA on September 23, 2017. Depending on sea conditions, it should take approx 3-4 days to reach the island. QRV thereafter. [Bookmark](#) for updates.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190>

**NA-019 Kodiak Isl** Chris, VK3FY will be operating as KL7/call during July, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA019>

**NA-116 Chira Isl** Look for TE8DX between June 8 and June 12. Operators TI2CC, TI2JF, TI2CDA, KM4HI and N3KS will be operating from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via TI2CDA. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA116>

**NA-173 Charlton Isl** A team with VA2AMH, VE2MBT, VE2SSS, VE2WHZ and VE2YAG will be active as VY0/VA2NDX from July 28 until July 30. Operation on HF before and after the IOTA contest. QSL via F4BHW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA173>

**OC-098 Pukapuka Atoll** Cezar, VE3LYC will attempt to be active between May 9 and May 23 as E51LYC. The OC-098 IOTA group was last on the air more than 22 years ago, and as such is in demand by 92% of the IOTA membership. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC098>

<http://e51lyc.weebly.com/>

**OC-128 Palawan Isl** Dale, KE0BRZ will be operating in 'holiday-style' as DU1/call from August 18 until August 22. Operation mainly on 20 meter using SSB.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC128>

**OC-151 Flores Isl** Leo, YC9MLL will be QRV from Flores in July. Operation on 15 and 20 meter, maybe 40 meter. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC151>

**OC-198 North Isl** Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>

Craig mentions *'THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST ADVENTUROUS AND EXCITING ONE MAN DXPEditions EVER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THIS ON THE AIR SINCE 2011 AND SO I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE AIR'*.

**OC-216 Ashmore Reef** Craig, VK5CE will activate this island early November as VK5CE/9. The IOTA is claimed by just 3.2% (and will go lower after the annual listings are updated) and it is equal 5th in the world in the IOTA Most Wanted List. This is a one man operation using a tent and generator and the cost is over \$14,000. Full details are at <https://ashmoreereef.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC216>

**OC-226 Mwokil Isl** Mami, JP3AYQ is planning a trip to the rare IOTA's of V6. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc226>

**OC-235 Siargao Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as DU9/call between May 9 and May 16. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC235>

## **Antarctic base stations**

**Bellinghausen station** Alex, UA1OJL is QRV as RI1ANO until March 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

**Dumont d'Urville Station update** Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPQ.

<https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

**Neumayer Station III** Daniel, DL1SU, works as an electronics engineer at the base. He uses the club call sign DP0GVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DP0GVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

**Syowa research station** Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

## **Special call**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**EW, BELARUS EV145I** is the special call from the city of Rechytsa, this to celebrate the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Water Rescue Society. Activity from April 24 until June 22. QSL via bureau.

**HB, SWITZERLAND** Look for **HB600NVF** until December 31. This to commemorate the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Niklaus von Flue, the patron saint of Switzerland. QSL via LoTW, for paper QSL via HB9JOE. <http://www.grz.com/db/hb600nvf>

**I, ITALY** ARI Torino will be active as **IQ1TO** from the submarine 'Andrea Provana' on April 22 – April 23. Launched in 1918, she was decommissioned in 1928, and her central section with the conning tower has been located in Torino, on the bank of the river Po, since then. QSL via bureau.

**OE, AUSTRIA** Special station **OE17ATOM** will be active from the power plant in Zwentendorf ("the world's only nuclear power plant to have been completed but never put into operation") on April 21 – April 22. QSL via bureau.

**SM, SWEDEN** Special event station **SC90SM** is QRV until December 31, this to mark the 90th anniversary of the longwave broadcasting station in Motala. Inaugurated in 1927 and closed in 1962, it was one of the most powerful BC stations in Europe. QSL via SM5ELV, direct or bureau.

**UA, RUSSIA** Special station **RA36GS** will be active from April 23 until May 22, this to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the birth of Russian Arctic explorer Georgy Y. Sedov (1877-1914). QSL via RN3FY.

**UA, RUSSIA** Special stations **R1961GP** and **R1961AG** are active until April 30 to commemorate the first manned space flight made on 12 April 1961 by Yuri Gagarin. QSL R1961GP via Club Log OQRS or R4CR, QSL R1961AG via RA4DR.

**V8, BRUNEI** Look for **V84SWA** until April 24. This to celebrate Amateur Radio Day. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via V85TL.

### **THE REMINDERS**

**5B, CYPRUS H2017PFO** is the special call until end 2017 to celebrate that Paphos (Cyprus) has the honour of being the European Capital of Culture for 2017 together with Aarhus (Denmark). QSL via Club Log OQRS or via 5B4AIE, direct preferred.

**9H, MALTA** Special call **9H2017EU** celebrates the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Activity until June. QSL via 9H1SP, direct only.

**9N, NEPAL** Satish, 9N1AA is operating as **9N1MD** during April. This to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mediterraneo DX Club. QSL via IZ1BVZ.

**DL, GERMANY DM200LFS** (special DOK 200LFS) commemorates the 200th birthday of Louis Ferdinand Schoenherr, a German inventor of power looms. Activity until end February 2018. All QSOs count as a "joker" and 10 points for the KIDS award that is supporting SOS Children's Villages in Saxony. QSL via eQSL, LoTW and bureau.

<http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

**DL, GERMANY DM150HSM** is the special call to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Applied Sciences at Mittweida. Activity until end June. Operation on HF using mostly SSB with some CW and PSK. QSL via DK0MIT.

<http://www.global.hs-mittweida.de/~dk0mit/Joomla/>

**DL, GERMANY DR60VKL** is the special call to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

**DL, GERMANY** Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DR0HARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Look for **DB20ENERGY** to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Company DB Energie. Operation until end 2017. QSL via bureau or via DM2DX direct.

**DL, GERMANY DR60SAL** is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club Marsberg (DOK O53) is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary until June with the special call **DL0MHD**. QSL via bureau.

**EI, IRELAND** The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

**EI11WAW** - County Donegal

**EI22WAW** - County Leitrim

**EI33WAW** - County Sligo

**EI44WAW** - County Mayo

**EI55WAW** - County Galway

**EI66WAW** - County Clare

**EI77WAW** - County Limerick

**EI88WAW** - County Kerry

**EI99WAW** - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

**F, FRANCE TM32UFT** operates around the 32nd meeting of the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes. Activity until April 24. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

<http://www.uft.net/>

**HA, HUNGARY** Special call **HG14HST** is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on September 8-12. QSL via HA2NA and LoTW. <http://www.hst2017.org/en/>

**HA, HUNGARY** The MTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub is using the call **HG17EYOF** until August 31 to celebrate the European Youth Olympic Festival (a biennial multi-sport event for youth athletes from the 48 member countries of the association of European Olympic Committees) which will be held in Gyor on 23-29 July. QSL direct only to MTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub, Gyor, Nagysandor Jozsef u. 27, 9027, Hungary.



**I, ITALY** Look for **IQ0PG** until April 30 for the ARI 90 years award. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW, bureau or direct. <https://www.qrz.com/db/iq0pg>

**I, ITALY** **II1TON** is the special call to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ARI Torino. Activity until June 30. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Insubria Radio (IQ2IR), special call **IR2XIR** will be used during 2017. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via 9A8MDC.

**JA, JAPAN** The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the air with the call **8J1YAC** until end March 2018. Activity from 160 meter to 70cm using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or via JE1XUZ direct.

**JA, JAPAN** **8J1IP** is the special call to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Inokashira Park. Activity until June 30. QSL via bureau.

**JA, JAPAN** Special call **8J2016Y** is active until October 31. This to celebrate the Inuyama Festival, one of the 33 Japanese float festivals that in 2016 UNESCO inscribed to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. QSL via the JARL bureau.

**LA, NORWAY** **LA1742K** is the special call to celebrate the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city Kristiansund. Operation until end 2017. QSL via LA6K, direct or bureau.

**LA, NORWAY** **LM8OREX** and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

**LZ, BULGARY** Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ303SA** (April), **LZ395SG** (May), **LZ121SBS** (June), **LZ284SKD** (July), **LZ55UPB** (August), **LZ100SK** (September), **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

**OH0, ALAND ISL** Ari, OH3KAV will be active in 'holiday style' as **OF0KA** between April 22 and April 26. The OF prefix celebrates Finland's 100 years of independence. He will operate CW, T65 and JT9 and possibly also on new 60m band. QSL via OH3KAV.

**OH, FINLAND** Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** **OM42KYSUCE** is active to mark the 42<sup>nd</sup> ARDF Kysuca Cup. Activity until end June. QSL via OM3CND, bureau or direct.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

**ON, BELGIUM** Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP. <http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

**OZ, DENMARK** **OZ44C** marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

**OZ, DENMARK** Look for **OZ1AARHUS** to mark the City Aarhus being one of the two European Capitals of Culture in 2017.

**OZ, DENMARK** The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**OZ, DENMARK** To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

**S5, SLOVENIA** Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

**S5, SLOVENIA** **S5100LIONS** celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lions Club International until end 2017. QSL via S53DOX.

**SP, POLAND** Zbigniew, SP2IU is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> year on the air with the special call **HF60IU**. Operation until May 15. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**UA, RUSSIA** The Russian Amateur Radio Union celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with **R25SRR** and the following other special event calls throughout April: **RM25ORL**, **RO25KL**, **RM25MOS**, **RO25OR**, **RO25TN**, **RO25KO**, **RO25VO**, **RO25KI**, **RO25MA**, **RO25MO**, **RO25TA**, **RO25LO**, **RO25SP** and **RO25RO**. <http://srr25.hamlog.ru/?locale=en>

**UA, RUSSIA** The Radio Marathon "Moscow-870" is QRV end 2017. Special calls for April are **R1605M** (until April 20) and **R8700** (April 21-30). Detailed information on the event and the award programme can be found at <http://www.moscow870.com>

**UR, UKRAINE** The Druzhkivka Club is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **EN90IWA**. QRV until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

**VE, CANADA** **XO1X** is the call for the Yukon CanAm Contest Club. This to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation until 31 December. QSL direct to KC1CWF or via LoTW.

**VE, CANADA** Members of the Kings County ARC are active as **XM1150CAN**, this to mark the founding of Canada 150 years ago. Active until end 2017. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

**W, USA** The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event" is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS.

<http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/>

Callsign	SES Title	Event Dates
N6R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers	1/19/17 - 1/23/17
W7J	Discovery of Jupiter's Moons	2/2/17 - 2/6/17
W7C	First Flight of the Concorde	3/2/17 - 3/6/17
N7S	First Space Shuttle Launch	4/13/17 - 4/17/17
N7T	Hubble Space Telescope	5/18/17 - 5/22/17
W7S	Discovery of Sunspots	6/8/17 - 6/12/17
N7M	Man Walking on the Moon	7/20/17 - 7/24/17
K7I	Birth of the IBM-PC	8/10/17 - 8/14/17
W7F	First Flight of the F-22	9/7/17 - 9/11/17
K7S	Sputnik Launch	9/28/17 - 10/2/17
K7E	Invention of the Electron Tube	11/9/17 - 11/13/17
W7D	Dreamliner First Flight	12/14/17 - 12/18/17

**XE, MEXICO** Radio Club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) is active as **6E0C** until April 30 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Constitution of Mexico, drafted in Santiago de Queretaro by the Constitutional Congress and promulgated on 5 February 1917. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via XE1EE direct or bureau.

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