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## DX NEWS

by **I2MQP**

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**ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA ORA O ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA**

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL
3D2/ R	Rotuma	Dec 20 - Jan 20	3D2AG has confirmed his expedition but start date could be later	H.C. dir
3D2	Fiji	NOW	DL9HCU is active as 3D2HC	H.C. dir & bur
3V	Tunisia	Now - Jan 9	3V8HQ Club will sign TS4NP	Bureau
5Z	Kenya	Now - Early jan	M0LEP will be /5Z and will operate also 5Z90IARU	
6W	Senegal	Dec 26 - Jan 12	VA3DX will be active /6W1, /6W6 & 6W7	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Jan 3 - Jan 31	F6BLP will be active signing 6W7SK holiday style 160 to 6 meters	H.C dir & bur LoTW
6Y	Jamaica	Now - Jan 16	W8YCM is now /6Y5	H.C.
7P	Leshoto	December	MW6GOZ will be on as 7P8GOZ sometime in December	H.C: \$ LoTW

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<b>8P</b>	<b>Barbados</b>	Dec 15 - Jan 5	J69AZ will sign 8P9JB	H.C. dir
<b>8T</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Dec 2016	VU3BPZ is active as BT2BH	I1HYQ
<b>9M2</b>	<b>W.malaysia</b>	Dec 25 - Dec 27	9M2SI team will be on from AS-074	9M2000 dir
<b>9M6</b>	<b>E.Malaysia</b>	Dec 22 - Dec 26	JR1EFG will sign /9M6	H.C. dir only
<b>A2</b>	<b>Botswana</b>	Dec 22 - Dec 30	M0XUU will sign A25GR	H.C.
<b>B</b>	<b>China</b>	Dec 2016	B90IARU group will activate the call during the month of December	BA4EG
<b>C6</b>	<b>Bahamas</b>	Nov 15- Mar 16	9H5G will operate as C6ATS and will try to activate NA-048-054-113-80-001	M0OXO
<b>CO</b>	<b>Cuba</b>	Now Dec 31	CO90IARU will be on till the end of the year	W3HNC
<b>CY0</b>	<b>Sable</b>	Nov 28 - Jan 31	VA1AXC will be /CY0 after his work duties	JE1LET dir
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	Dec 19 - Jan 11	DF8HS will operate from EU-128	H.C: bur
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	Dec 23 - Jan 2	DL1WH will be /p from EU-047	H.C. dir & bur
<b>DP</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Nov - Feb	DP1POL base will be active thanks to DL5XL	DL1ZBO and LoTW
<b>E4</b>	<b>Palestine</b>	Dec 23 - Dec 25	DF8DX is signing E44QX	H.C. dir & bur
<b>E5</b>	<b>S. Cook</b>	Dec 14 - Jan 8	SM6WET will be on as E51WET	H.C. dir
<b>E5</b>	<b>S. Cook</b>	Dec 19 - Jan 9	OZ6TL will spend his holiday as E51TLA	H.C.
<b>E5</b>	<b>S. Cook</b>	Dec 20 - Dec 28	DL7LL will be on as E51LLA	
<b>FR</b>	<b>Reunion</b>	Dec 16 - Jan 8	F5UOW will be /FR during spare time	LoTW
<b>FR</b>	<b>Reunion</b>	Dec 19 - Dec 26	DR4QT will be on as TO90R	H.C.
<b>FT4X</b>	<b>Kerguelen</b>	Now - Jan 15	F4EGX is now active as FT4XU till Dec 15. Will be again after a few days till middle of Jan	F1ULQ
<b>H44</b>	<b>Solomon</b>	Dec 2 - Dec 31	WL7HP is signing H44MK and will try to activate some islands	H.C.
<b>HL</b>	<b>S.Korea</b>	Dec 26 - Dec 28	DS2GOO will be /2 from AS-090	H.C.
<b>J6</b>	<b>St.Lucia</b>	Dec 19 - Jan 3	K9HZ will sign J68HZ	H.C. LoTW ClubLog

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<b>J7</b>	<b>Dominica</b>	Now - Jan 30	HB9MFM is on as J79WTA	H.C. dir & bur
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Dec 25 - Jan 4	JS6RRR will be on from AS-079. Will also use 8N3KCJ/6	J13DST bur
<b>JD</b>	<b>Ogasawara</b>	Dec 30 - Jan 9	JG7PSJ will be on saignin JD1BMH	
<b>OA</b>	<b>Peru</b>	Now - Dec 31	OA4CD will be on as OA850	OA40 & LoTW
<b>PA</b>	<b>Netherland</b>	Dec 27	6 ON operators will operate from EU-146	
<b>PJ2</b>	<b>Curacao</b>	Dec 28 - Dec 29	KH0UN will sign /PJ2	LoTW
<b>PZ</b>	<b>Surinam</b>	Dec 11 - Dec 31	PA1LP will sign PZ5LP. Probably will continue up to early march	H.C.
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Dec 22 - Dec 29	JH0CKF as T88MZ	H.C. dir & bur LoTW
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Dec 22 - Dec 29	I2DMI will be on as T88RY RTTY. Updated info will be on QRZ.com	H.C.
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Dec 24 - Jan 7	JH0IXE will be on all bands	H.C. dir JA0FOX bur
<b>V2</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	Dec 23 - Jan 10	OM3AG will sign V25LK	H.C.
<b>V3</b>	<b>Belize</b>	Jan 3 - Jan 12	K7YB will be on as V31YB	H.C.
<b>V5</b>	<b>Namibia</b>	Dec 10 - Jan 10	DD0VR will be /V5	H.C. dir & bur
<b>V5</b>	<b>Namibia</b>	Dec 17 - Dec 28	DL3DXX will be /V5	
<b>V6</b>	<b>Micronesia</b>	Jan 1 - Jan 8	V63GG by JR2GAG	H.C. dir & bur
<b>VK</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Dec 29 - Jan 1	VK2IAY will sign /3 from OC-136	G0UIH dir & bur
<b>VP2M</b>	<b>Montserrat</b>	Dec 23 - Dec 26	N6GT will sign VP2MGT	LoTW
<b>VU</b>	<b>India</b>	Now - Dec 31	AU90IARU will be on	VU2CDP OQRS
<b>YB</b>	<b>Indonesia</b>	Dec 23 - Dec 29	K7BV will be on from OC-022 /YB9	
<b>YJ</b>	<b>Vanatu</b>	Dec 27 - Jan 13	DL7VOA will sign YJ4AO	H.C.
<b>YJ</b>	<b>Vanatu</b>	Jan 2 - Jan 10	VK4AFU will sign YJ0AFU	LoTW & NA5U
<b>Z2</b>	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Now - Jan 7	DE1ZHB will be QRV as Z21LS	H.C.
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman</b>	Dec 31 - Jan 5	WW4LL will sign ZF2LL	LoTW

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**TOP 10 DX NEXT DAYS**

PFX	25/12	26/12	27/12	28/12	29/12	30/12	31/12	1/1	2/1	3/1
3D2A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5Z	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A2	X	X	X	X	X	X				
CY0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E4	X									
E5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FT4X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
V5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
YJ			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Z2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE**

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
3B8	Mauritius	Feb 11 - Mar 1	OE4AAC will operate signing 3B8HD	H.C. dir & bur
3B8	Mauritius	Apr 15 - Apr 18	M0RCX will be on /3B8	ED7BX
3C	Equatorial Guinea	Mar 4 - Mar 13	LA7GIA had to postpone his expedition as 3C7GIA	H.C. dir only
3D2	Fiji	Feb 13 - Feb 19	DF6PW will sign 3D2PW	H.C. bur LoTW
3W	Vietnam	Mar 5 - Mar 18	3W2BR by DK2BR during his holiday in AS-130	H.C. dir
3X	Guinea	Feb 18 - Mar 4	3XY1T expedition will take place from AF-051	I2YSB dir only

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<b>3Y</b>	<b>Bouvet</b>	<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>3Y0F will be the call of the expedition managed by UN7PCZ</b>	
<b>5W</b>	<b>Samoa</b>	Jan 1 - Jan 7	G4BUO will be on signing 5W0UO	H.C.
<b>5W</b>	<b>Samoa</b>	Apr 12 - Apr 20	5W0XG by JA1XGI	H.C.
<b>5Z</b>	<b>Kenya</b>	Mar 26 - Mar 28	TA1HZ will be /5Z	LZ3HI dir LoTW
<b>7P</b>	<b>Lesotho</b>	Jan 4 - Jan 7	DD0VR will be on holiday style as 7P8VR	H.C dir & bur
<b>7P</b>	<b>Lesotho</b>	Jun 5 - Jun 8	F6GNZ will be on as 7P8VR	
<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Jan 15 - Feb 15	KC0W will be on low bands for Europe	H.C. dir
<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Feb 18 - Feb 24	W5MJ K5NA K5DU ZS6RJ VA7DX VE7KW W5PF will sign probably A35T	MOURX
<b>C6</b>	<b>Bahamas</b>	Feb 8 - Feb 18	N2RFA as C6ABB	H.C & LoTW
<b>CE0Y</b>	<b>Easter Isl.</b>	Feb 10 - Feb 14	W7YAQ will be /CE0Y	LoTW
<b>CT9</b>	<b>Madeira</b>	Mar 11 - Apr 7	DL3KWR will sign /CT9	H.C. dir & bur
<b>CY</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Aug 19 - Aug 29	CY9C will be on by a 9 operators group	WA4DAN OQRS
<b>E5</b>	<b>N Cook</b>	Jan 12 - Jan 21	JA3ARJ, JA3AVO, JA3IVU, JA3UJR, JF3HPN, JH3LSS and JH3PBL will operate. Call will be E51J	
<b>EA8</b>	<b>Canary Islands</b>	Mar 5 - Mar 6	S59M will be in the contest as ED8W	W3HNC
<b>FG</b>	<b>Guadeloupe</b>	Jan 20 - Feb 2	F6ITD as T06D or /FG from NA-102	H.C. dir LoTW
<b>FH</b>	<b>Mayotte</b>	Mar 18 - Mar 24	F2DX will be /FH	OQRS
<b>FO</b>	<b>F. Polynesia</b>	Feb 6 - Feb 7	W7YAQ will be /FO	LoTW
<b>FP</b>	<b>St. Pierre</b>	Mar 17 - Mar 29	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir bur LoTW
<b>FR/J</b>	<b>Juan de Nova</b>	<b>Mar 29 - Apr 11</b>	<b>FT4JA Operation will take place</b>	
<b>FS</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>	Feb 2 - Feb 10	WZ1P, W3FF, KC4VG, W6HFP, W7ZT, K8EAB, KB9AVO and WG0AT will be in FS 40-10 meters all modes.	
<b>FT4X</b>	<b>Kerguelen</b>	<b>Nov / Dec</b>	<b>An expedition is planned for the last part of the year</b>	

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<b>H44 H40</b>	<b>Solomon Temotu</b>	Sep 25 Oct 25	LZ1GC plan to be on as H44GC & H40GC. More details will follow	
<b>HB0</b>	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	<b>Apr 15 - Apr 18</b>	EA5IDQ will be /HB0 SSB & RTTY	H.C dir & bur OQRS
<b>HK0</b>	<b>S.Andres</b>	<b>March</b>	A SP team will be on	
<b>HK0</b>	<b>S.Andres</b>	<b>March/April</b>	N4THW is planning an expedition to NA-133	
<b>HP</b>	<b>Panama</b>	Jan 7 - Jan 12	WJ2O will sign /HP3	N2ZN
<b>HR</b>	<b>Honduras</b>	Feb 15 - Feb 25	AA4W will sign /HR8	H.C.
<b>J7</b>	<b>Dominica</b>	Feb 17 - Feb 23	WJ2O will be on /J7 befor his trip to Heard	N2ZN
<b>KH5</b>	<b>Palmyra</b>	<b>Jan 11 - Jan 26</b>	<b>Big team will operate several stations signing probably KH5/p</b>	<b>OQRS LoTW</b>
<b>P4</b>	<b>Aruba</b>	Mar 2016	PA7DA will be on HF /P4	H.C.
<b>P5</b>	<b>N.Korea</b>	<b>Jan - Feb 2016</b>	<b>3Z9DX is planning and expedition Details still not available,</b>	
<b>PJ4</b>	<b>Bonaire</b>	Jan 7 - Jan 22	PA8A will sign PJ4B	H.C. dir
<b>PJ6</b>	<b>Saba</b>	Feb 17 - Feb 22	PJ6A team will be in the contest. 5 operators will sign /PJ6 out from the contest	
<b>PJ7</b>	<b>S.Naarten</b>	Feb 16 - Mar 12	AA9A as PJ7AA	H.C.
<b>PY0F</b>	<b>F. de Noronha</b>	Jan 19 - Jan 26	PP1CZ will be /PY0F	H.C.
<b>S9</b>	<b>Sao Tome</b>	Feb 25 - Mar 25	S9BK will be used by HB9BEL	H.C.
<b>T32</b>	<b>E. Kiribati</b>	Mar 1 - Mar 16	K8AQM as T32TR, KG8CO as T32CO, K8QKY as T32SB, K8MU as T32MU, AC8W as T32WW, N8LJ as T32LJ, N6FS as T32FS	LoTW
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Jan 7 - Jan 14	JA6EGL as T88SM, JA6KYU as T88HS, JA6UBY as T88RR	H.C.
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Jan 7 - Jan 14	JH7IPR will sign T88UW	H.C. dir bur & LoTW
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Jan 21 - Jan 26	JA9FIO as T88UC	JA9FIO
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Jan 29 - Feb 2	JE6DND as T88HK	H.C.
<b>UA0</b>	<b>A.Russia</b>	Jan	Russian team will be on from AS-203	
<b>V2</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	Jan 6 - Jan 14	GW4DVB will sign V25GB	H.C. dir & bur

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V2	Antigua	Feb 21 - Mar 4	OH2IS will be on as V26IS	H.C. dir bur LoTW
V3	Belize	Jan 9 - Jan 21	DJ4KW will sign V31YN	
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 5 - Feb 25	K1KA will sign V47KA	H.C.
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 13 - Feb 21	K8AQM will be on as V47TR	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Jan 9 - Feb 18	DC8QT, DD8ZX & DJ9KM will be /V5	H.C.
VK	Australia	Jan 10 - Jan 17	G0UIH will be /6 from OC206	G0UIH dir & bur
VK	Australia	Mar 1 - Mar 8	VK5MAV & VK5CE will be /6 from OC-243	H.C. dir & bur
VK0	Heard	<b>Mar 6 - Apr 20</b>	<b>VK0EK will be the call of the expedition by a large group (HB9BXE K2ARB K3EL KM4MXD N6TQ NG2H NP4IW UT6UD VK2BAX VK6CQ WJ20 KK6EK W7XU)</b>	<b>KY6R</b>
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Mar 14 - Mar 26	VK9CK will be the call of a large group	
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Sep 20 - Oct 4	8 operators are planning an expedition as VK9CK	VK6IR
VP2M	Montserrat	Feb 20 - Feb 25	NE9U, KK9K and Jim will be in the contest	
VP6	Pitcairn	<b>Sep 3 - Nov 25</b>	<b>DL2AH as VP6AH</b>	<b>DL2AH</b>
VP8	South Georgia	Jan 17 - Feb 27	Large team will be on as VP8SGI	Club Log
VP8	South Sandwich	Jan 15 - Feb 15	Large team will be on VP8STI	Clublog
VP8	S.Georgia	Feb 1 - Feb 11	Large team will be on as VP8SGI	Clublog
W	U.S.A.	Feb 12 - Feb 17	DF8DX will be signing KT3Q/6 from NA-066	H.C. dir bur LoTW
XW	Laos	JAN 15 - Jan 24	XW4ZW by K4ZW	LoTW
XZ	Myanmar	Feb 14 - Mar 15	Expedition planned from AS-182, AS-183 and AS-184. Period could shift to April 15 - May 15	
ZL9	Sub Artic Islands	Jan 7 - Jan 11	VE3LYC VK5CE SQ8X KD1CT will be on from the new one OC-286	OQRS

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PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
9J	Zambis	Sep - Dec 2014	9J2JOCV	JE1EMO
9V	Singapore	All 2015	All 9V stations can use the S61 prefix	
A9	Bahrain	Now - Dec 18	A93AR/45 A92AA/45	A92AA A92AA
BV	Taiwan	Sep 1 - Dec 31 Nov 1 - Dec 31	BV60CRA BV90IARU	QRZ BV2FP
CE	Chile	Dec 11 - Jan 31	XR400AA	XQ4CW
DL	Germany	All 2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015	DJ90IARU DA300KA DL50MER DL1965WH	DH2ES Bureau DL1WH
DL	Germany	All 2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015	DG150ZRS, DK65DARC DJ90IARU, DL65DARC SQ1200HI DK60ZAB	Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau
DL	Germany	All 2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015	DQ70ELBE DM700LSW DF50USLAR DQ40AIX	DJ9ZZZ Bureau Bureau Bureau
DL	Germany	All 2015 All 2015 May 1 - Apr 2016	DA300CFG DL60BUND DM700BURG	Bureau Bureau DF1XC
DL	Germany	Jun - Mar 31 Oct 1 - Dec 31 Oct 1 - DEC 31	DR100MF DG150ZRS DF60VGZ	DJ6ZJ Bureau Bur OQRS
E5	N.Cook & S.Cook	All 2015	Stations in the two countries can use the E50 prefix	
EI	Ireland	All 2015 All 2016	EI150ITU EI90IARU EI1916E	EI6AL EI6AL EI3GC
EU	Belarus	Now - Dec 31	EV90IARU	EW1I
F	France	All 2015	TM320NE	F1EOY
FR	Reunion	Jun 27 - Dec 26	TO90R	FR4QT
G	England	Dec 28 - Jan 24	GB0HNY, GB2HNY, GB4HNY, GB5HNY, GB6HNY, GB8HNY	

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<b>GI</b>	<b>N. Ireland</b>	Dec 2016	GB50MU	MN0VFW
<b>HA</b>	<b>Hungary</b>	All 2015 All 2015 Oct 2015	HG90IARU HA45KHW HA0...4ITU, HA5BPITU, HA6...9ITU, HG0...9ITU, HA150ITU, and HG150ITU	HA5MA Bur OQRS
<b>HA</b>	<b>Hungary</b>	Dec 8 - Jan 2	HG5XMAS	
<b>HB</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	2015	HB970IARY	HB9JOE
<b>HB0</b>	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	Dec 2015	HB0IARU	
<b>HS</b>	<b>Thailand</b>	Dec 2015	HS0IARU	E21EIC
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	All 2015 Now - Nov 30 Now - Dec 2015	8J1FUYO 8N2IKUJU 8J7XMAS	Bureau Bureau JH7YES
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Now- Sep 19 2016	8N1KCJ, 8N2KCJ, 8N3KCJ, 8N5KCJ, and 8N8KCJ	JO3OMA
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	2015 - 2016	90 YEARS OF JARL Jun 12 2015 - Dec 07 2015 8J190Y Nov 09 2015 - Mar 31 2016 8J290Y Jun 12 2015 - Mar 30 2016 8J490Y Sep 01 2015 - May 31 2016 8J590Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J690Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J790Y Oct 10 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J890Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J090Y	
<b>JT</b>	<b>Mongolia</b>	May 1 - Dec 31	JV150ITU	JT1CD dir
<b>LX</b>	<b>Luxembourg</b>	2015	LX60H	Bur
<b>OE</b>	<b>Austria</b>	Oct 1 - Dec 31	4U79VIC	4U1VIC
<b>OM</b>	<b>Slovak Rep</b>	2015	OM20OTC	
<b>ON</b>	<b>Belgium</b>	Jun 1 - Dec 31	OR90VL	ON5VL
<b>PA</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	All 2015 All 2015 Dec 2015	PA90IARU PI25COM PD15XMAS	Bureau PA3CAL PD7DX
<b>PY</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	Now - Jan 12	ZW400BEL	QRZ
<b>S5</b>	<b>Slovenia</b>	Dec 4 - Jan 4	S508PMC	S50X
<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Now - Dec 31 Dec 5 - Dec 27 Dec 18 - Jan 10	SP500YFF 3Z15XMS HF2016HNY	SP9WAN SP6IEQ SQ2JK

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<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Dec 28 - Jan 15 Dec 15 - Jan 31	3Z16HNY SN3WOSP	SP6IEQ SP3CGK
<b>UA</b>	<b>Russia</b>	Now - Dec end	RL170GS	RL5G
<b>UN</b>	<b>Kazak</b>	Nov 5 - Dec 31	UP90IARU	RW6HS
<b>VE</b>	<b>Canada</b>	Dec 13 - Jan 11	XM7100AS	VA7DP
<b>VP9</b>	<b>Bermuda</b>	Dec 2015	VP90IARU	Bur
<b>VU</b>	<b>India</b>	Apr - Dec 2015	AT150ITU	OQRS LoTW
<b>YO</b>	<b>Romania</b>	All 2015	YO90IARU, YP90IARU, YQ90IARU, and YR90IARU	
<b>YU</b>	<b>Serbia</b>	All 2015 Mar 1 - Dec 31 Now - Dec 31	YT90NS All Serbian CW Club can sign YT45 & YU45 YU270AJM	YU7BPQ Bureau
<b>Z3</b>	<b>Macedonia</b>	Now - Dec 31	Z390IARU	Z37RSM

## **Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM**

**CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 23 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 23 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 24**

**NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 25**

**NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 25**

**DARC Christmas Contest: 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26**

**Stew Perry Topband Challenge: 1500Z, Dec 26 to 1500Z, Dec 27**

**RAEM Contest: 0000Z-1159Z, Dec 27**

## **FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION**

**(Press Release dated December 18th)[from OP/DX]:**

Hi Friends -- In three months, FT4JA will be on the air. The exact dates of the operation were confirmed both by the authorities and by our skipper. We will be there from March 29th to April 11th, 2016. These dates include the unloading and loading phases.

For nearly a year, we have been working in detail on every aspect of the operation. While it is unrealistic to think that we have everything under control in such an adventure, we make sure to have alternative solutions to overcome any deficiencies while controlling our expenses.

In early January, the 4 crates of equipment will be shipped to Mayotte, which will again be our starting point. Part of the team will be on site a few days before loading and a few days after our

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return to manage, if necessary, last minute details. For now, we are in the process of finishing testing the hardware and are packing it for transport to optimize the time of loading / unloading. Each well-anticipated subject will be extra time at our disposal there.

Our luck with FT4JA is that we are able to rely on a more robust team than last year with Tromelin and over a period of operation extended by a few days. We will benefit from these two "bonuses" by being able to make more contacts and allow more of you to contact us. Furthermore, we officially welcome EA3NT, Christian, who has joined the team. His many experiences on islands around the world, many with members of the group, will be an asset.

Budget -- Judging by the support already received, the popularity of our operation is palpable and shows tremendous expectations. Many clubs and associations have confirmed their support and we thank them. Other solicited clubs are still studying our request.

Our pilot for Asia, Joe, JJ3PRT, has surrounded himself with a team to mobilize the JA community that is fully invested in the project. Arigatoo! The other countries are not far behind. We record a great generosity on the part of hams around the world and cannot but be touched by this needed mobilization.

Remember that anyone with a donation of ?/\$ 25 or more can automatically receive confirmation of contacts directly to their mailbox. If the pace of donations continues, and in the absence of unforeseen expenses, we are confident to complete the budget of our operation by April.

Bandplan -- Following the change of dates of the expedition to Heard, most wanted DXCC countries # 4 and # 5 will be on the air at the same time! To minimize problems on the bands, we suggested to the VK0EK team to adopt a common band plan to share the segments on the different bands, taking into account the specificities of each region. Each of us will benefit in terms of clarity and efficiency. It is available on our website. Again, all comments are welcome now through our pilot stations.

50 MHz -- The period during which FT4JA expedition will take place is conducive to 6m. We will be in effect during a period of trans-equatorial propagation (TEP), which suggests many QSO on the magic band. We have planned some 50 MHz high-performance equipment including a dedicated station consisting of a DXBeam 6 element Yagi, an Elecraft K3, and an SPE Expert 1.3 KFA amplifier. The team will also include several operators that usually practice DX on this band and therefore know its subtleties.

The 6-meter station will operate mostly in a CW beacon mode ("CQ FT4JA") whose frequency will be published in our plan. As our satellite internet access will be very limited, we cannot monitor the cluster. We will switch to a transmitting position (CW or SSB only) as soon as we hear someone respond. It is a method that has already proven its worth, particularly on Tromelin. In an attempt to satisfy everyone, and because the technical challenge is very motivating, we also plan to try EME (JT65). Despite limited resources to work stations via the moon, it will be a first from Juan de Nova. It is important for us to satisfy the greatest number,

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and having real ambitions on 6m is part of the adventure. However, to be consistent with our key objectives, our 6-meter QSOs will be in addition to the rest of the contacts and not to the detriment of our presence on the HF bands.

In conclusion, we wish good luck and good contacts to our friends at VP8STI/SGI and K5P who will open in early January the "party" of the Top 10 DXCC DXpeditions planned for 2016. Soon new information will be provided. Be sure to follow us on our website <<http://www.juandenovadx.com>>, Facebook, Twitter (@juandenovadx).

## **P5, NORTH KOREA.**

As reported last week, Dom, 3Z9DX, is expected to travel to North Korea sometime before Christmas to continue talks with government officials. Well, Dom has been in Pyongyang since December 16th, and is meeting with telecom officials and other representatives. He did bring his equipment into the country and surprisingly was able to begin an operation (demonstration) early Sunday morning on 21222 kHz. Reports indicate he was very weak. The excerpts from "DXNEWS" and "DX-World" reports that Dom made +350 QSOs during his demonstration. His antenna is on a metal fence post 2m above the ground among government high rise buildings. The lowest noise level on 15m was 59+10, and on 20m it was 59+30. Dom was surrounded by a lot of people as he operates (officials coming in and out). Dom points out this operation is only a presentation so it's possible a different QTH will be found for the real activity planned for early next year. His equipment will remain in P5 for his potential future activities in January/February. Dom will return home to Poland on December 22nd (DXNEWS) or Christmas Day (DX-World). This all sounds good for possibly opening the door to amateur radio in P5.

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