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RED = Important operation GREEN = Details not yet fixed ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA ORA O ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL
388	Mauritius	NOW - Apr 6	G8AFC is now on /3B8 20, 10 & 6 meteres	H.C. dir
3C	Equatorial Guinea	Mar 10 - Mar 21	LA7GIA had to postpone his expe- dition as 3C7GIA	H.C. dir only
3DA	Swaziland	Mar 8 - Mar 15	UA4CC and Aruna LY2IJ will be active as 3DA0CC and 3DA0IJ,	OQRS & LoTW
3V	Tunisia Mar 17 - Mar 20		TS2G will be operated by the local Scouts Associations	Bur & dir
3W	Vietnam Mar 5 - Mar 18		3W2BR by DK2BR during his holiday in AS-130	H.C. dir
4S	Sri Lanka	Jan 15 - Apr 3	DC0KKG by DC0KK mainly RTTY	н.с.
4S	Sri Lanka	Now - Apr 15	UX4UL is on CW & digi	UY5ZZ
4S	Sri Lanka	Mar 2 - Mar 18	German team will be on signing 4S7GWG & 4S7RTG	OQRS Bur & dir
5X	Uganda	Mar 4 - Mar 16	G3XAQ will be again on as 5X1A	G3SWH OQRS LoTW

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5X	Uganda	Mar 10 - Mar 19	K4ZLE will be in 5X signing 5X2A	H.C. dir & LoTW
6Y	Jamaica	Feb 21 - Apr 17	JAORQV will be /6Y5	MOOXO LoTW
7P	Lesotho	Now - Mar 15	DJ2HD is active as 7P8DJ	H.C. dir & bur
8Q	Maldives	Mar 2 - Mar 12	OE1MWW will be on as 8Q7WK	н.С.
8Q	Maldives	Mar 12 - Mar 22	F6BGC will be on as 8Q7NC	H.C. & LoTW
9K2	Kuwait	Mar 9 - Mar 15	9K2F operation from AS-118 could take place in this period	9K2HN and LoTW
A5	Bhutan	Mar 17 - Mar 21	JA0JHQ will sign A52NH	H.C. bur & dir LoTW
8T	Antartica	Now - Dec 2016	VU3BPZ is active as BT2BH	I1HYQ
C5	Gambia	Mar - Apr	SP2FUD will be active as C5FUD	н.С.
C6	Bahamas	Now - Apr 3	K1CN is now active as C6AMM	EA5GL dir & bur
CN	Morocco	Now - March	F5LYF will be on as CN2JJ	Н.С.
СТ9	Madeira	Mar 11 - Apr 7	DL3KWR will sign /CT9	H.C. dir & bur
D2	Angola	Feb 14 - Mar 31	CT1ITE will be /D2	Н.С.
E5	S.Cook	Mar 4 - Mar 19	VE7AQA as E51AQA	Н.С.
ET	Ethiopia	Jan – Apr 12	ET7L will be used by an UR team	USOLW OQRS LoTW
FG	Guadeloupe	Feb 7 - Mar 30	F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH all bands & EME	Н.С.
FG	Guadeloupe	Feb 26 - Mar 14	F6HMQ will be on as T066R and /FG	Н.С.
FH	Mayotte	Mar 4 - Mar 10	IK5ZUI will be /FH	IZ8CCW
FH	Mayotte	Mar 18 - Mar 24	F2DX will be /FH	OQRS
FO	Marquesas	Mar 3 - Mar 15	DK2AMM DL6JGN GM4FDM PA3EWP as TX7EU	DK2AMM & Clublg
FO	F.Polynesi a	Mar 6 - Mar 11	NH6XO will be /FO from OC-046	
FS	St. Martin	Mar 18 - Mar 28	W7NZJ will be /FS	
GD	Isle of man	Mar 15 - Mar 23	GW4SKA will sign GD4SKA	OQRS MOOXO
Н4	Salomon	Jan 19 - Apr 14	DL2GAC will be on as H44MS	H.C. dir & bur

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нн	Haiti	Jan 1 - Apr 30	Haiti Radio Club will use the call 4V1TL	W3HNK dir
HI	Dominican Rep	Now - Mar 16	N3SY will be /HI3	H.C.Dir
нко	S.Andres	Mar 6 - Mar 21	An 8 members SP team will be on as 5J0P 6 meters included	SP6IXF OQRS
I	Italy	Mar 10 - Mar 13	IK3JLV & IW3ILP will be /IA5 from EU-028	Н.С.
J3	Grenada	Mar 10 - Mar 24	G3PJT as J34G	Н.С.
J3	Grenada	Mar 10 - Mar 24	G3PJT as J34G	Н.С.
J7	Dominica	Mar 10 - Mar 13	G3TXF as J79XF	Н.С.
JD	Minami Torishima	Mid march to mid may	JG8NQJ will be again on from OC- 073 mainly CW	
KH0	Mariana	Mar 7 - Mar 11	JH1MLO will be /KH0	H.C. dir
OA	Peru	Mar 12 - Mar 25	DL5YWM will be /OA4	Н.С.
ОХ	Greenland	Mar 15 - Mar 21	OX3LX will be on from NA-151	н.С.
P4	Aruba	Feb 28 - Mar 13	WA2NHA will be /P4	н.С.
P4	Aruba	Mar 2016	Special call P40AUA	OQRS LoTW
P4	Aruba	Mar 2016	PA7DA will be on HF /P4	н.С.
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 16 - Mar 28	DD5ZZ will be on /PJ2	H.C. Dir & bur
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 20 - Apr 3	VA3EGG will be /PJ2	Н.С.
PJ4	Bonaire	Mar 15 - Mar 22	KG9N will be/PJ4	Н.С.
PJ7	S.Naarten	Feb 16 - Mar 12	AA9A as PJ7AA	Н.С.
PY	Brazil	Mar 17 - Mar 19	PR2DX group will activatea SA-071	PY2LCD & ClubLog
S9	Sao Tome	Feb 25 - Mar 25	S9BK will be used by HB9BEL	Н.С.
SM	Sweden	Mar 12 - Mar 18	SM5DAY will be /p from EU-138	H.C: dir & bur
Т32	E. Kiribati	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
т32	E. Kiribati	Mar 5 - Mar 30	KH6QJ is on as T32AZ	Н.С.

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Т6	Afghanista n	Jan 8 - Mar 31	T6SM by DL3ASM mainly CW	Н.С.
Т8	Palau	Mar 9 - Mar 15	JAOEKI as T88XH	
Т8	Palau	Mar 13- Mar 15	JJ1DQR as T88QR	Н.С.
т8	Palau		DL2KUH and JP1RIW will sign T88KU & T88KH	H.C: bur LoTW
Т8	Palau	Mar 20 - Mar 25	T88IR by JF1DIR	H.C. dir bur OQRS
UA	E. Russia	Mar 5 - Mar 19	UA1QV will sign RI1PA from EU-085	H.C. dir & bur
V2	Antigua	Mar 8 - Mar 22	DL7AFS & DJ7ZG will sign Z21ZG	H.C. dir & bur LoTW Clublog
V3	Belize	Feb 2 - Mar 16	VE3AXT will be on as V31AX	MOURX
V4	ST Kitts	Mar 9 - Mar 13	KB1EHE will sign /V4	H.C. dir & LoTW
V4	ST Kitts	Mar 14 - Apr 12	W5JON will operate as usual V47JA	H.C: dir & LoTW
VE	Canada	Mar 15 - Mar 22	VE7ACN will be active from NA-051 signing /7	н.С.
VK0	Heard	Mar 20 - Apr 10	VKOEK will be the call of the expedition by a large group (HB9BXE K2ARB K3EL KM4MXD N6TQ NG2H NP4IW UT6UD VK2BAX VK6CQ WJ2O KK6EK W7XU)	KY6R
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Mar 14 - Mar 26	VK9CK willl be the call of a large LA group	LA6OP dir & bur
VP8	Falkland	Feb 15 - Apr 1	VK4BGL will be on as VP8PDP	G3ZQQ
VP9	Bermuda	Mar 11 - Mar 15	G3VYI will sign /VP9	Н.С.
W	U.S.A.	Mar 11 - Mar 18	N5WR will be /4 from NA-213	н.С.
W	U.S.A.	Mar 13 - Mar 16	KM4KFB will be /p from NA-085	
XZ	Myanmar		Expedition planned from AS-182, AS-183 and AS-184. Period could shift to April 15 - May 15	
YA	Afghanista n	Feb - Oct 2016	KG7QCY will be on as T6PB mainly CW	

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Mar 11, 2016 TOP 10 DX NEXT DAYS

PFX	12/3	13/2	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3
3C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
5X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X			
A5						X	X	X	X	X
C5	X	X	Х	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X
E5	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X		
FH	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х
FO/M	X	X	Х	X						
HK0	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	Х
T32	X	Χ	Х	X	X	X	X	Χ	Х	Х
VK0									X	X

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
15	Spratly	Apr 19 - Apr 29	DF8AN will be on all bands mainly CW	Н.С.
388	Mauritius	Apr 15 - Apr 18	MORCX will be on /3B8	ED7BX
3W	Vietnam	Oct 29 - Oct 30	NOODK will be in the contest signing 3W2DK	Н.С.
3Y	Bouvet	2016 - 2017	3YOF will be the call of the expedition managed by UN7PCZ	
5W	Samoa	Apr 12 - Apr 20	5W0XG by JA1XGI	Н.С.
5 Z	Kenya	Mar 26 - Mar 28	TA1HZ will be /5Z	LZ3HI dir LoTW

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7P	Lesotho	Jun 5 - Jun 8	F6GNZ will be on as 7P8VR	
8P	Barbados	Mar 29 - Apr 22	G3RWL will sign 8P6DR	QRZ.com
8Q	Maldives	Apr 17 - Apr 30	RC5A as 8Q7CA, RM0F as 8Q7FU	н.с.
8Q	Maldives	Jun 20 - Jun 28	DK1HW will sign 8Q7HW	н.с.
8R	Guyana	Apr 11 - Apr 24	W1CDC will sign 8R1A all bands mainly CW	H.C. dir & bur
9К	Kuwait	Mar 26 - Mar 27	9K2OD will be in the contest as 9K2K	LoTW
9M8	E. Malaysia	Apr 29 - May 1	9M8RC group will be on from OC-165	9M8WAT dir
A2	Botswana	Apr 13 - Apr 19	A25UK group will be active all bands and modes	MOOXO OQRS
A3	Tonga	Mar 26 - Mar 27	A31MM will be in the WPX Contest	EA5GL
A9	Bahrain	Apr 28 - May 1	A9 group will be on from AS-202 using the call A92HI	A92AA
C6	Bahamas	Jun 23 - Jul 8	VE3IKV will be active as C6AUX	H.C. dir
CEOY	Easter Isl.	Oct 24 - Dec 2	RZ3FW as CE0Y/RZ3FW and R4WAA as CE0Y/R4WAA	н.с.
CN	Morocco	Mar 25 - Mar 29	DF8AN has received the callsign CN2AY and will be on mainly CW	H.C. bur & dir
CY	St. Paul	Aug 19 - Aug 29	CY9C will be on by a 9 operators group	WA4DAN OQRS
DU	Philippines	APRIL	DF(DX will be on from different islands: April 9-14 OC-128 as DU1WQY/1 Apr 14-19 OC-130 as DU1WQY/8 Apr 19-24 OC-042 qw DU1wqy	H:C dir & Bur LoTW
E4	Palestine	May 8 - May 15	E44QX by DL7JAN, DL5YWM and DF8DX	DF8DX
E5	S.Cook	May 23 - May 28	AI6Y will operate as E51XYZ	LoTW
F	France	May 1 - May 7	4 ON operators will be on from EU- 081 signing TM6U	ON8AZ bur
F	France	Jul 30 - Jul 31	TM6G will be in the contest from EU-048	ON6DP dir
FH	Mayotte	Mar 24 - Apr 21	F4FET will be /FH	Н.С.

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FJ	St. Barthelemy	Jun 17 - Jun 29	W9DR & W9AEB will be /FJ	Н.С.
FO	F.Polynesia	Aug 17 - Aug 28	DL2AH will be on from OC-063 as TX2AH	
FP	St. Pierre	Mar 17 - Mar 29	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir bur LoTW
FR/J	Juan de Nova	Mar 31 - Apr 14	FT4JA Operation will take place	
FS	St. Martin	May 1 - May 8	FM5BH will be on as FS/PJ7/FM5BH	H.C dir
FS	St. Martin	Mar 24 - Mar 31	F5RAV will be /FS	H.C dir
FS	St. Martin	Jun 2 - Jun 21	K9EL will be /FS	H.C
FS	St. Martin	Jun 11 - Jun 25	W5LAC will be /FS	
FT4X	Kerguelen	Nov / Dec	An expedition is planned for the last part of the year	
GU	Guernsey	Apr 9 - Apr 16	6 operators will be on as GP4BRS	DJ6OI LoTW ClubLog
H44 H40	Solomon Temotu	Sep 25 - Oct 25	LZ1GC plan to be on as H44GC & H40GC. More details will follow	
нво	Liechtenste in	Apr 15 - Apr 18	EA5IDQ will be /HB0 SSB & RTTY	H.C dir & bur OQRS
нко	S.Andres	March/April	N4THW is planning an expedition to NA-133	
J8	St Vincent	Apr 12 - Apr 22	GW4DVB will be on as J88PI	H.C: bur & dir
JA	Japan	Apr 8 - Apr 9	JA8COE will be /6 from AS-056	H.C. bur OQRS
JD	Ogasawara	Apr 26 - May 6	JD1BOI will be again on	JI1LET dir & bur
JW	Svalabard	Mar 30 - Apr 4	DK1BT, DL4WK, DL7DF andDL7UFR will be active /JW	DL7UF dir bur Lotw
JW	Svalabard	Jul 29 - Aug 1	LB5WB will be /JW	H.C. dir bur LoTW
JX	Jan Mayen	Apr - Oct	LA9JKA will be on as JX9JKA	H.C. dir only
KH1	Baker & Howland	Sep/Oct 2017	YT1AD and others plan an expedition for last part of 2017	
LA	Norway	Jun 11 - Jun 18	DK3PZ will be in EU-055 signing /LA	Bur
OJ0	Market Reef	Apr 9 - Apr 10	OH3WS as OJOW	Н.С.
P4	Aruba	Mar 2016	PA7DA will be on HF /P4	H.C.

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PJ7	S.Maarten	Mar 24 - Mar 31	F5RAV will be /PJ7 in the contest	H.C. dir
PJ7	S.Maarten	Mar 27 - Mar 31	HB9EYA will sign /PJ7	H.C. dir & bur
PJ7	S.Maarten	May 1 - May 8	FM5BH will sign /PJ7	H.C. dir
PJ7	S.Maarten	Jun 11 - Jun 25	W5LAC will be /PJ7	Н.С.
PY	Brazil	Apr 21 - Apr 24	ZX5B group will be on from SA-088	PP5BZ
RI1	Antartica	Apr 2016 to Apr 2017	RW1AI will operate as RI1AND from AN-016	RW1AI
S7	Seychelles	Sep 24 - Oct 8	DL2SBY as S79KB	H.C. Dir & OQRS
SV	Greece	Jun 10 - Jun 24	PA1FJ will be /SV8 from EU-049	Н.С.
SV9	Crete	Jul 2 - Jul 8	OK6DY will be /SV9	
Т8	Palau	Apr 13 - Apr 18	JA6EGL as T88SM	Н.С.
Т8	Palau	May 1 - May 5	JJ2RCJ will be on as T88RF	H.C. bur dir LoTW
υ	AS. Russia	Apr 20 - Apr 25	RRClub will be on from AS-002 as RT92KA	UA3AKO & OQRS
υ	AS. Russia	Aug 9 - Aug 14	UE23RRC by the RRC from AS-142	Bur & dir Club Log
V4	St.Kitts	Mar 24 - Apr 12	W5JON as V47JA	H.C. dir
VE	Canada	Jul 27 - Aug 2	VA2SG will sigm XM2IOTA from NA- 038	VE2TLH dir ClubLog
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Sep 20 - Oct 4	8 operators are planning an expedition	VK6IR
VK9N	Norfolk	Apr 23 - May 2	VK4ADC will be on as VK9NU	H.C. dir & bur
VK9N	Norfolk	May 20 - May 31	VK9NT by a VK group	LoTW
VK9N	Norfolk	May 23 - May 30	VK5PAS will operate as VK9PAS	MOOXO oqrs LoTW
VK9L	Lord Howe	Apr 15 - Apr 20	G7VJR will be /VK9L	MOOXO LoTW
VP5	Turks & Caicos	Mar 23 - Mar 29	W6RI & W9AV will be /VP5	LoTW & W6RI
VP6	Pitcairn	Sep 3 - Nov 25	DL2AH as VP6AH	DL2AH
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W	U.S.A.	May 1	14 -	Мау	21	K5TEN will be again on from NA-085	H.C. dir & bur
XU	Cambodia	Apr 1	13 -	Apr	19	SP5APW will operate as XU7AKC	Н.С.
XW	Laos	Mar 2	29 -	Apr	4	JA7FGI will sign XW7FG	Н.С.
YB	Indonesia	Mar 2	23 -	Mar	27	YB4IR will be /3 from OC-197	OQRS LoTW H.C.
YB	Indonesia	May 1	16 -	Jun	1	PB5X will be /YB9 from OC-022	PA1AW
YJ	Vanatu	Apr 3	30 -	Мау	28	HB9LCA will be on as YJOCS OC-035 Apr 30 May 10	OE4AAC
YS	El Salvador	Mar 2	27 -	Mar	31	DL5YWM will be /YS3 from NA-190	Н.С.
ZL7	Chatam	Oct 2	27 -	Nov	10	The 6G team will be on wirh 4 stations	

SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
4J	Azerbaijan	All 2016 All 2016	4KRA29 & 4JRA29 4J90, 4K90, 4J1926 & 4K1926	
7X	Algeria	Sep 15 - Sep 19	7Y9SE	7X5ARU
9A	Croatia	All 2016 All 2016 All 2016	9A1700SBD 9A70CVW 9A50CBM	9A4J 9A6Z OQRS
DL	Germany	May 1 - Apr 30 All 2016 All 2016	DM700BURG DF90KWTJ DP65HSC DL40RCE DG500BIER DF90KWTJ DB40HEB DK50WEPO DM0MORSE DQ200RHH DL0VBG	DF1XC DL2APJ DL5DCL Bureau DL2APJ Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau
DL	Germany	NOW 2016 All 2016	DF50MUC,DJ50MUC,DK50MUC,DL50MUC DL60GAF	Bureau Bur

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EI	Ireland	All 2016	EI1916E	EI3GC	
F	France	Feb 2016	TM13AAW	F8DVD	
		Jan 15 - Jul 14	TM50KD	F5KKD	
		Feb 12 - Feb 13	T30CE	F5LGF	
		Jan 31 - Feb 14	TM39TJ	F8GGZ	
		Feb 1 - Feb 15	TM6C	F6KMB	
F	France	Jun 10 - Jul 11	TM16EURO	F4DTO	
		Jun 10 - Jul 11	TM16EFC	F8ATS	
GI	N. Ireland	Dec 2016	GB50MU	MNOVFW	
I	Italy	Mar 5 - Mar 20	II7ICT	IZ7AUH	
		Mar 1 - Jun 2	IB7J & IB7DX	IK7JWX	
JA	Japan	Now - Sep 19	8N1KCJ, 8N2KCJ, 8N3KCJ, 8N5KCJ, and	JO3OMA	
	_	-	8N8KCJ		
JA	Japan	Dec 25 - May 27	8J2SMT	Bur	
JA	Japan	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		
LX	Luxembourg	Jan 1 - Jun 30	LX95J	Bureau	
LZ	Bulgaria	2016	One special call per month	Bureau	
			LZ300MSP, LZ1700SIP, LZ1867SEI,		
			LZ425STA, LZ1886PGS, LZ1043PMU,		
			LZ304MED, LZ935MWC, LZ960SPA and		
			LZ463PP.		
LZ	Bulgaria	2016	LZ65HSC	N7RO	
ОН	Finland	All 2016	OH70AG	OH6AG	
PY	Brazil	Feb 22 - Mar 6	ZV451RIO	PY1AA bur	
		Now - Mar 26	ZV1WSA	PU1VFC	
SM	Sweden	Now - Mar 31	SK70HW	SK7HW	
SP	Poland	All 2016	SN800L	SP4RKZ	
		Jan 1 - Jun 30	SNOWIN	SP9MZX	
		Jan 1 - Mar 31	HF360JG	SP9KAJ	
		Jan - Oct 22	HF60KAG	SP9KAG	
		Now - Jun 1	SP90TPBA	SP3LD	
		Feb 7 - Feb 20	SN51EQB	SQ7EQB	
SP	Poland	Jan 1 - Dec 18	3Z35RTTY, HF35PBW, HF35RTTY, and		
			SO35RTTY		
		All 2016	HF2016HS	SQ8JCB	

		All 2016	HF6FIRAC	SP6IEQ		
		Now - Mar 26	HF31ROT	SP9KJU		
TF	Iceland	2016	TFTOIRA	TF3IRA		
UA	Russia	Jan 1 - Apr 1	R70RAA	UA3RF		
		Mar 1 - Mar 31	R44YETI	RL5G		
		Mar 1 - Mar 22	R85PAR	RZ5D		
UR	Ukraine	Jan 1 - Jun 30	EM10UFF	UR7UT		
VE	Canada	Feb 19 - Mar 18	СЈЗТ	VA3RVK		
YO	Romania	Now	YO85YR5	ҮОЗКАА		
		Now	YR110FLY, YR110PILOT, YR110TV, and YR110VUIA			

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Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest: 2300Z, Mar 9 to 2300Z, Mar 10 and 2300Z, Mar 12 to 2300Z, Mar 13 NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 11 **QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Mar 11** NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 11 Nauryz DX Contest: 0800Z-1359Z, Mar 12 RSGB Commonwealth Contest: 1000Z, Mar 12 to 1000Z, Mar 13 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon: 1200Z, Mar 12 to 2400Z, Mar 13 South America 10 Meter Contest: 1200Z, Mar 12 to 1200Z, Mar 13 Oklahoma QSO Party: 1400Z, Mar 12 to 0200Z, Mar 13 and 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 13 AGCW QRP Contest: 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 12 Stew Perry Topband Challenge: 1500Z, Mar 12 to 1500Z, Mar 13 EA PSK63 Contest: 1600Z, Mar 12 to 1600Z, Mar 13 TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest: 1800Z, Mar 12 to 0559Z, Mar 13 QCWA QSO Party: 1800Z, Mar 12 to 1800Z, Mar 13 Idaho QSO Party: 1900Z, Mar 12 to 1900Z, Mar 13 North American Sprint, RTTY: 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 13 **UBA Spring Contest, 2m: 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 13** WAB 3.5 MHz Phone: 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 13 Wisconsin QSO Party: 1800Z, Mar 13 to 0100Z, Mar 14 CLARA Chatter Party: 1700Z, Mar 15 to 1700Z, Mar 16 and 1700Z, Mar



VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS

VK0EK HEARD ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS

* It was reported by Rich, KY6R, on February 29th [edited]: On March 1, 2016, the first of the Heard Island Expedition Team board flights for Cape Town, South Africa, the accumulation point for the expedition to Heard Island.

The first three to depart, Bob Schmieder/KK6EK, Ken Karr/NG2H, and Adam Brown/K2ARB, will arrive in Cape Town at 1:00 PM local time, to be met by members of the South Africa Support Team. They will be followed over the next four days by the other team members: Fred Belton/KM4MXD, Arliss Thompson/W7XU, Gavin Marshall/VK2BAX, Hans-Peter Blattler/HB9BXE, Alan Cheshire/VK6CQ, Bill Mitchell/AE0EE, Dave Lloyd/K3EL, Jim Colletto/ N6TQ, Vadym Ivliev/UT6UD, Dave Farnsworth/WJ2O, and Carlos Nascimento/ NP4IW. The Cape Town Support Team has been interfacing with the vessel (also due to arrive in Cape Town March 3rd), and the local agency for inspecting the vessel and cargo for biological threats. We will be shopping, cleaning the tents, and loading the Braveheart, preparing for the scheduled sailing on March 10th.

All news while the team is en route and at Heard will be posted here: http://www.vk0ek.org

* It was reported by Rich, KY6R, on March 3rd [edited]: The first team members will arrive in Cape Town today, and several others start their flights over the next couple of days. This VK0EK Blog Site is now switching over to "DXpedition Mode".

DXpedition Mode is where we will concentrate on everything DX and DXpedition. You will notice over the next few days changes that accentuate this. Some of the sections that used to be on this site can be found in their entirety on: <u>http://www.heardisland.com</u>

But have been replaced by new sections such as "How to Work Us". Later today, the banner will show the planned Voyage dates and On Air dates - which is the number one question we have received so far. Second to that have been propagation questions.

The Support Site is up and running and working very well. It handles

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everything and anything that you might have questions or concerns with, from propagation questions to souvenir order questions. You can find the Support System here: <u>https://vk0ek.freshdesk.com/support/tickets/new</u>

VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS (Heard Island Expedition Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 3).

The current Heard Island Expedition Newsletter (Vol. 2, No. 3 -- dated March 1st) is now out. Individuals may have already received this because they subscribed to it, or they made a donation to the expedition, or they are a team member or a corporate sponsor, or Bob, KK6EK, just happens to know you and think you would like to have it. This issue goes to 1817 different people.

Bob also informs [edited], "There is no charge or obligation for this we just want to help you make a QSO with VK0EK, or to collaborate in the scientific work. This is the last Newsletter we will send out before the expedition (we sail March 10 from Cape Town)."

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<<u>http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter_back_issues.html</u>> to download the back issue.

The expedition is scheduled to begin sometime around/between March 21st-April 10th. You can see the current status of the project on the main websites <<u>www.heardisland.org</u>>, and on the blogsite <<u>www.vk0ek.org</u>>.

FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION NEWS (Feb. 23rd Press Release)

. Last month, we reached a milestone with the shipment of our equipment by sea which marks a real point of no return both logistical and financial support for the project. Each element has been extensively tested in real conditions

in order to overcome any bad surprise, then conditioned to simplify to the maximum installation. In total, a little more than 1200 kg of equipment are engaged in this adventure, complemented by one conveyed by the 10 operators, almost 1.5 tons. The departure for Juan de Nova is expected on 26 March. <u>http://www.juandenovadx.com/en/equipment/</u>

Now that we have secured the hardware side, it is imperative to make sure we keep the announced objectives:

- Provide to the greatest number a contact with Juan de Nova, especially for an ATNO

- Special attention to the hard-to-reach zones
- Special efforts on the low bands

To do this we have carefully looked at the propagation conditions. These will of course be updated closer to the departure to maximize them. For Tromelin, they had proved fairly accurate, even for short openings LP and other peculiarities. A schedule such as this one (FT4JA Planning) will be displayed in front of each station and will be the score to play for the operators. Not surprisingly, the areas under the best conditions will be Europe and Japan followed by the east coast of the US and Oceania. To conclude, the most difficult area to work will be the west coast of the US. We will follow these schedules so as not to miss any opening, with priority for those benefiting from shorter openings. This is what we announced and this is what we will do. We rely also on the cooperation of all of you.

We invite you to send now your information to the pilot station dedicated to your area. There is still time to make the necessary adjustments. Once there, our pilots will be the only contact persons. We will be sent daily compilations of your comments to adjust our operation if need be.

Finally, let us remind you that the band plan coordinated with VK0EK is available on our website. The success of these two concurrent projects will rely on your understanding of this band plan and how you stick to it.

http://www.juandenovadx.com/en/band-plan/

Only one thing has changed since our initial announcement: we will have 7 stations instead of 6, which you will admit, is a good thing except for our sleep!

Thank you to all those who continue to support us through a donation. It is important that the mobilization continues. Remember that all donations above or equal to ?/\$25 will allow you to receive the QSL card direct automatically. Our efforts to reduce the budget are important. However, wishing to offer a service worthy of the event, the expenses that we face remain very high. <u>http://www.juandenovadx.com/en/how-to-help-us/</u>

A forthcoming communication, a few days before departure, will detail the practical aspects, such as real-time monitoring, online log, OQRS,

QSL manager. Until then, you have a few weeks to prepare your antennas and your station! We are very busy on a daily basis to deal with different topics. Stress steadily increases, but not as much as the motivation that drives our team!

73 FT4JA - Juan de Nova 2016 http://www.juandenovadx.com

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