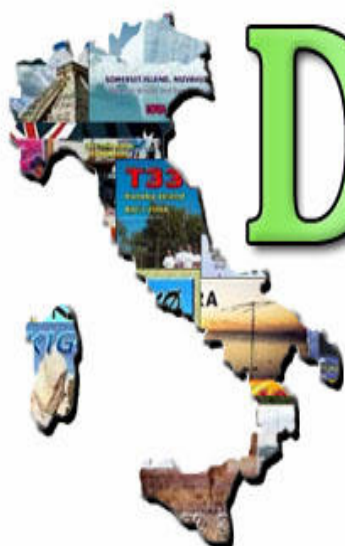


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## DX NEWS

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

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL
5T	Mauritania	Now - Dec 31	ON8RA/5T0JL will be on as 5T0ITU Will sign 5T3MM during next days	ON8RA PY4KL
5V	Togo	May 21 - Jul 28	OK1FCJ & OK6DJ will be on all bands and modes	LoTW & OK6DJ
5Z	Kenya	NOW till 2019	DL2RMC will sign /5Z4	H.C.
8J	Antartica	All 2017	JG2MLI will be on from 8J1RL. Will also use 8J60JARE	H.C. LoTW
8R	Guyana	<b>CANCELLED</b>	KC0W will be on /8R1 CW only	H.C. dir
9Q	Congo	Now	EA4BB has received a license and has started operating as 9Q6BB with low power	W3HNC
CN	Morocco	Now - May 20	OE9SBD is active CW only as CN2SB	H.C.
CT9	Madeira	May 25 - May 28	R7KW & YL3JM will be /CT)	K2PF & ClubLog

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<b>D4</b>	<b>Cape Verde</b> <b>AF-005</b>	May 3 - Jun 8	DF2WO as D44TWO	M00XO
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b> <b>EU-127</b>	May 14 - May 21	DL3LBP will be /p	H.C. LoTW
<b>DU</b>	<b>Philippines</b> <b>OC-130</b>	Apr 4 - May 24	ON5SM will be /DU9	H.C.dir & bur
<b>E3</b>	<b>Eritres</b>	May 19 - May 29	JH1AJT and his group will be again on as E31AA and E39DI	
<b>E4</b>	<b>Palestine</b>	May 16 - May 30	SP9FIH will sign E44WE	H.C & ClubLog
<b>EA9</b>	<b>Ceuta &amp; Melilla</b>	May 20 . May 21	EG9TOR will be on ED9T will be in the contest	EA4PN
<b>E5/n</b>	<b>N.Cook</b> <b>OC-098</b>	May 9 -May 23	VE3LYC will be on CW & SSB signing E51LYC	H.C.
<b>EA8</b>	<b>Canary</b>	May 27 - May 28	R2AA will be in the contest as EG8AA	RW3RN
<b>EA9</b>	<b>Ceuta &amp; Melilla</b>	May 20 . May 21	EG9TOR will be on ED9T will be in the contest	EA4PN
<b>EA9</b>	<b>Ceuta &amp; Melilla</b>	May 25 . May 26	EA9LZ will be in the contest as EF9R	EA5KB dir & LoTW
<b>F</b>	<b>France</b> <b>EU-094</b>	May 21 - May 26	TM7U group will be on	ON8AZ & OQRS
<b>FG</b>	<b>Guadeloupe</b> <b>NA-105</b>	May 22 - Jun 7	DL2AAZ will sign /FG	H.C. dir & bur
<b>FO</b>	<b>French Polynesia &amp; Marquesas</b>	May 1 - Jul 31	IZ2ZTQ will be on from OC-027, 046, 066, o67. Details on the schedule not yet known	H.C. LoTW
<b>GU</b>	<b>Guernsey</b> <b>EU-114</b>	May 23 - May 27	ON6EF, ON6VJ, and ON4AFW will sign /MU	H.C dir & bur
<b>HB0</b>	<b>Liechtenst ein</b>	May 27 - Jun 3	ON5UR will be /HB0	H.C.
<b>HC</b>	<b>Ecuador</b> <b>SA-033</b>	May 21 - May 30	HD2RRC/4 group will be on also from <b>SA-034</b> signing HD2RRC/p	RZ3FW & Clublog
<b>HC8</b>	<b>Galpagos</b> <b>SA-004</b>	May 1 - May 29	LW9EOC is signing /HC8	H.C. LoTW
<b>HR</b>	<b>Honduras</b> <b>NA-057</b>	May 13 - May 27	AD8J will sign /HR9 mainly CW	H.C.dir & LoTW
<b>J2</b>	<b>Djibouti</b>	Now	S53T has a license valid to the end of 2019	S57DX
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b> <b>AS-008</b>	May 21 - May 22	J15RPT & J15USJ will sign /1	H.C:
<b>JD</b>	<b>Minami Torishima</b>	May 15 - Jul 15	JG8NQJ will be /JD1 from <b>OC-073</b>	JA8CJY
<b>JT</b>	<b>Mongolia</b>	May 9 - May 31	JT5MA will be used by RN5M	LY5W dir

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<b>OY</b>	<b>Faroe EU-018</b>	May 20 - May 25	DF3MC and DL8JJ will be on /OY	H.C.
<b>P4</b>	<b>Aruba</b>	May 27 - May 28	W2GD will be on as P44W	N2MM & LoTW
<b>PJ5</b>	<b>Saba</b>	May 31 - Jun 4	PH2M Will be /PJ5	Bur LoTW ClubLog
<b>PJ6</b>	<b>St.Estatius</b>	May 24 - May 30	PH2M will be / PJ6	Bur LoTW ClubLog
<b>PJ7</b>	<b>S.Maarten</b>	May 19 - May 23	PH2M will be /PJ7	Bur LoTW ClubLog
<b>RI1</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	UA1OJL will be on as RI1ANO All bands and modes	RN1ON dir & Bur LoTW ClubLog
<b>SM</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	May 20 - May 21 May 21 - May 25 May 25 - May 27	SD7V, SM/DL2YBG and SD3G will be on from various islands EU-037 EU-177 EU-138	SD7V DL2VFR DD3G DL7UXG DL2YBG HC
<b>T2</b>	<b>Tuvalu OC-015</b>	May 23 - May 29	KK7L will be on as T2R will also be in the contest	N7SMI LoTW & ClubLog
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	May 12 - May 19	JH0CKF will sign T88MZ JJ0RIK will sign TK9KA JA8VE will sign T8VE	H.C. ClubLog
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	May 18 - May 23	JR6DRH as T88RH	H.C.
<b>TA</b>	<b>Turkey AS-159</b>	May 19 - May 21	TC0M group will be on	
<b>TK</b>	<b>Corsica</b>	May 23 - May 28	F4GHS will be /TK	H.C. dir & Bur
<b>TN</b>	<b>Congo</b>	May 25 - Jun 4	TN5E will be on frequency by LA7GIA	M0OXO & LoTW
<b>TR8</b>	<b>Gabon</b>	May 18 - Jun 3	F8EN will sign TR8CR	F6AJA
<b>VK</b>	<b>Australia OC-267</b>	May - Jun 2017	VK5MAV Will sign VK9MAV Details will follow	RN3RQ bur ClubLog
<b>VK9N</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>	NOW	G0PWH has moved to Norfolk and will be there as VK9PH	QRZ.COM
<b>VP2M</b>	<b>Montserrat</b>	May 25 - May 29	K2DM will sign VP2MDG	H.C. dir only
<b>VQ9</b>	<b>Chagos AF-006</b>	NOW	ND9M will be again on from Chagos signing VQ6JC or VQ17JC	
<b>VU7</b>	<b>Laccadives AS-011</b>	May 15 - May 19	W4VKU will be on signing VU7KP	ClubLog W4VKU LoTW
<b>XE</b>	<b>Mexico NA-221-224</b>	Dec 2016 & all 2017	XF2L call will be used by AREPAC group from NA-221 & NA224	XE1SOV

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<b>Z2</b>	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	May 23 - Jun 18	CK0W will be active as Z25DX	H.C: dir
<b>ZA</b>	<b>Albania</b>	May 25 - May 29	OU2I will be again on /ZA	
<b>ZL7</b>	<b>Chatham OC-038</b>	May 2017	ZL2DX and his wife ZL7QT will be on as ZL7DX and ZL7QT for 3 years	Dir
<b>ZS8</b>	<b>Marion Island</b>	Dec 26 - Dec 31 2017	ZS1BCE as ZS8Z will be on for more than one year	ZS1LS

**FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE**

<b>PFX</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>INFO</b>	<b>QSL Info</b>
<b>3B7</b>	<b>St. Brandon</b>	<b>Oct 2017</b>	<b>Rumors are circulating about a French operations</b>	
<b>3B9</b>	<b>Rodriguez</b>	Nov 23 - Dec 12	G0CKV will sign again as 3B9HA	M00XO & LoTW
<b>3X</b>	<b>Guinea</b>	Oct 27 - Nov 6	F5RAV & F5NVF will sign 3XY4D	F5RAV dir only
<b>3Y</b>	<b>Bouvet</b>	<b>Jan 20 2018 - Feb 28 2018</b>	<b>K0IR K4UEE &amp; LA6VM are announcing their operation</b>	
<b>4O</b>	<b>Montenegr o</b>	Jun 18 - Jun 28	IK5WWA will sign 4O7GD	H,c, Dir & Bur
<b>7X</b>	<b>Algeria</b>	Sep 18 - Sep 25	EA7JX will use the call 7U1X	H.C ClubLog
<b>8Q</b>	<b>Maldives AS-013</b>	Jul 18 - Jul 31	G4PWO will be on as 8Q7PW	H.C.
<b>9L</b>	<b>Sierra Leone AF-O5&amp;</b>	Mar 4 - Mar 17	Italian team will be on with 3 stations and 7 operators	I2YSB OQRS & LoTW
<b>9M0</b>	<b>Spratly</b>	March 2018	YT1AD will organize and expedition with the call 9M0W	
<b>A2</b>	<b>Botswana</b>	Sep 7 - Sep 15	IW5ELA will be on as A25AL	H.C.
<b>C6</b>	<b>Bahamas</b>	Jun 7 - Jun 16	K6KLY (C6ALY), K8CC (C6ACC) and Ken/K2KW (C6ATA) will be active mainly VHF	H.C. & LoTW

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<b>CT9</b>	<b>Madeira</b>	Oct 3 - Oct 17	DL8JS, DF6QP and DJ8VC will be active /CT9	H.C.
<b>D2</b>	<b>Angola</b> <b>AF-108</b>	Jun 2017	8 Operators will be on from AF-108 Details will follow	
<b>DU</b>	<b>Philippines</b> <b>OC-128</b>	Aug 18 - Aug 22	KE0BRZ will be /DU1 from OC-128	H.C. dir LoTW
<b>E5</b>	<b>S, Cook</b>	Aug 7 - Aug 16 Aug 16 - Aug 25	F4GHS will be on as E51GHS <b>OC-083</b> F4GHS will be on as E51GHS <b>OC-013</b>	H.C.
<b>EI</b>	<b>Ireland</b> <b>EU-121</b>	Jul 29 - Jul 30	ON6QR will be in the contest	H.C.
<b>FJ</b>	<b>S. Barthelemy</b> <b>NA-146</b>	Oct 17 - Oct 26	AI5AP will be /FJ N0KV will sign /FJ	H.C. LoTW
<b>FO</b>	<b>French Polynesia</b>	Jun - Sep	F6CTF will sign /FO from Thaiti	H.C: dor
<b>FO</b>	<b>French Polynesia</b> <b>OC-131</b>	Jun 11 - Jun 19	TX5EG group will be on	F6BCW
<b>FO</b>	<b>French Polynesia</b> <b>OC-067</b>	Jun 29 - Jul 17	TX5EG group will be on	F6BCW
<b>FO</b>	<b>French Polynesia</b> <b>OC-046</b>	Aug 15 - Sep 5	TX5EG group will be on	F6BCW
<b>FP</b>	<b>St. Pierre</b> <b>NA-032</b>	Jul 4 - Jul 18	KV1J plans to be /FP 1.8 to 50 MHz	KV1J & LoTW
<b>FP</b>	<b>St. Pierre</b> <b>NA-032</b>	Sep 17 - Sep 23	M0WUT and others will sign /FP	H.C.
<b>FR</b>	<b>Reunion</b> <b>AF-016</b>	Jun 4 - Jun 16	F4HPX will sign /FR	H.C. LoTW ClubLog
<b>FT4X</b>	<b>Kerguelen</b>	<b>Nov / Dec</b>	<b>An expedition is planned for the last part of the year</b>	
<b>GD</b>	<b>Isle of Man</b>	Jul 29 - Jul 30	MM0GOR will sign MD1E	M0OXO
<b>GD</b>	<b>Isle of Man</b>	Jul 29 - Jul 30	M0UTD will sign MD1U	M0OXO
<b>H4</b>	<b>Temotu</b>	Oct 3 - Oct 17	LZ1GC will be again on as H40GC	ClubLog LoTW
<b>HB0</b>	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	Jun 1 - Jun 6	A GM group will be on. Call to be fixed	M0OXO
<b>HC8</b>	<b>Galapagos</b>	Aug 1 - Oct 31	G8OFQ will sign /HC8	H.C. LoTW
<b>HC8</b>	<b>Galapagos</b>	Sep 14 - Sep 21	HD8M multinational team will be on all bands	WB2REM OQRS
<b>J5</b>	<b>Guinea Bissau</b> <b>AF-020</b>	Nov 15 - Nov 30	Italian team will be on with 4 stations and 8 operators	Y2YSB OQRS & LoTW

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<b>KH1</b>	<b>Baker&amp; Howland</b>	Sep 1 - Sep 14	YT1AD and his group are planning an operation during Sept/Oct	
<b>OJ0</b>	<b>Market reef EU-005</b>	Jul 1 - Jul 7	OJ0V team will be on	ON5TC
<b>OY</b>	<b>Faroe</b>	Jun 14 - Jun 25	K2HVN will be /OY	h.C: dir & bur
<b>P4</b>	<b>Aruba</b>	Jul 22 - Aug 6	P40X group will be active	DL8UD & ClubLog
<b>PJ7</b>	<b>S.Maarten</b>	Jun 14 - Jun 28 2017	K9UK, K9N, W9AEB, W9DR and W9KXQ will be /PJ7	H.C.
<b>PJ7</b>	<b>S.Maarten</b>	Oct 24 - Nov 4	PJ7T by a LU DX group	LU1FM dir LotW
<b>RI1</b>	<b>F.J. Land EU-190</b>	Late Septembr	RI1F group of 12 operators will be on	ClubLog
<b>S9</b>	<b>Sao Tome</b>	Oct 12 - Oct 21	EA5IDQ will sign S95CQ	H.C.
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau OC-009</b>	Jun 9 - Jun 18	JH0IXE will sign T8CW	H.C. dir JA0Fbur
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau OC-009</b>	Jun 16 - Jun 23	JA6UBY as T88RR, JO3LVG as T88MK, JH6DUL as T88VV, JL1HYH as T88HY, JM1LIG as T88FM, JI6NCY as T88NC;	
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau OC-009</b>	Jun 28 - Jul 2	JF1FKR will operate as T88TJ	Bur
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau OC-009</b>	Oct 11 - Oct 17	T88UW by JH7IPR	H.C. LotW
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau OC-009</b>	Oct 11 - Oct 16	JH3AZC (T88CX), JH3QFL (T88CU), JH3VAA (T88CV) and JP3EKR (T88DG)	H.C.
<b>T30</b>	<b>W.Kiribati</b>	Dec 2017	VK3FY plans to be in Tarawa before the end of the year as T30T	M00X0
<b>TI</b>	<b>Costa Rica NA-116</b>	Jun 8 - Jun 12	TI2CC, TI2CDA, TI2JFF, KM4HI and N3KS will be active as TE8DX from Chira Island	TI2CDA
<b>TZ</b>	<b>Mali</b>	Aug - Feb 2019	F5IXR will be on as TZ5XR	F5MXH & LotW
<b>UA</b>	<b>AS. Russia AS-022</b>	Jul 20 - Jul 24	R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW5D and RK8A will operate as RI0LI from AS-022	
<b>UA</b>	<b>AS. Russia AS-066</b>	Jul 25 - Jul 30	UA0LCZ will be active as R66IOTA	
<b>V2</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	Mid July	KG4ZNX will be on operating as V21XN	Dir LotW
<b>V2</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	Jul 23 - Aug 7	VE6SH will sign V29SH	H.C. Lotw
<b>V2</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	Jul 23 - Aug 7	VE6SH will be again on as V26SH	
<b>V4</b>	<b>St. Kitts</b>	Jul 1 - Jul 9	KE1B & W6NN will be /V4	H,C,

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V6	Micronesia OC-011	Aug 28 - Sep 4	V63KS by JA6REX all bands and modes	LoTW
VE	Canada NA-128	Jul 27 - Jul 30	CG2I will be on including the contest	VE2EBK ClubLoG LoTW
VE	Canada NA-174	Jul 28 - Jul 30	VY0/VA2NDX will be in the contest	F4BHW
VE	Canada NA-128	Jul 29 - Jul 30	VA2SG will be in the contest	VE2TLH
VK	Australia OC-216	Nov 6 - Nov 12	VK5CE will sign /9 from OC-216	H.C. dir burClubLo
VK9X	Christmas OC-002	Jun 24 - Jul 1	HL1AHS will sign VK9AA	H.C.dir LoTW
VK9X	Christmas OC-002	Oct 1 - Oct 10	VK3FY, VK3GK & VK3TZ will be on as VK9XI	M0OXO
VK9X	Christmas OC-002	Oct 2 - Oct 19	W7GJ will be on mainly EME 6 meters signing VK9XGJ	H.C.
VK9C	Cocos Keeling OC-003	Oct 10 - Oct 17	VK3FY, VK3GK & VK3TZ will be on as VK9CI	M0OXO
VK9C	Cocos Keeling OC-003	Sep 12 - Sep 28	W7GJ will be on mainly EME 6 meters signing VK9CGJ	H.C.
VK9C	Cocos Keeling OC-003	Oct 23 - Nov 6	GM3WOJ & GM4YXI will sign VK9CZ	N3SL
VK9M	Mellish Reef OC-072	November	9 operators will be on as VK9MA	
VP2E	Anguilla	Nov 21 - Dec 2	OH3JR & OH1VR will be on as VO2EHC & VP2ESM	H.C. dir
VP2V	British Virgin Is	Nov 23 - Nov 29	N2DXX & AA7V will be /VP2V	NR6M
W	U.S.A. NA-085	Jun 3 - Jun 10	K5TEN will be on from Dog Island signing K4D	H.C dir
YJ	Vanatu	Jul 5 - Jul 13	ZL3GA will operate again as YJ0GA	
ZA	Albania EU-169	Jun 10 - Jun 20	ZA/IK7JWX group will be on	H.C. dir & bur

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5B	Cyprus	All 2017	H2017PFO	OQRS

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<b>9H</b>	<b>Malta</b>	Now - Jun 30	9H2017EU	9H1SP dir
<b>CT</b>	<b>Portugal</b>	May 27 - May 28	CR6K	CT1ILT
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	All 2017 All 2017 All 2017 All 2017 All 2017	DR1517LU, DR500MLE, DR5LUTHER DC500LS, DL500ML DM5LUTHER DR25MDK DR60SAL DR60VKL DK60HERTEN DL60NEU	Bur  Bur Bur Bur Bur DC1MAS
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	All 2017 All 2017 All 2017 All 2017 May 1 - Apr 30 Jun 21 - Jun 25	DR0HARZ DB20ENERGY DL40MFR DM1517L DL0TELF DL0DFE	DF7AA DM1DX Bur Bur Bur
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	May 1 - Jul 31	DL2017TDF	Bureau
<b>EV</b>	<b>Belarus</b>	Now - Jun 22	EV145O	QRZ
<b>F</b>	<b>France</b>	Apr 22 - Oct 20 MAY Now - Jun 3	TM160BF TM18HSG TM62ISS	Bur F8DXZ F5INJ
<b>HA</b>	<b>Hungary</b>	Now - Aug end	HG17EYOF	Dir
<b>HB</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	Apr - Dec	HB600NFV	HB9JOE
<b>I</b>	<b>Italy</b>	Now - Jun 30 Apr 1 - Jul 31	I11TON I2ARI	ClubLog I2MQP
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	NOW Apr 1 - Oct 31 April - June Apr - Mar 2018 Apr - Mar 2018	8J2A 8J2016Y 8J1IP 8J1YAC 8N60JLRS	Bur  Bur JE1XUZ JF6FQI
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Apr 26 - Jun 30 NOW Now - Aug 31 May 15 - Mar 31	8J4VLP, 8J6VLP, 8J8VLP, 8J9VLP 8J7FESTA 8N3H70Y	Bur Bur Bur Nur
<b>LA</b>	<b>Norway</b>	2017	LM80Q, LM80REX	LA9VDA
<b>LY</b>	<b>Lithuania</b>	May - Jun	LY17PM	LY2KM
<b>LZ</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	2017 2017 May 2017	LZ45YE LZ73TRC LZ395SG	LZ1YE LZ1YE LZ1KCP
<b>OM</b>	<b>Slovak rep</b>	2017	OM685RADOLA OM42KYSUCE OM500R	OM3CND OM3CND QRX

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ON	Belgium	2017	OP17HC	ON7PP
OX	Greenland	2017	OX90EDR, OZ90EDR, OV90EDR, 5P90EDR	OZ1ACB
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UA	Russua	Apr 23 - May 22 Apr 2017	RA36GS RT60RT	RN3FY RN9A
UR	Ukraine	2017	EN90IWA	
VE	Canada	2017 2017	CG9NC XM1150CAN	VE9NC Bur
VK	Australia	Now - May 26	VI100TRF	ClubLog
VR2	Hong Kong	Jul 1 - Jun 30	All VR2 Can sign VR20	
YO	Romania	Now - May 28	YP7TP	Bureau
YV	Venezuela	2017	YV50ARV	W4DTA

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

**NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, May 19**

**NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, May 19**

**Slobozhansky Sprint Contest: 1800Z-1959Z, May 19 (SSB) and 2000Z-2159Z, May 19 (CW)**

**UN DX Contest: 0600Z-2100Z, May 20**

**NZART Sangster Shield Contest: 0800Z-1100Z, May 20 and 0800Z-1100Z, May 21**

**His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW: 1200Z, May 20 to 1200Z, May 21**

**EU PSK DX Contest: 1200Z, May 20 to 1200Z, May 21**

**Aegean RTTY Contest: 1200Z, May 20 to 1200Z, May 21**

**Feld Hell Sprint: 1600Z-1759Z, May 20 and 2000Z-2159Z, May 20**

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**Baltic Contest: 2100Z, May 20 to 0200Z, May 21**

**UA2 QSO Party: 1300Z-1659Z, May 21**

**Run for the Bacon QRP Contest: 0100Z-0300Z, May 22**

## **3Y0Z BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION**

**(Press Release #5, dated May 5th) From OPDX**

The Bouvet Island DXpedition team (3Y0Z), is pleased to make an important announcement about our transportation plans to Bouvet Island.

From the beginning, we have worked with Nigel Jolly to secure safe, reliable, and affordable transportation to Bouvet. We both have struggled with the costs involved in getting Nigel's ship and a helicopter from New Zealand to the tip of South America to begin the voyage to Bouvet.

Together, we have been working to find alternatives while Nigel's vessel, the Claymore II stood ready for our use if we could not find a suitable alternative. We are announcing today that we have found an alternate vessel that eliminates the repositioning costs and at the same time adds additional margins of safety for our team.

DAP, a Chilean maritime and aviation company that took some of us to Peter I in 2006, recently acquired a vessel that is perfect for our DX-pedition to Bouvet. This company also has a fleet of 16 helicopters. Bob, K4UEE, and George, N4GRN, have just returned from Punta Arenas, Chile, where they inspected the vessel, the helicopters and discussed our requirements with DAP. Nigel Jolly supplied us with a checklist to be used while inspecting DAP's vessel and helicopter capabilities.

Based on our observations, and our discussions, and based on DAP's reputation and our personal history with DAP; we feel we have found a sound alternative and optimum means of transportation to Bouvet. DAP's ship is somewhat larger than Nigel's vessel, and they have offered us two helicopters instead of only one. They are both medium duty, twin engine BO-105 helicopters. We will also have two pilots and mechanics with years of Antarctic flying experience. The ship is being re-fitted with a hanger to house those two helicopters during transit and poor weather conditions..

The vessel's Captain and crew have sailed the vessel for many years and have been retained by DAP. Interestingly, one of the crew members that will accompany us to Bouvet is Alejo Contreras Staeding. He is a well known Antarctic explorer, guide, glaciologist and adventurer. We met him in 2006 on the way to Peter I. We are extremely pleased to have him join us.

We have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with DAP and a formal contract is being drafted. We will review that contract with Nigel, and expect to sign it soon. This is an important step, as the new vessel and the capabilities of DAP will fully complement our team. This is a winning partnership that helps assure not only safety for our team, but an excellent chance of a very successful DXpedition under the extreme circumstances we are expecting.

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Our departure will be approximately mid-January, 2018, possibly sailing to Bouvet from King George Island. We expect 9-11 day voyage to Bouvet.

When the weather allows, we will land on the island by helicopter. Our first priority will be to inspect the terrain, select a site clear of crevasses and establish our shelters stocked with emergency supplies.

Once secured, we will bring the rest of our equipment ashore and commence radio operations as soon as possible. We expect to be at Bouvet for 21 days, and allowing for weather, hope to be on the air for 14-16 days.

This is likely the most expensive DXpedition ever attempted and the operating team has committed to fund up to 50% of the costs. We are hopeful the DX community will fund the remainder. You may follow our planning progress and see our fund-raising results on our website <[www.bouvetdx.org](http://www.bouvetdx.org)>.

73, Ralph-K0IR

Bob-K4UEE

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