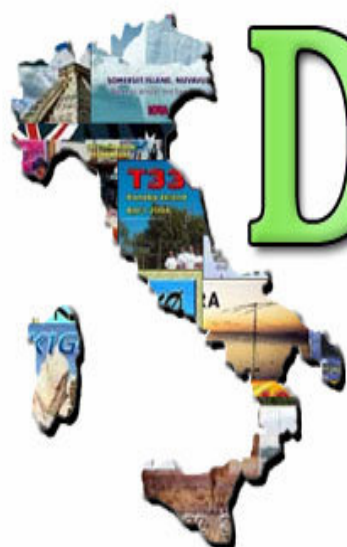


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## DX NEWS

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**RED** = Important operation

**BLUE** = Delayed or cancelled

**GREEN** = Details not yet fixed

E-QSL only operations are not included in this newsletter

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

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
1A	SMOM	Jan 2 - Jan 7	Operation from SMOM is planned early Jan	IK0FTA
4S	Sri Lanka	Nov 17 - Apr 15	DX0KK will be again on as 4S7KKG maili CW & digi	Bureau
5H1	Tanzania	Jan 4 - Jan 12	I2GPT will be on from AF-032	RW6HS dir & bur
5Z	Kenya	Dec 22 - Jan 6	ON4EZ will be active	
6W	Senegal	Jan 3 - Jan 31	F6BLP will be again on as 6W7SK	H.C. dir & bur
6Y	Jamaica	Dec 1 - Dec 31	W8YCM will be /6Y for the complete month mainly 17 m SSB	H.C.

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<b>9G</b>	<b>Ghana</b>	Aug 2013 - Dec 2014	W7JVN & his wife WB7NLY will be on a missionary activity and hopes to get on the air as 9G5AC	
<b>9L</b>	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	Dec 1 - Feb 31	9A3A will be in 9L signing 9L1A mainly CW	9A2AA
<b>9L</b>	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	Dec or Jan	G7XBU plans to be active as 9L1BXU	H.C.
<b>9M2</b>	<b>West Malaysia</b>	Dec 31 - Feb 23	PA0RRS will operate again as 9M2RRS from AS-015	H.C.
<b>9Q</b>	<b>Congo</b>	Dec 23 - Dec 27	9Q0AR will be on	
<b>9X</b>	<b>Rwanda</b>	Now - Mar 2014	JR1IZM has got the call 9X0ZM and will be soon on mainly 20 m	JO1CRA
<b>A2</b>	<b>Botswana</b>	Dec 24 - Dec 30	DJ2HD, DH3WO & DK1CE as A25DJ, A25WO & A25CE	H.C.
<b>A7</b>	<b>Qatar</b>	Now - End 2013	G0MGX operates /A7	
<b>C6</b>	<b>Bahamas</b>	Jan 1 - Jan 31	9H5G will be /C6A from NA-001	NI5DX & LoTW
<b>C9</b>	<b>Mozambique</b>	NOW	ZS6ALB is active4 as C91KHN. Has been signing C92i1C in contest	LoTW and OQRS
<b>CE</b>	<b>Chile</b>	NOW	UA4WHX is now /CE9 from SA-050	H.C.
<b>DP</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Feb 2015	DL1HB will activate the DP0GVN station	DL5EBE
<b>DP</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Feb 8	DL5XL will be active signing DP1POL	DL1ZB0 & LoTW
<b>F</b>	<b>France</b>	Dec 28 - Dec 29	F4FET & F4HAU will be /p from EU-156	F4HAU dir & bur
<b>FK</b>	<b>New Caledonia</b>	Oct end - Feb	F5IRO will be /FK from OC-032	F5IRO OQRS/LoTW
<b>H40</b>	<b>Temotu</b>	Dec 21 - Jan 10	DK9FN is planning to be on from OC-100 signing H40FN & H40TA	H.C. dir & bur
<b>I</b>	<b>Italy</b>	Dec 1 - Apr 30	II8DXDX special call will be on all bands and modes	IZ8EDJ dir & bur
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Dec 28 - Jan 3	JI3DST will be /6 from AS-049	H.C dir & bur
<b>JD</b>	<b>Minami Torishima</b>	Dec 16 - Mar 18	JG8NQJ will be /JD1 during time left from his work in the weather station, maily CW	JA8CJY dir & bur
<b>JW</b>	<b>Svalabard</b>	Dec - May	LA2US will be on during time left from his job signin JW2US (EU-027	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
<b>JY</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	NOW	E78A is now active as JY9FC. He works for UN and will be there for three years	H.C dir & bur OQRS

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<b>KP2</b>	<b>Virgin Isl.</b>	Dec 20 - Dec 30	K3TEJ is /KP2	H.C.
<b>OD</b>	<b>Lebanon</b>	Nov 2013 -May 2014	EA1CYK will be /OD5	EA7LS
<b>OX</b>	<b>Greenland</b>	2013 - 2015	OZ5MD will sign OX5M for 2 years OZ5BD will sign OX5T for 2 years	OZ0J OZ0J
<b>OZ</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	Dec 28 - Dec 31	DL2VFR will sign OU1RAEM CW only from EU-125	DF5LW dir & bur
<b>OZ</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	Jan 1 - Jan 3	DL2VFR will be /OZ from EU-125	H.C.
<b>PJ2</b>	<b>Curacao</b>	Dec 14 - Jan 15	SM4KYN will be on	H.C dir & bur
<b>PJ4</b>	<b>Bonaire</b>	Now - Jan 1	K9HZ is /PJ4	H.C.
<b>PJ5</b>	<b>St. Estatius</b>	Dec 22 - Dec 29	JN1RVS will sign PJ5/K6NAO	JA1HGY OQRS
<b>PY</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	Dec 26 - Dec 30 Delayed to middle January	PT7CG & PY7RP will be on from SA-025 signing ZD8DX	H.C. & LoTW
<b>RI</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Dec 15 - Mar 14 Now - Apr 6	RW1ANT will be on from AN-016 RI1ANR is on	RW1AI RK1PWA
<b>S0</b>	<b>Western Sahara</b>	NOW	S01MZ has been worked on 20 meters	EA1BT
<b>S7</b>	<b>Seychelles</b>	Dec 15 - Jan 15	UA3DJY as S79ACR	H.C.
<b>SU</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	NOW	RW3AH has got his license and now is signing SU9AF	UA3DX
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Now - Jan 6	JH0IXE will be on as T8CW	H.C.
<b>TZ</b>	<b>Mali</b>	NOW	TZ6BB is often on in the afternoon	W3HMK
<b>V4</b>	<b>St. Kitts</b>	Jan 21 - Feb 21	N3ME will be on as V47AJ	H.C. dir & bur
<b>V5</b>	<b>Namibia</b>	Dec 14 - Jan 18	DJ2HD & DK1CE will be /V5	DJ2HD & DH3WO
<b>V5</b>	<b>Namibia</b>	Dec 24 - Jan 08	DJ2HD will be /V5 DL3DXX is on /V5 (V55V for contest)	H.C. H.C.
<b>V5</b>	<b>Namibia</b>	Dec 31 - Jan 06	DH3WO will be /V5	H.C.
<b>V7</b>	<b>Marshall Islands</b>	JUNE - DEC 2013	KJ6MZ is active as V73MZ	H.C. dir
<b>VK0</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Feb 2014	G3WIP is on as VK0GB	

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VK	Australia	Dec 28	VK7HVK will be /p from OC-233	
VP2V	British Virgin Isl	Dec 1 - Jan 15	SP3IPB is again /VP2V	H.C.:
VP8/A	Antartica	Now - Jan 2014	VK6JJJ will be active as VK0JJJ from AN-016	K7CO
VP8/A	Antartica	Now - Feb 2014	ZS7V is on duty at the SANAE base	ZS1HF
VP8S	S.Shetland	Dec 17 - Dec 31	RI20ANT special station will be on from AN-010	RW3RN
VR2	Hong Kong	NOW	IV3TAN is now /IV3	H.C. dir
W	U.S.A.	Dec 26 - Jan 1	K5KUA will be /5 from NA-143	H.C. dir & bur
XW	Vietnam	Dec 24 - Dec 30	E21EIC will be again on as XW0YJY	H.C. & OQRS
YA	Afghanista n	Now - End 2013	ON4JM will be on as T6JR	H.C.
YA	Afghanista n	Now - May 2014	KB2RLB will be on as T6MT	KB2RLB
YA	Afghanista n	May 15-Aug 2014	KB2OBQ will be again on as T6JP	LoTW Qrz.com
ZS	S. Africa	Dec 2013	ZS9MADIBA to commemorate Nelson Mandela	
ZD7	Now - Dec 23	Now - Dec 23	ZS1BBT is now on signing ZD7PAS	
ZD9	Gough	Aug 2014	ZS1BM will sign ZD9G	ZS1HF
ZS8	Marion Island	Apr 2013 - May 2014	ZR6CWI is active from AF-021 as ZS8C. ZS1BCE is signing ZS8Z	ZS1HF
ZS8	Marion Island	NOW	Another station is on signing ZS8Z	

**FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE**

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3B9	Rodriguez	Feb 10 - Feb 18	OE4AAC will be /3B9	H.C.
3C 3C0	Eq. Guinea Annobon	SOON ??	EA5BYP is planning an expedition that will happen very soon	H.C.
3D2	Fiji	Mar 23 - Mar 31	K0UU will be on as 3D2FJ all bands CW only OC-016	H.C. dir & LoTW
4S	Sri Lanka	Mar 10 - Mar 23	DK1BT DH7KU DJ6TF DK1BT DK7LX DL4WK DL7DF DL7UFN DL7UFR SP3CYY SP3DOI all bands/modes	DL7DF dir & bur & LoTW

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<b>5H</b>	<b>Tanzania</b>	Feb 5 - Feb 24	An Italian group will be on as 5I0DX & 5H3AN	IK7JWX dir/bur
<b>5V</b>	<b>Togo</b>	2014	F5MVB will be active as 5V7MP	
<b>5X</b>	<b>Uganda</b>	Feb 25 - Mar 16	G3XAQ will be on as 5X1XA	G3SWH & LoTW
<b>7P</b>	<b>Lesotho</b>	Feb 11 - Feb 16	DK3ID will be on as 7P8ID mainly SSB	H.C. dir
<b>8Q</b>	<b>Maldives</b>	Feb 12 - Feb 24	DL2SBY will sign 8Q7KB	H.C. dir & bur
<b>A2</b>	<b>Botswana</b>	Apr 2014	ZS2DL & group will be on as A22D	ZS2DL dir & LoTW
<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Feb 24 - Mar 7	DK1ZX & DK1MA will be on as A35AX	OQRS
<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Aug 16 - Aug 24	AC8W K8AQM KG8CO KN8R N8LJ will be on all bands and modes	
<b>CE</b>	<b>Chile</b>	Feb 23 - Feb 28	3G7PM group will be on from SA-018	
<b>E5</b>	<b>South Cook</b>	Jan 21 - Jan 27	BA4DW will be on holiday in E5 and will sign E51DW	H.C.
<b>E5</b>	<b>South Cook</b>	November	N7QT will be on all modes and bands	H.C. LoTW dir & bur
<b>EA8</b>	<b>Canary Islands</b>	Feb 15 - Feb 16	EA8AY will use the call EF8USA in the contest	W2GR
<b>F</b>	<b>France</b>	Feb 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 Feb 14 - Feb 23	TM1AAW special activity for Antarctic week	F8DVD dir & bur
<b>FG</b>	<b>Guadeloupe</b>	Feb 20 - Mar 6	F6HMQ will work again as TO22C	H.C.
<b>FH</b>	<b>Mayotte</b>	Mar 21 - Apr 4	TO7BC will be used by DL7BC	H.C.
<b>FM</b>	<b>Martinique</b>	Jan 13 - Jan 19	TO3JA from NA-107	EB7DX
<b>FM</b>	<b>Martinique</b>	Jan 15 - Jan 16	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be /FM	H.C.
<b>FM</b>	<b>Martinique</b>	Mar 1 - Mar 2	F5VHJ will be again in the contest as TO5A	H.C. dir & bur
<b>FM</b>	<b>Martinique</b>	Mar 26 - Apr 1	M5RIC will be on as TO4C	M00XO
<b>FO/A</b>	<b>Austral Isl</b>	Mar 20 - Apr 1	G3BJ G3SVL G3TXF G3WGN G3XTT G4JKS G4TSH will be on all bands and modes signing TX6G	G3TXF & OQRS/LoTW
<b>FO0/A</b>	<b>Austral Islands</b>	October	N7QT will be on as TX5D all modes and bands	H.C. LoTW dir & bur
<b>FR</b>	<b>Reunion</b>	Feb 5 - Feb 17	TO7CC by F6KOP radio club ALL BANDS AND MODES	
<b>FR/T</b>	<b>Tromelin</b>	<b>Oct 30 - Nov 10</b>	<b>F5UFX is organizing an expedition to Tromelin. See below</b>	

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<b>FS</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>	Feb 9 - Feb 27	F6ITD will be on /FS and as TO6D during contest	Die, bur & LoTW
<b>FS</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>	Jun 8 - Jun 27	K9EL will be / FS all bands and modes	H.C. OQRS Lotw
<b>FT5Z</b>	<b>Amsterdam</b>	<b>Jan 24 - Feb 12</b>	<b>14 operators will be on with 8 stations signing FT5ZM</b>	<b>N200</b>
<b>HK0</b>	<b>S. Andres</b>	Apr 18 - Apr 25	LW9EOC will be /HK0	H.C.
<b>HK0</b>	<b>S. Andres</b>	April	N7QT will be /HK0 all modes and bands	H.C. LoTW dir & bur
<b>J3</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	Mar 3 - Mar 10	G3PJT will be on as J34G	H.C.
<b>J3</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	Feb 6 - Feb 18	DL5AXX will sign J38XX	H.C.
<b>J7</b>	<b>Dominica</b>	Jan 15 - Jan 16 Jan 23 - Jan 29	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be on as J79VC & J79PB	H.C.
<b>J7</b>	<b>Dominica</b>	Jan 29 - Feb 28	AD8J will use the call J79JG	H.C. & LoTW
<b>KH5</b>	<b>Palmyra</b>	<b>Postponed</b>	<b>25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing N5E</b>	<b>ZL3CW &amp; LoTW</b>
<b>P4</b>	<b>Aruba</b>	Mar 13 - Mar 18	JR3QFB & JS6RRR as P40JH & P40R	H.C.
<b>PJ2</b>	<b>Curacao</b>	Jan 17 - Jan 29	K8ND will be again on /PJ2	W3HNC
<b>PJ2</b>	<b>Curacao</b>	Mar 12 - Mar 29	DK5ON will be /PJ2 from SA-099	DK5ON
<b>PJ4</b>	<b>Bonaire</b>	May 24 - May 25	WJ20 will be in the contest as PJ4G	N2ZN
<b>PJ7</b>	<b>S. Maarten</b>	Feb 22 - Mar 16	AA9A will be again active signing PJ7AA	H.C. & LoTW
<b>PZ</b>	<b>Suriname</b>	Mar 1 - Mar 28	ON4AVT will sign PZ5VC mainly PSK	H.C.
<b>S9</b>	<b>Sao Tome</b>	Feb 1 - Feb 13	Three IK5 operators will be on as S9TF from AF-044	IK5CRH
<b>T32</b>	<b>E. Kiribati</b>	Mar 2014	3 operators will be on from OC-280 & OC-282	
<b>TF</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	May 11 - May 22	EA5IDQ will be /TF	H.C.
<b>V2</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	Jan 21	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be /V26	H.C.
<b>VK0</b>	<b>Heard Island</b>	<b>Between Jan 1 - Jan 31 2015 Rescheduled</b>	<b>Big group will be on Details will follow</b>	
<b>VK9M</b>	<b>Mellish Reef</b>	<b>Mar 28 - Apr 9</b>	<b>Large team will be on</b>	<b>MOURZ</b>

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<b>VK</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Feb 3 - Feb 10	VK5MAV will be on from OC-139	OQRS
<b>VP2M</b>	<b>Montserrat</b>	<b>Jan 18 - Jan 22</b>	SP7VC, SP3IPB will be on signing VP2MPG & VP2MTK	H.C.
<b>VP9</b>	<b>Bermuda</b>	Feb 19 - Feb 27	G7JVR will be /VP9	M00XO
<b>VU</b>	<b>India</b>	Jul 23 - Jul 31	VU3ARF & VU2GMT will be active as VU3ARF/p from AS-153	VU3ARF dir/bur
<b>XE</b>	<b>Mexico</b>	Mar 14 - Mar 17	XF1T group will be on from NA-189	IT9EJW and OQRS
<b>XU</b>	<b>Cambodia</b>	Jan 9 - Jan 14	M6CFW as XU7AEU	
<b>XU</b>	<b>Cambodia</b>	Feb 25 - Mar 21	KF0RQ will go to XU to visit family and will sign XU7ACQ	H.C.
<b>YJ</b>	<b>Vanuatu</b>	Feb 11 - Feb 25	N7OU & NE7D will be on	LoTW and H.C.
<b>YW0</b>	<b>Aves Island</b>	Jan - Feb	Operations is planned during this period. As YW0A	
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman</b>	Jan 11 - Jan 19	K8PGJ will sign ZF2PG	H.C. LoTW
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman</b>	Feb 15 - Feb 16	WJ2O will be in the contest	N2ZN

**SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES**

<b>PFX</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Info</b>	<b>QSL Info</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>Monaco</b>	Dec 1 - Dec 31	3A60ARM	Bureau
<b>A9</b>	<b>Now</b>	Now - Dec end	A91MCAT	IZ8CLM
<b>BV</b>	<b>Taiwan</b>	Now - Dec 31	BV60V	Dir & bur
<b>CE</b>	<b>Chile</b>	Now - Dec end	XR150CBS	XQ7UO
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	All 2013	DB50FIRAC	Bureau & LoTW
<b>E7</b>	<b>Bosnia</b>	Now - End 2013	E720SRRS special call	Bureau
<b>G</b>	<b>England</b>	Now - Jan end Dec 1 - Dec 31	GB100L GB4SC	G4SJX MODOL
<b>G</b>	<b>England</b>	Dec 1 - Dec 31	GX4BJC/A MX1SWL/A	G6XOU

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<b>G</b>	<b>England</b>	Dec 16 - Dec 31	GB2W	M0DOL
<b>HA</b>	<b>Hungary</b>	Dec 1 - Dec 31	HA40QRP	HA6NL
<b>I</b>	<b>Italy</b>	Jun - Dec 2013	II0GMC special call	M0OXO
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Aug 24 - Dec 31 Dec 8 - Mar 2	8J1FARC 8J6HAM	Bureau Bureau
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Now - Mar 2014 All 2014	8J7JE400 8J1T from new JCC 0316	Bureau
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Jul 28 - Mar 14 Nov 20 - Mar 31	8N1FUJI special call 8J1TS50A	Bureau Bureau
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Oct 1 - Mar 31 Oct 1 - Mar 31	8JI30MUT 8J7JE400	Bureau Bureau
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Aug 24 - Dec 31 Nov 20 - Apr 30	8J120TAM 8J5SSS	Bureau Bureau
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Mar 1 - Jun 16	8N2HHH	
<b>LA</b>	<b>Norway</b>	2014 2014	LA stations may use LI prefixes LB stations may use LJ prefixes	
<b>LZ</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	2013 Dec 2013	LZ20TRC special call LZ125VZ special call	LZ1YE Lotw
<b>LZ</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	NOW Dec 2013	LZ1534GWS special call LZ867MWB	LZ1KCP LZ1KCP
<b>LZ</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	Now - Dec 31 Now - DEC 31 Now - DEC 31	LZ2013IPA LZ10ANT LZ110RAEM	LZ3HI LZ3SM LZ3SM
<b>OM</b>	<b>Slovakia</b>	May - Dec 2013 May - Dec 2013	OOM20TUSR OM60DAT Special call	OM3RP OM4CI
<b>OZ</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	2013	OU1RAEM will be on all through 2013	
<b>OZ</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	Jan 1 - Jan 31	5P14EHC	
<b>PA</b>	<b>Netherland</b>	Dec 19 - Jan 12	PA14HNU & PB14HNY	PA1AW
<b>S5</b>	<b>Slovenia</b>	Now - Jan 5	S506PMC S506SLG	Bureau Bureau
<b>SM</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	Now - Dec 31	SG30RM	SK6RM
<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Now - Dec end Now - Dec end	HF450NS special call HF715BRO	SP3KEY SQ2OMB
<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Now - Dec end Now - Dec end Now - Dec end	SN640OKA 3Z20SOT SP20SOT SN20SOT HF20SOT 3Z13XMAS	Bureau SP1RKT SP6IEQ
<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Now - Dec 31	HF2013PLL SO110RAEM	SP8KEZ SP2FAP

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UA	Russia	Oct - Dec 2013	R350FV special call	
UA	Russia	Now - Dec 31 Dec 1 - Mar 31	R350FV R00000	UA10JL
UA	Russia	Dec 2013	RA110RAEM RB110RAEM . RC110RAEM RD110RAEM RG110RAEM RJ110RAEM RK110RAEM RL110RAEM RM110RAEM RN110RAEM RO110RAEM RQ110RAEM RR110RAEM RS110RAEM RT110RAEM RU110RAEM RV110RAEM RW110RAEM RY110RAEM RZ110RAEM	
UA	Russia	Dec 1 - Feb 7	R1980M R1980L R2014HQ	R5AX RX1CQ dir RO6L
UA	Russia	Jan 1 - Mar 3	RG22RQ RJ22DX	RN3RQ RN3RQ
UA	Russia	Dec 1 - Mar 1	R2014CC	
UA	Russia	Jan 1 - Mar 31 Jan 1 - Mar 31	R2014HS special olimpic games call R22G	RW6HS RW6HS
UR	Ukraine	All 2013 Now - Dec 31	EM7UT & EO0UD EN70GH	UR7UT UR3GJ
UR	Ukraine	Dec 2013	EM110RAEM EN110RAEM EO110RAEM	
VE	Canada	Dec 2013	VX3X	VE3JO
VK	Australia	Oct - Dec Now - Dec 31	VI6WA100 VK2013TDF	VK6IR
YO	Romania	Dec 1 - Dec 31	YP95GU	Bureau
YU	Serbia	Jul - Dec 2013	YU88BPQ special call	YU7BPQ

## Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

**Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party: 0001Z, Dec 21 to 2359Z, Jan 1**  
**NCCC Sprint: 0215Z-0300Z, Dec 27**  
**RAC Winter Contest: 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 28**  
**World Wide Iron Ham Contest: 1200Z, Dec 28 to 1159Z, Dec 29**  
**Original QRP Contest: 1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29**  
**Stew Perry Topband Challenge: 1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29**  
**RAEM Contest: 0000Z-1159Z, Dec 29**  
**AGB New Year Snowball Contest: 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1**

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**QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 1****SARTG New Year RTTY Contest: 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1****AGCW Happy New Year Contest: 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1****AGCW VHF/UHF Contest: 1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z,**

## **FR Tromelin**

Most of the DXers consider entities as check boxes to tick once the country is worked and confirmed. That's the game! However, we hope to bring you a lot more than just a simple check mark as you discover our next destination.

Let's talk about the 9th most wanted DXCC entity according to the Clublog statistics, an empty box for 75% of the amateur radio community.

Tromelin, as well as Glorioso, Juan de Nova, Europa, belongs to the 'Eparses', a French word to name these small islands scattered around Madagascar. These French territories are administered by the TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises). Their access is strictly controlled and regulated in particular for ecological reasons. Tromelin is the smallest one (1 square km) and the human impact is all the more sensitive.

That's the only island where there are no French military troops and only 2 agents of the TAAF are posted there continuously. The last operation took place in 2000. A 4 men team made 50,000 contacts with the callsign FR/F6KDF/T. No authorization has been given ever since. 2014 will be the 60th anniversary of the 1st hamradio activity from Tromelin. The operator was Marc FB8BK/T.

Today, after some successful collaborative work with the TAAF authorities, we are proud to announce that we received our landing permission and got the green light to conduct an amateur radio operation on this remote island. We'll be active on Tromelin from October 30th to November 10th, 2014. 6 operators have been allowed to stay of the island. They have been selected for their experience and all six are ready to face the challenge. The team is made up of Seb F5UFX, Michel FM5CD, Flo F5CWU, Eric F5SIH, Franck F4AJQ, Fred F5ROP.

The request is huge and we are conscious of this. For this reason, we are working hard in order to prepare our operation in depth. Some places in the world will have short openings and we'll do our best to exploit these short moments with proper planning adjusted with the help of pilots. The coming months will be devoted to the search of sponsors. We already have part of the equipment but partnership with equipment suppliers will be essential. On the other hand, we will contact

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foundations, clubs, organizations to request assistance to help us balance our budget, estimated at \$90,000, most of which is devoted to logistic costs.

Our website is online. All details regarding the progress, plans of the DXpedition and sponsorship opportunities will be accessible through dedicated pages.

<http://www.tromelin2014.com>

We will regularly keep updating you until our departure. Team Tromelin 2014

Seb F5ufx, [leader@tromelin2014.com](mailto:leader@tromelin2014.com)

## **LATEST PRESS RELEASE - FT5ZM**

**The Amsterdam Island DXpedition is on schedule and all systems remain "GO!"**

All the equipment the Amsterdam Island DXpedition team shipped to New Zealand is now aboard the MV Braveheart. Our documentation - sanitation inspections, hull inspections, de-ratting certification, and bio-security clearance has been completed.

The vessel will be fueled for its voyage to Australia on December 23rd. On December 24th, fresh produce for the initial voyage will be taken aboard. The crew will celebrate Christmas day at home with their families and then on December 26th at 1400 local time, during high slack water, the vessel will sail for Fremantle, Australia. The Braveheart will sail around the north cape of New Zealand's north island, across the Tasman Sea, across the Great Australian Bight, and up the west coast of Australia to the port of Fremantle. Additional provisions will be taken aboard in Australia and the vessel will be re-fueled for the voyage to Amsterdam Island and back.

FT5ZM team members will begin arriving in Fremantle on January 9th. There will be team meetings, toasts, and shopping trips. Our good VK6 friends have acquired some additional supplies for us and we will take these aboard. The team will board the Braveheart on January 14th, configure our maritime mobile station, and sail for Amsterdam Island on January 15th.

You will likely hear from us one more time before we leave our respective countries and fly to Australia. However, as always, thank you to the amateur and DX community for your support and interest. Visit our website frequently for late breaking news and updates. We've not yet reached our financial goals, but with your continued support, that goal is in sight.

Ralph - K0IR

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**VK0 - heardisland.org**

Excerpts from the press release state that "Following his visit to the Australian Antarctic Division offices in Hobart, Tasmania, Expedition Organizer Dr. Robert Schmieder made the final decisions that will define the expedition. The expedition is scheduled for Jan., 2015." A group will use the Belgian vessel Cmdr. Fourcault, taking a team of 35 persons and sail from Capetown, South Africa, directly to Heard Island. After landing, the team and equipment will be off-loaded by helicopter onto the island, and the team will stay at the island for 30-days, providing support, emergency capability, and movement of personnel and supplies to various locations on the island. Following recovery of the team and equipment, it will return to Capetown. The entire journey will take about 50 days. The team will be made up of several sub-teams, each with its own goals: mountaineering team, cryptobiology team, marine science team, documentation team, and the communications team who will use amateur radio to make up to 150,000 individual contacts worldwide using the callsign VK0EK, and provide real-time reporting of data and images to the internet, including automatically updating websites that display the activities of the team. The expedition will be carried out under the auspices of Cordell Expeditions, a nonprofit research organization that has done expeditions to remote islands for more than 30 years. For further information, please contact Dr. Schmieder at <schmieder@cordell.org>, and visit the expedition

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