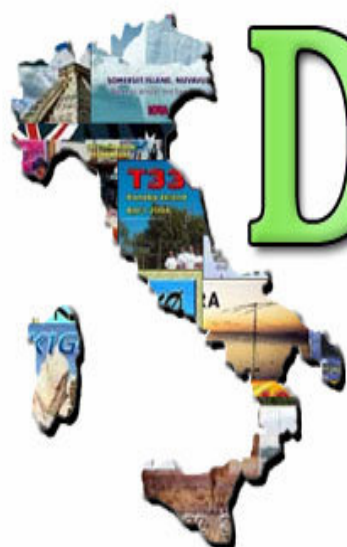


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**RED** = Important operation

**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 OR A ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA**

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
4S	Sri Lanka	Nov 17 - Apr 15	DX0KK will be again on as 4S7KKG mainly CW & digi	Bureau
5H	Tanzania	Jan 28 - Feb 28	F6AML will be on from AF-032, AF-054, AF-074, AF-087	H.C.
5Z	Kenya	Jan 3 - Jan 28	WA5A will be /5Z4	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Jan 3 - Jan 31	F6BLP will be again on as 6W7SK	H.C. dir & bur
9G	Ghana	Aug 2013 - Dec 2014	W7JVN & his wife WB7NLY will be on a missionary activity and hopes to get on the air as 9G5AC	
9L	Sierra Leone	Dec 1 - Feb 31	9A3A will be in 9L signing 9L1A mainly CW	9A2AA

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<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>9X</b>	<b>Rwanda</b>	Now - Mar 2014	JR1IZM has got the call 9X0ZM and will be soon on mainly 20 m	JO1CRA
<b>A5</b>	<b>Bhutan</b>	Jan 31 - Feb 4	PP5JR PU5FJR PU5BIA JH1AJT will be on aigning A52JR	PP5VB OQRS/LoTW
<b>C5</b>	<b>Gambia</b>	Jan 11 - Jan 26	ON7WP will be active as C5WP from different areas	NI5DX & LoTW
<b>C6</b>	<b>Bahamas</b>	Jan 1 - Jan 31	9H5G will be /C6A from NA-001, NA-113, NA-054 & NA-048	NI5DX & LoTW
<b>C9</b>	<b>Mozambique</b>	NOW	ZS6ALB is active as C91KHN. Has been signing C91C in contest	LoTW and OQRS
<b>CE</b>	<b>Chile</b>	NOW	UA4WHX is now /CE9 from SA-050	H.C.
<b>D2</b>	<b>Angola</b>	Jan 16 - Dec 31	MM0SSG will be on as D2SG	GM4FDM
<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>E5</b>	<b>South Cook</b>	Jan 21 - Jan 27	BA4DW will be on holiday in E5 and will sign E51DW	H.C.
<b>FK</b>	<b>New Caledonia</b>	Oct end - Feb	F5IRO will be /FK from OC-032	F5IRo OQRS/LoTW
<b>FM</b>	<b>Martinique</b>	Jan 13 - Jan 19	TO3JA from NA-107	JA3AVO OQRS
<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>HC</b>	<b>Ecuador</b>	Jan 19 - Feb 10	NE8Z will be again on as HC1MD and HC1MD/2	K8LJG dir or LoTW
<b>I</b>	<b>Italy</b>	Dec 1 - Apr 30	II8IDXC special call will be on all bands and modes	IZ8EDJ dir & bur
<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>JD</b>	<b>Minami Torishima</b>	Dec 16 - Mar 18	JG8NQJ is now /JD1 during time left from work in the weather station.	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>KG</b>	<b>Guantanamo</b>	Jan 17 - Jan 27	N4SIA as KG4AS and K4MIL as KG4SS	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>OX</b>	<b>Greenland</b>	Jan 31 - Feb 4	OX5T will be on from NA-018	OZ0J
<b>PJ2</b>	<b>Curacao</b>	Jan 17 - Jan 29	K8ND will be again on /PJ2	W3HNK
<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>PY0F</b>	<b>F. de Noronha</b>	Jan 23 - Jan 29	PP1CZ will be /PY0F on all bands and modes	H.C.
<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>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	JAN 8 - Jan 14	JA6EGL (T88SM), JH6WDG (T88AQ), JA6KYU (T88HS), and JE6DND (T88HK) all bands/modes	H.C.
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Jan 25 - Jan 30	JN3MXT will sign T88MX	H.C.
<b>TY</b>	<b>Benin</b>	Jan 26 - Feb 5	ON6DX will be n as TY1TT	
<b>TZ</b>	<b>Mali</b>	NOW	TZ6BB is often on in the afternoon	W3HNK
<b>V2</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	Jan 21	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be /V26	H.C.
<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>VK0</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Feb 2014	G3WIP is on as VK0GB	
<b>VP2M</b>	<b>Montserrat</b>	<b>Jan 18 - Jan 22</b>	SP7VC, SP3IPB will be on signing VP2MPG & VP2MTK	H.C.
<b>VP8/ A</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Jan 2014	VK6JJJ will be active as VK0JJJ from AN-016	K7CO
<b>VP8/ A</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Feb 2014	ZS7V is on duty at the SANAE base	ZS1HF
<b>VR2</b>	<b>Hong Kong</b>	NOW	IV3TAN is now /IV3	H.C. dir

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<b>XW</b>	<b>Laos</b>	Jan 15 - Jan 30	JA8BMK will operate with the call XW8BM all bands	H.C.
<b>YA</b>	<b>Afghanistan</b>	Now - May 2014	KB2RLB will be on as T6MT	KB2RLB
<b>YA</b>	<b>Afghanistan</b>	May 15-Aug 2014	KB2OBQ will be again on as T6JP	LoTW Qrz.com
<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>	Jan 18 - Jan 23	N4BFR & N4EWT will be on as ZF2JS & ZF2KO	H.C: & LoTW
<b>ZS8</b>	<b>Marion Island</b>	Apr 2013 - May 2014	ZR6CWI is active from AF-021 as ZS8C. ZS1BCE is signing ZS8Z	ZS1HF
<b>ZS8</b>	<b>Marion Island</b>	NOW	Another station is on signing ZS8Z	

**FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE**

<b>3B8</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>	Apr 18 - Apr 25	M0RCX will be /3B8	H.C.
<b>3B9</b>	<b>Rodriguez</b>	Feb 10 - Feb 18	OE4AAC will be /3B9	H.C.
<b>3C</b> <b>3C0</b>	<b>Eq. Guinea</b> <b>Annobon</b>	SOON ??	EA5BYP is planning an expedition that will happen very soon	H.C.
<b>3D2</b>	<b>Fiji</b>	Mar 23 - Mar 31	K0UU will be on as 3D2FJ all bands CW only OC-016	H.C. dir & LoTW
<b>4S</b>	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	Mar 10 - Mar 23	DK1BT DH7KU DJ6TF DK1BT DK7LX DL4WK DL7DF DL7UFN DL7UFR SP3CYY SP3DOI all bands/modes	DL7DF dir & bur & LoTW
<b>5H</b>	<b>Tanzania</b>	Feb 2 - Feb 13	An Italian group will be on as 5I0DX. Single operators will use: 5I0AM (op. IS0AGY), 5I0WL (op. I8LWL) and 5H3AN (ops IK7JWX and IV3FSG)	IK7JWX dir/bur IS0AGY dir only
<b>5V</b>	<b>Togo</b>	2014	F5MVB will be active as 5V7MP F5AOW will sign 5V7BJ	
<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

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<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Feb 24 - Mar 7	DK1ZX & DK1MA will be on as A35AX	OQRS
<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Apr 4 - Apr 18	GM3WOJ & GM4YXI will be on all bands and modes	LoTW
<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Aug 16 - Aug 24	AC8W K8AQM KG8CO KN8R N8LJ will be on all bands and modes	
<b>C2</b>	<b>Nauru</b>	Apr 3 - Apr 16	DL2AWG DL6JGN K5YY will be on all modes and bands	
<b>CE</b>	<b>Chile</b>	Feb 23 - Feb 28	3G7PM group will be on from SA-018	
<b>CE</b>	<b>Chile</b>	Apr 16 - Apr 20	XR2T team will be on from SA-086	XQ4CW
<b>CN</b>	<b>Morocco</b>	Feb 6 - Feb 9	5C2P by IK2PZC	H.C. dir bur/ LoTW
<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>FK</b>	<b>New Caledonia</b>	Feb 18 - Feb 26	JE2EHP will sign FK/K1HP all bands + 6 & all modes	H.C: OQRS & LoTW
<b>FK</b>	<b>New Caledonia</b>	Mid Feb	F5IRO will be /FK from OC-033	H.C. dir & bur
<b>FM</b>	<b>Martinique</b>	Feb 8 - Feb 22	F5GN & F4BMR will sign TO4YL	F5GN
<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	M0OXO
<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>	
<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

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HI	Dominican Rep	Apr 7 - Apr 14	ZP9MCE will be operating from HI7	EA5ZD
HK0	S. Andres	Apr 18 - Apr 25	LW9EOC will be /HK0	H.C.
HK0	S. Andres	April	N7QT will be /HK0 all modes and bands	H.C. LoTW dir & bur
J3	Grenada	Mar 3 - Mar 10	G3PJT will be on as J34G	H.C.
J3	Grenada	Feb 6 - Feb 18	DL5AXX will sign J38XX	H.C.
J7	Dominica	Feb 21 - Mar 10	K1LI will be on focusing low bands and contest 6 signing J7Y	H.C.
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed	25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing N5E	ZL3CW & LoTW
KH9	Wake	2014	N7XR will be /WH) all bands and modes. Will also sign WH9/W1AW	NN1N dir & LoTW
KP2	Virgin Islands	Feb 15 - Feb 16	N2TTA will be again on as NP2P in the contest	LoTW
LU	Argentina	Feb 21 - Feb 24	LU8DCH will be on /D from SA-055	H.C dir
P4	Aruba	Mar 13 - Mar 18	JR3QFB & JS6RRR as P40JH & P40R	H.C.
PA	Netherland	Apr 5 - Apr 19	PD5MVH will be /P from EU-038 LH-NET001	H.C.
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 12 - Mar 29	DK5ON will be /PJ2 from SA-099	DK5ON
PJ4	Bonaire	May 24 - May 25	WJ2O will be in the contest as PJ4G	N2ZN
PJ7	S. Maarten	Feb 22 - Mar 16	AA9A will be again active signing PJ7AA	H.C. & LoTW
PZ	Suriname	Mar 1 - Mar 28	ON4AVT will sign PZ5VC mainly PSK	H.C.
S9	Sao Tome	Feb 1 - Feb 13	Three IK5 operators will be on as S9TF from AF-044	IK5CRH
T32	E. Kiribati	Mar 2014	3 operators will be on from OC-280 & OC-282	
T8	Palau	Apr 29 - May 7	JR3STX will be on as T88ST 80 - 6 M all modes	H.C.
TF	Iceland	May 11 - May 22	EA5IDQ will be /TF	H.C.
V7	Marshall	Feb 4 - Feb 14	N6MW sill be on from OC-029 signing V73MW	LoTW
VK0	Heard Island	Between Jan 1 - Jan 31 2015 Rescheduled	Big group will be on Details will follow	

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VK9M	Mellish Reef	Mar 28 - Apr 9	Large team will be on	M0URZ
VK9X	Christmas	Mar 1 - Mar 10	K7CO will sign /VK9X	H.C. dir & OQRS
VK	Australia	Feb 3 - Feb 10	VK5MAV will be on from OC-139	OQRS
VP9	Bermuda	Feb 19 - Feb 27	G7JVR will be /VP9	M0OXO
VQ9	Diego Garcia	2014	N7XR will be on as VQ9XR twice all bands + 6 m and modes. A second operation with N6MZ	NN1N
VU	India	Jul 23 - Jul 31	VU3ARF & VU2GMT will be active as VU3ARF/p from AS-153	VU3ARF dir/bur
XE	Mexico	Mar 14 - Mar 17	XF1T group will be on from NA-189	IT9EJW and OQRS
XU	Cambodia	Feb 25 - Mar 21	KF0RQ will go to XU to visit family and will sign XU7ACQ	H.C.
XV	Vietnam	Feb 15 - Mar 5	JA8BMK will operate with the call XV2BM all bands	H.C.
YB	Indonesia	March	YB2TET, YB3MM and YF1AR will be on from OC-219	
YJ	Vanuatu	Feb 11 - Feb 25	N7OU & NE7D will be on	LoTW and H.C.
YV	Venezuela	April	YW5D from SA-044	DM4TI
ZF	Cayman	Feb 15 - Feb 16	WJ2O will be in the contest	N2ZN

## SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
DL	Germany	Jan 1 - Dec 31	DM60JMZ from DOK60K07	Bureau
DL	Germany	April 2014	DR175LDE	Bureau
EI	Ireland	All 2014	EI30T	OQRS
F	France	Feb 15 - Mar 2	TM11WAP (WAP-247)	F8DHE
G	England	Now - Jan end Jan 25 - Jan 30	GB100L GB1RNLI	G4SJX Bureau
I	Italy	Feb 17 - Feb 23 Feb 17 - Feb 23 Feb 17 - Feb 23	II3MNA IA2IPY II5ANT	IQ3TS I2MQP IZ5BTC

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<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Dec 8 - Mar 2	8J6HAM	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>	Nov 20 - Apr 30 Now - Feb 28	8J5SSS 8J9OKB	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>	2014	Z1375PRB Jan LZ1950SAS Feb LZ1246SIT Mar LZ1808SNS Apr LZ1555WNS May LZ1816PAS Jun LZ1810PPW Jul LZ1680MTS Aug LZ37MP Sep LZ1375IKA Oct LZ1164SIM Nov LZ1784SMH Dec	Bureau
<b>OZ</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	Jan 1 - Jan 31	5P14EHC	
<b>PA</b>	<b>Netherland</b>	Feb 17 - Feb 23 Jan 2014	PA6ANT PH6SKCC	PA3FOE PA3CLQ
<b>PA</b>	<b>Netherland</b>	2014	PA35WO	PI4WO
<b>SM</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	2014	7S400K	SM7BHM
<b>SM</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	2014	SC2014ECC SB2014ECC SC2014ECC SD2014ECC SE2014ECC SF2014ECC SG2014ECC SH2014ECC SI2014ECC SJ2014ECC	SK2AT
<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Jan 8 - Jan 28	HF120MK SN0MMK SN120MK SN120MMK HF0RN SN0RN SN75RN	
<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Jan 1 - Aug 31	HF2014JP	SP4ICP
<b>UA</b>	<b>Russia</b>	Dec 1 - Mar 31	R00000	UA10JL
<b>UA</b>	<b>Russia</b>	Dec 1 - Feb 7	R1980M R1980L R2014HQ	R5AX RX1CQ dir RO6L
<b>UA</b>	<b>Russia</b>	Jan 1 - Mar 3	RG22RQ RJ22DX	RN3RQ RN3RQ
<b>UA</b>	<b>Russia</b>	Dec 1 - Mar 1	R2014CC	
<b>UA</b>	<b>Russia</b>	Jan 1 - Mar 31 Jan 1 - Mar 31	R2014HS special olimpic games call R22GG	RW6HS RW6HS

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UR	Ukraine	Jan 2014	EM75V EO90WF	UR2VA US5WE
UR	Ukraine	Jan 2014	EM50J EM50JA EO50JA	
YU	Serbia	2014	YT0PUPIN	YT7WA

## **DXCC DESK**

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

**QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 15**

**AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest: 2300Z, Jan 15 to 2300Z, Jan 16 and 2300Z, Jan 18 to 2300Z, Jan 19**

**QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 17**

**NCCC Sprint Ladder: 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 17**

**LZ Open Contest: 0000Z-0400Z, Jan 18**

**Hungarian DX Contest: 1200Z, Jan 18 to 1159Z, Jan 19**

**North American QSO Party, SSB: 1800Z, Jan 18 to 0559Z, Jan 19**

**ARRL January VHF Contest: 1900Z, Jan 18 to 0359Z, Jan 20**

**Feld Hell Sprint: 2000Z, Jan 18 to 0300Z, Jan 19**

**ON 10-Meter Contest: 0900Z-1100Z, Jan 19**

**Run for the Bacon QRP Contest: 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 20**

**SKCC Sprint: 0000Z-0200Z, Jan 22**

**QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 22**

**CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 22 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 22 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 23**

### **VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Special Press Release).**

The following was posted/sent on Saturday, January 4th, on the VK9MT Web page

"To better distribute the workload and keep as many stations on the air as possible the Mellish Reef 2014 DX-pedition team will add one additional operator to the team, bringing the total to 12. We are seeking an experienced SSB and RTTY operator. The pile-

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ups will be energetic and, at times, challenging. Candidates must have the 'Determination - Time - Finances' to join this exciting DX-pedition.

As with all projects of this type the team will share in the cost to launch the project. Each operator is putting up about \$12,000(USD) to pay the costs associated with this DX-pedition. Surplus funds will be evenly divided across the team after the books close. Each operator will pay their own way to and from Australia, as well as their living expenses before and after the DX-pedition.

Previous DX-pedition experience is preferred but not required. We welcome a seasoned DXer who is capable of operating over an 11 day period on a rotating shift schedule. The team will sail to Mellish Reef on a 25 meter (crewed) passenger vessel with previous DX-pedition experience. You would need to be at Mackay, Australia no later than March 23, 2014 and plan to leave Mackay on April 16, 2014.

If this opportunity interests you please send a short biography of your ham radio experience to: [info@vk9mt.com](mailto:info@vk9mt.com) As the time is short, we would appreciate hearing only from candidates who can commit to the project before January 15, 2014. We hope to hear you in the pile-ups..... Team Mellish Reef 2014"

## **FR Tromelin**

Press release 1/2014

Hi friends

The interest generated by the announcement of our project a few weeks ago is extremely important. We expect you to live this adventure with us and its organization throughout the year and to share with you our passion for these remote lands. In due course, we will give some details about the different aspects of the project, but you will find below some answers to questions related to the size of the team, the logistics and the organization required.

Of all the islands that form the "Scattered Islands" Tromelin is the smallest . This one-square kilometer piece of land was classified as a natural reserve back in 1975. The fauna and flora, almost intact, offer a great environment for scientific research. Each year, there are only a few scientists who are allowed to study turtle and seabird colonies. Each research program is the subject of a joint validation from TAAF (Antarctic and Austral territories authority) and CNRS (National Institute of Sciences of the Universe and the National Institute of Ecology and Environment).

Tromelin is the only one of the Scattered Islands to hold only a permanent population of 3 technicians belonging to TAAF. The other islands are homed to military detachments (Armed Forces in the South Zone of the Indian Ocean (FAZSOI) and one policeman.

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Each mission on Tromelin substantially increases temporarily its population and induces a potential environmental impact.

The ham radio Dxpediton in 2000 incorporated this concern for preserving the environment with a staff of four operators. During our preliminary discussions with the authorities in charge of Tromelin, the compromise on the size of the team became obvious. It is inconceivable to lead an expedition with 24 operators on such a small and fragile territory. Besides the ecological impact, difficulties in gaining access as well as logistics would not allow it.

For our project in November 2014 there will be 6 operators who have been authorized for a period of 10 days. While this may reveal a gap with the standard big amateur expeditions that we are getting used to these days, do not forget that once our local team gets there, the population of the island will have already tripled.

In order to maximize our time during these 10 days, it is important to be supportive, organized and known each other very well. It is with this objective that an experienced group, with a real team spirit was formed. This solution was preferred to recruiting an international "patchwork" of operators without a common experience. F6KDF, the Lyon DX Gang and F6KOP Team have proven many times to be up to it.

The presence of French forces on Europa, Juan de Nova and Glorioso facilitated logistical issues for amateur military Dxpeditons conducted in 2003 on Europa and in 2009 on Glorioso.

For Tromelin, the situation is different because the transport of the operators and the equipment will be made by means of a small private plane. This induces a significant cost due to multiple trips, but it is our only way to rally the island.

The primary objective will not be for a handful of "big guns" to complete their umpteenth award but rather to give all the opportunity to contact us, whatever the geographical constraints or propagation.

At the end of 2013 we launched the website and communicated to the Amateur Radio community throughout the world. These last two weeks have been used to solicit amateur clubs and associations inviting them to take part in our project. Some have already committed to our DXpedition. We hope that many more will join them. The support of all is a prerequisite for the return of Tromelin on the air after so many years of silence. The work will continue throughout the year. Soon we will designate our pilot stations with whom we will closely work while pursuing substantive work on the entire organization.

We are only a few hours ahead of another major Dxpediton, FT5ZM. Our Tromelin 2014 team wishes them good luck for a long journey to Amsterdam Island.

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Thank you in advance for your support, have a great year 2014.

73's - The Tromelin island 2014 DXpedition Team.

## **LATEST PRESS RELEASE - FT5ZM**

(Press Release dated January 4th, 2014): "Amsterdam Island DXpedition

We are now 6 days from departure from the U.S.

The Braveheart is making its way across the Great Australian Bight and the North Corridor Radio Group of Western Australia has a stockpile of supplies queued up and waiting for us. Momentum has taken over now and there is no turning back.

Upon arrival in Fremantle, the Braveheart will re-provision and refuel to 90,000 to 100,000 liters of fuel. We will load the materials we've obtained from the NCRG, do a little shopping for personal supplies, set up our maritime mobile station, take our sea sickness pills and patches, and be prepared to sail on January 15th.

We'll be passing through some rare grids on the way to Amsterdam Island and we are anxious to hand out QSO's from them. Be sure to look for us on the bands and track us on our website in near real time. Landing on Amsterdam can be 'exciting.' Wish us good luck with this. We'll have some heavy work to do upon landing and expect our set up time to take at least a full day. We'll let you know when we get there.

This will be our last press release. It has been a long time of preparation and a great deal of work, but that is behind us now. The next time you hear from us, it will be a signal from the Braveheart or from Amsterdam Island.

As you can see from our financial status on our home page, we still need help. If you haven't helped us yet, please consider doing so. If you've supported us, thank you - you've kept us afloat to date.

73 - The Amsterdam Island DXpedition Team"

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Posted on January 4th, by Stan, SQ8X, on the FT5ZM Web page: "FT5ZM under budget! -- The budget for this entire project is about \$450,000. Vessel charter, Operator travel costs, Equipment. Logistics and Housing/Per diem imposed by TAAF make up the costs. The largest cost by far, it the cost of chartering the M/V Braveheart for 40 days and re-positioning the vessel to/from New Zealand.

[ed. See pie budget at: <http://www.amsterdamdx.org/ft5zm-under-budget> ]

The trip requires a large financial commitment from each team member. The minimum team member contribution is \$10,000. Travel to and from Fremantle, Australia will cost each team member another \$3,000- \$3,500. In addition there are six weeks away from home and family, a very long boat ride, and the physical and financial risks inherent to a DXpedition of

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this magnitude. I believe you will agree that the DXpedition team members are doing their part to make this successful. We have heartened by an extremely generous grant from INDEXA. Within hours of receiving the group's request for funds, INDEXA offered their support. Then, NCDXF followed-up with one of the largest grants they've awarded. Dozens of clubs and hundreds of individual DXers worldwide have made contributions up-front when they are most needed. We are deeply indebted to them and appreciate their confidence. However, we are still short , if you have already made a contribution....THANKS, if not please consider doing so."

DXpedition leader Ralph Fedor, K0IR, states: "We simply cannot do this without help from the DX community. We need to raise about a quarter of a million dollars overall. And, it has to be international financial support - we need our DX friends from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania to help us on this one. This is truly an International effort."

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