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More Yemen operations

In last week's *Weekly DX*, we reported on the 708AD and 708AE operation by LA7GIA, Ken, and HA5DDX, Shani. This week, we share information about two more Yemen operations. RA9USU, Dima, began operating as 7073T on November 10 from the Diksam Plateau on Socotra Island. According to *DX World*, Dima will be there until November 28 and plans to operate in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW. Outside the contest, he will mostly be on CW, with some FT8. QSOs for 7073T are being uploaded to <u>Club Loq</u>. QSL via UA3DX.



OK2WX, Vladimir, will operate as 7O2WX January 25-February 12, 2024, also from Socotra Island (AF-028). This operation will include the CQ World Wide 160-Meter Contest, Vladimir will be on 160-10M CW, SSB, and FT8, using an Elecraft K4, ICOM IC-7300, and an SPE Expert 1.3K amplifier with a Spiderbeam, SteppIR, and verticals. QSL via IZ8CCW or LoTW.

XW4DX, Laos, update

F4BKV, Vincent; F4HAU, Diego; F2DX, Patrick; F5PTM, Pascal; and F8AVK, Julien are traveling to Vientiane, Laos (formally the Lao People's Democratic Republic), this week. They plan to operate as XW4DX from November 16 to 27, and wrote on their website that their operation "may" include an entry in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW. Their most recent website entry includes a detailed description of their planned antenna setup. They also note that they have not been authorized to use the 80, 60, 30, and 6 meter bands, as these bands "are currently prohibited for the amateur service in Laos." See their teaser video on YouTube.



Beginning this week: VK9XY, Christmas Island

As reported last week, YL2GM, Yuris, and EA5EL, Eugene, are headed to Christmas Island (OC-002) as VK9XY from November 14-27, then to Cocos (Keeling) Island (OC-003) as VK9CY from November 29 to December 7. The duo is in Australia now, and expects to fly to Christmas Island tomorrow (Tuesday, November 14). More details are available on the **DXpedition website**.

Also beginning this week: PRØT, Trindade and Martim Vaz Island

If all goes well, the PRØT DXpedition will begin on Friday, November 16 and run through Sunday, November 19. CW/SSB operators are PY6RT, PY1ZV, and PT2IC; there will also be 10 remote operators on FT8. Full details are on the PRØT website.

H44WA operators on-site; most bags still in transit

All six Western Washington DX Club members for the H44WA Solomon Islands operation have arrived in Honiara, but five of them are still waiting for their bags, 15 in all, to arrive from Nadi International Airport in Fiji. They have modified their work plan, and hope to make their announced start date of November 15. They report that "we are in good hands and very well cared for by our multi-generation family hosts." *The* **DXpedition website** and the *Daily DX* will carry updates.



ISLANDS ON THE AIR Islands on the Air

IOTA meeting places: CW: 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10115, 7030, and 3530 KHz; SSB: 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055, and 3755 KHz.

Flores Island (OC-151): YB9/DL3KZA, Burkhard, along with YB9IPY, YB9HF, YB9JAJ and YC9GBO, is on Flores Island until November 17, operating FT8 holiday-style. QSL direct or via the bureau to DL3KZA.

Satawal Atoll (OC-299) and Puluwat Atoll (OC-155): VE3LYC, Cezar, reported on November 9 that his departure had been delayed by a day. The ship captain was concerned about weather and sailing conditions. Cezar now hopes to arrive at Satawal Atoll on November 14 and stay there for six days, then go to Puluwat for four days. "Fingers crossed," he says.

DX Bits and Pieces

3X - Guinea

3X1A (F1TMY), Jean Philippe, says that he will remain in Conakry, Guinea until July 2026.

4L - Georgia

4L8A, Vaho, will operate in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW, on 10M only. QSL via LoTW or MØOXO.

4W - Timor-Leste

DK6SP, Philipp, reports that the entire 4W8X team is in Timor-Leste now and "operating at full speed." They are experiencing internet issues and will upload their SSB and FT4/FT8 QSOs to Club Log as they are able. Antennas are still being constructed. "CU in the pileups!" 4X – Israel

4Z4AK, Alexander, will use 4X7M as a single-operator entry in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW, QSL via eQSL.

8P - Barbados

WA7RAR, Chris, is heading back to Barbados with the bulk of his activities being "portable at locations" throughout the island, with some from Parks on the Air sites. He will be QRV as 8P9CB from January 11-24, running a Yaesu FT-710 at 100W to a quarter-wave vertical. Listen for him on CW and SSB on 20-10M. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and QRZ.com. QSL direct to WA7RAR.

70 – Yemen

LA7GIA, Ken, reports on Facebook that the 708AD/ 708AE DXpedition is going well. At the time of posting, he and HA5DDX, Shani, were in good spirts and had nearly 50,000 QSOs in the log. They have discontinued their 160M operation and repurposed their antenna to be used as a counterpoise for 80M, and are working to resolve 30M interaction issues. They are enjoying the people and the culture on Socotra Island, and noting an uptick in tourism.

CEØY – Easter Island

CEØYHF, Jorge, will be back on Pacua Island as of November 18 and plans to be QRV on 6M. He will be there until December 10. Jorge works in a hospital.

FM - Martinique

UT5UGR, Dmitry, will be in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW. as TO7A, single operator, all band. QSL via UT5UGR.

FO/M - Marguesas Islands

F6BCW, Didier, reports that "[TX7L is] halfway through our DXpedition, with over 33,000 QSOs, three-quarters of which are on CW and SSB. The apertures are rather long, the EU signals are often weak, and propagation to Europe on the high bands has been "really random," Didier says. but the team's quads, 13-element LPDAs, verticals, and a Spiderbeam have helped greatly. Their 160 and 80M antennas have been especially effective. Finally, "The weather is hot during the day, cool at night, [with] lots of sun and a few scattered squalls which saturate the ambient air with [up to 90 percent] humidity."

FY - French Guiana

F4GPK, Peter, will be active holiday-style as TO2FY December 29-January 16 from the European Spaceport Club station in Kourou. He will use a Yaesu FT-857 with monoband Yagis on 40-10M. QSL via eQSL or direct via F4GPK with 3 GS. He will not answer QSLs via bureau. Further details will be on QRZ.com.

GM - Scotland (Shetland Islands)

GM3WOJ, Chris, and GM4YXI, Keith will arrive on the Shetland Islands (EU-012) November 22 and leave on November 29. They will operate as GS7V during the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW, multi-operator, two-transmitter, and as GS2MP at other times. They have a 30M vertical with them; Chris will use it on FT4. Visit their website for more information.

HC - Ecuador

HC1MD, Rick, is in Quito until November 18.

HQ – Honduras

The HQ9X 2023 team will consist of K1XM, Paul; KQ1F, Charlotte; W1UE, Dennis; N9NC, Charles; and NG7A, George. Operation will take place November 20-December 4, primarily in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW. They will also operate on the first night of the ARRL 160-Meter Contest and the FT Roundup contest. Outside the contests, they will concentrate on FT4/FT8, particularly to Asia. QSL via KQ1F.

I -- Italy

IH9YMC has announced he will operate from his Pantelleria Island (AF-018) QTH during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest, November 25-26. This one counts as African Italy for the contest and for the CQ DX Marathon. It will be a low power. 160M single band effort. QSL via LoTW.

JW -- Svalbard

LA7QIA, Peter, expects to be QRV again as JW7QIA from November 23-28, including the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW.

DX Bits and Pieces

OX - Greenland

Once again, OX7A will be a team effort in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW. On the team are OZ5DM (OX5DM), OZ7AKT (OX7AKT), OZ7AM (OX7AM) and OZ1DJJ (OX3LX). Their station is in Kangerlussuaq. Outside the contest, from November 21-28, they will use their individual callsigns on all bands and modes. QSL OX7A via OZ1ACB; individual calls via QRZ.com.

P4 - Aruba

W2GD, John, returns to Santa Cruz, Aruba November 21-28 to operate in the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW. Outside the contest, he will be on CW and SSB; no FT8 and no 60 or 6M operation. John hopes to complete assembly and installation of a DX Engineering Skyhawk tribander. QSL via N2MM and LoTW.

PJ4 - Bonaire

During the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW, K4BAI, John; N8VW Patrick; and KU8E, Jeff will be operating PJ4A.

T32 - East Kiribati

The Rebel DX Club will be active as T32TT beginning the first week of December and lasting three or more weeks. CW and digital modes "will be a priority" on 160-6M. Follow them on Facebook for up-to-date information.

TJ - Cameroon

The TJ9MD team has installed a 60-meter antenna and planned to begin 60M late last week. They are also now on 80M FT8.

V4 - St. Kitts and Nevis

WX4G, Bob, will be on St. Kitts November 20-December 1. He will use V48A during his 40M single-band operation during the CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW, and V47RB on 80-6M CW, SSB, and FT4/FT8 the rest of the time. QSL direct or via LoTW, Club Log OQRS, or eQSL

V5 – Namibia

DK2WH, Gunter, will be on with callsign V51WH (and during contests as V55Y) November 16 through April 2024. He will be on 160-10M CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to his home QTH in Germany; he does not use LoTW.

VP2V, British Virgin Islands; C6 – Bahamas; and J8, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

W1DED, Kevin, is operating as VP2V/W1DED in Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands through November 19. He will be on as W1DED/C6A in Eleuthera, Bahamas January 15-21, and as J8NKI, Bequia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines March 23-April 1, including the CQ World Wide WPX Contest, SSB.

Visalia registration opens this Wednesday

Registration for the 2024 International DX Convention at Visalia (April 12-14, 2024) opens on Wednesday, November 15 at 1800Z (10 a.m. Pacific Time). Go to the **convention website** to register online or download the registration form. According to N6RV, Bill, "planning is well underway," with four top drawer presentations and both the DX Academy and DX University booked. There will be DX, contest, YL, and ARRL forums. Blogger and YouTube personality Josh, KI6NAZ, will be emcee for the Saturday evening banquet and Sunday morning buffet breakfast. Raffle prizes are being collected and "will rival the 2023 raffle." Raffle tickets will be made available ahead of the convention.

Special events

The National Day of Oman is November 18. This holiday celebrates the birthday of Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said, who reigned from 1970 to 2020. The Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society will be on the air as A43ND. QSL via EC6DX, LoTW, and eQSL. The Emirates Amateur Radio Society is also marking Oman National Day with A6ØOMA November 12-18. QSL via EA7FTR). Individual operators may append a serial number to this special callsign: A6ØOMA/Ø, A6ØOMA/1, etc. See grz.com for QSL routes. The Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will operate A910MA the same dates. QSL via EC6DX and LoTW. Other national societies of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf may be on the air as well, possibly including HZ10MAN, 9K90MAN, and A710MAN...A special callsign has been issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur twoway contact between F8AB, Leon Deloy, and 1MO, Fred Schnell on November 28, 1923. F8GGZ, Michel, will activate TM1ØØLTB from November 25 to December 3. QSL via the bureau...The Miller DX Club will mark its 33rd anniversary November 17-30 with the special callsigns R2Ø23DX and UE33DX. QSL via RQ7L.

Silent Keys



K2JMY, Theodore "Ted" J. Zulkowski, 104 years old, of Poughkeepsie, New York, passed away on November 1. A World War II veteran, Ted was a mechanical engineer with IBM for 26 years. He was a member of several radio clubs, including the Hudson Valley Contesters and DX Club. He had

340/378 (current/total) confirmed entities in the ARRL DXCC Mixed standings. Our condolences to his family and friends.

QSL Information 4L1AN via N4GNR LZ1JZ K4XS HZØYL via V31XX via 4W8X DJ4MX IQ2CP **IB2BGBS** VA3IFF/VYØ VE3FE EA5KB EA5GL JI1LET 7XØAD J28RC VK9QO AM775CPT EB5URT KH8/AA7JV HA7RY VP5/KJ5CMP KJ5CMP AP2FLY **IK2DUW** KH8/KN4EEI KN4EEI VP5/N5VOF N5VOF AP2MKS EA5GL LX/PA3FQX PA3FQX VP8KCA G5KC CN2MOG DL1MOG **OL5DIG** OK1AR VP9/AA1AC AA1AC CT7/DJ5CW DJ5CW OP37EUDXF ON8CC YB9/DL3KZA DL3KZA E6AJ DF8AN PB37EUDXF PA1AW YI5THA EA5GL EK6TA DJØMCZ PI37EUDXF PA1AW YU75SRV YU7APV SP9KJU EY8MM **WØVTT** SN6ØKJU ZF2MJ N6MJ FG/OK6RA OK6RA SN85SKK SP9PNB ZP6/KC1KUG KC1KUG HA37EUDXF PA1AW SP/KDØHIY **KDØHIY** ZZ2RB PT2AA DL2JRM HBØ/DL2JRM SP1Ø5PW SP3PDO Thanks to DL1SBF and W4VQ for HB9/IQ1QQ IQ1QQ SP85SKK SP9PNB HG15ØBP HA5OW SP7PGK compiling QSL routing information. SQ6ØØLD HG6Z HA6KVC TA4/DD1WT DD1WT For even more QSL routes, visit The Daily DX website. HI9/F5PLR F5PLR TJ9MD **IK2VUC** HK3JCL DK8LRF TX7L F6EXV

The Weekly DX Calendar

Date	End	Prefix	Call	QSL Manager	Ref Vol. No
13-Nov	26-Nov	3W	3W9A	KU1CW	23-4
13-Nov	31-Dec	3W	XV9Q	N4GNR	23-2
13-Nov	1-Jul	3X	3X1A		23-4
13-Nov	31-Dec	4L	4L/W7EHC	IW7EHC	23-2
13-Nov	30-Mar	4S	4S7KKG	DC0KK	
13-Nov	5-Dec	4W	4W8X	DJ4MX	23-44 43 32
13-Nov	8-Dec	5H	5H3MB	IK2GZU	27-3
13-Nov	28-Nov	70	7073T (AF-028)	UA3DX	23-4
13-Nov	16-Nov	70	7O8AD (AF-028)	MO0X0	23-44 4
13-Nov	16-Nov	70	708AE (AF-028)	M0OXO	23-44 4
13-Nov	13-Nov		A25R	R7AL	23-42 4
13-Nov	30-Nov		A43ND	EC6DX	23-4
13-Nov	18-Nov		A60OMA	EA7FTR	23-4
13-Nov	18-Nov		A91OMA	EC6DX	
13-Nov	31-Dec		C21TS	M0OXO	23-34 30 2
13-Nov	10-Dec		CE0YHF	MOONO	23-4
13-Nov	31-Jan		DU3/W6QT		23-3
13-Nov	30-Nov		TM37EUDX	PA1AW	23-3
13-Nov	27-Nov		FG/OK6RA	OK6RA	23-3
13-Nov	1-Apr	FH	FH4VVK	ONONA	23-21 22-3
13-Nov	31-Dec		FJ4WEB	K2LIO	23-43 42 2
	19-Nov		TX7L (OC-027)		23-44 42 1
13-Nov				F6EXV	
13-Nov	31-Dec		FW1JG		23-2
13-Nov	30-Nov		HA37EUDX	1174040	23-3
13-Nov	18-Nov		HZ1OMAN	HZ1SAR	23-4
13-Nov	19-Dec		JI3DST (AS-079)		23-3
13-Nov	30-Mar		EM1U	UT7UA	23-3
13-Nov	???	LU/A	L36Z	LU4DXU	
13-Nov	26-Nov		PZ5MA	LY5W	23-4
13-Nov	14-Nov	T8	T88PB	JA0JHQ	23-3
13-Nov	15-Nov	TJ	TJ9MD	IK2VUC	23-44 42 3
13-Nov	18-Nov	V4	V4/N2HX	N2HX	23-3
13-Nov	19-Nov		V62P (OC-155)	VE3LYC	23-44 43 4
13-Nov	22-Nov		VY0ERC (NA-008)	M0OXO	
13-Nov	1-Dec	VK	VK1POR (OC-195)		23-3
13-Nov	18-Nov	VP2V	VP2V/W1DED	W1DED	23-4
13-Nov	31-Dec	YB	YB1RQX/p (OC-075)		23-4
13-Nov	17-Nov	YB	YB9/DL3KZA (OC-151)	DL3KZA	23-4
13-Nov	15-Feb	ZF	ZF9CW	K5GO	23-4
13-Nov	22-Nov	ZL7	ZL7A	JF10CQ	23-43 3
14-Nov	14-Nov	3A	3A/I1UWF	I1UWF	23-4
14-Nov	27-Nov	VK9/X	VK9XY	YL2GN	23-44 4
15-Nov	29-Nov	H44	H44WA	M0URX	23-44 38 3
16-Nov	19-Nov	PY0/T	PR0T	M0OXO	23-44 43 4
16-Nov	30-Apr	V5	V51WH	DK2WH	23-4
16-Nov	27-Nov	XW	XW4DX	F4BKV	23-44 3
17-Nov	19-Nov		XV9Q	N4GNR	23-4
18-Nov	19-Nov	F	TM8AB		
18-Nov	19-Nov		AT23JCB		23-4
19-Nov	1-Dec	3B9	3B9/M0CFW (AF-017)	M0CFW	23-4
19-Nov	24-Nov	V6	V62S (OC-299)	VE3LYC	23-44 43 4
20-Nov	24-Nov	8P	8P9OX	GU4YOX	20 11 10 1
20-Nov	25-Nov	C3	C37NL	231107	
20-Nov	30-Nov	FW	FW2CW	ZL3CW	23-33 3
20-Nov	4-Dec	HR	HQ9X	KQ1F	23-33 3
		P4			23-4
20-Nov 20-Nov	28-Nov 29-Nov	PJ7	P40W PJ7EE	N2MM KC9EE	23-4

Propagation Forecast

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Nov.	Band Activity	Nov.	Band Activity	Nov.	Band Activity	Nov.	Band Activity				
13	AN	17	AN	21	AN	25	LN				
14	AN	18	AN	22	LN	26	LN				
15	LN	19	AN	23	LN	27	AN				
16	AN	20	AN	24	LN	28	AN				

KEY

AN – Above Normal

LN – Low Normal

DIS – Disturbed

HN – High Normal

BN – Below Normal

VDIS – Very Disturbed

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