

West Coast DX

Bulletin

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MARKET REEF - NEW!! A DXpedition to 'Market Reef' will commence December 27th or 28th, depending on weather conditions and will last for three or four days. This one has already been cleared with the ARRL for new country status.

The effort will be made by Finnish amateurs including OH2BH, OH2BW OH2KK and OH7TI. The starting date is dependent on weather conditions and at this time there is a -10° temperature there. Beam heading for this spot is said to be the same as OHØ...the call to be used not yet assigned but may be ONØ or possibly OJØ. Frequencies will be:

SSB	3790kc	7090kc	14190kc	21290kc	28590kc
C.W.	3520	7020	14020	21020	28020

listening as announced. QSLs will be handled by OH2NB. Their tentative plans are to operate December 27th thru December 31st. Expected to open up 1600Z Dec 27th.

QATAR Tentative plans for this operation have been released and call for MP4QBK to be activated February 21st through 27th. The call MP4QBK is held by Dave Kane who works for Decca Navigator Company in Qatar and previously has not been used on the amateur bands. Expected to participate will be MP4BHH, MP4BHV, SVØWI, OD5BZ and MP4QBK. HEATH gear including an SB200 linear is expected to be used along with a beam antenna. If possible, more than one rig will be used. QSLs for W/Ks and VEs go to K4MQG. All others go to MP4BHH with a s.a.s.e. or IRCs and the date and GMT of the contact along with your call in the lower left hand side of the envelope. No W/K QSLs will go via bureaus. Additional information will be furnished prior to the DXpedition on frequencies, equipment, operators, actual dates or any other pertinent data. No contributions are being solicited but this will be an expensive trip for some and nothing in the way of support will be refused.

REVILLA GIGEDO The effort opened up as scheduled and operated as announced. Late word from XELJ, Jose, indicates that the QSLs should go as follows:

XF4J to XELJ XF4EB to XE3EB XF4KS to XE10OL.

This is a change from the last bulletin but was received too late for publication.

BAJA NUEVO K5QHS thinking of an operation from Baja Nuevo or possibly Serrana Bank late next Spring. Would like to hear from anyone who might have information or would like to see either of these spots activated.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND Reported that W2GHK has a schedule with VK9XI the first Monday or each month, 14225kc at 1200Z.

FCC PETITION W9HTF has petitioned the FCC to restrict 7200-7225 for Extra Class use, 7225-7250 for Extra and Advanced; and to restrict 14200-14250kc for Extra Class plus 14250-14275kc for Extra and Advanced, or alternatively, 14150-14200kc for the Extra Class.

CALENDAR

MARKET REEF Some say Markit Reef, December 27th to 31st. OHØ..or OJØ.
TUKKS/CAICOS VP5AA opening day after Christmas for a week..possibly two.
 Will try all bands...160m thru 10m. QSL to W1WQC
160m DX Tests Another go-round. Pacific 160m test December 27..Atlantic
 160m test, December 28th.
ROCKALL Persistent rumors that this may be attempted this Spring..
 ..possibly by group from Royal Signals

THOSE RUSSIAN CALLS Those unusual Russian Calls...U1L/1, U1L/2, U3L/1, etc..are reported to be special calls to be used in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Lenin in 1870. Some anxious ones apparently jumping the gun. The call is supposed to be with the /1 and the /2 is unexplained. W4OPM working hard to get this one figured out. Thats the 100th Anniversary of Lenin's birth in 1870.

ZANZIBAR 5H3KJ advises that any future activity from Zanzibar will use the prefix 5H1 or possibly 5I1 as VQ1 no longer in use. In this area 5H3LV reported to be on vacation...with a transceiver, naturally...and may pop up from 9U5-5X5-9X5 for a few days at each spot. Rig is a Heath HW-100.

WEST PAKISTAN AP2SG at 14236kc, 1445 Z on December 15th. QSL to CBA. AP5CP at 14027kc, 0145Z on Dec 17th.

AP2HB, Major Abdul Hamid Batti, writes of the difficulty in obtaining even the simplest items in Pakistan and the problems with getting educational material for possible development of new amateurs. AP2HB would appreciate receiving any old material including Editors and Engineers Radio Handbook; ARRL Handbook; ARRL SSB Handbook; CQ SSB Handbooks; any of Howard Sams books on amateur radio plus copies of QST, CQ, 73 or Ham Radio....or anything in these lines. Any possible shipments should be marked 'Printed Matter..Books Only'...and no custom duty is charged. His address is: 130016 M Block, Kharian Cantt, West Pakistan.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK 5H3KJ on 80m around 0330Z at 3515kc...has worked all U.S. areas except 5-7-9. Says he's worked K6KA on the West Coast. FR7ZD at 7029kc at 0250Z early this month...Dec 8th.

YO2AJI	3501kc	0355Z	Dec	13e	ZE3JJ	3503kc	0300Z	Dec	13w
DM4SJJ	3507	0405		13m	CT3AS	3511	0642		16w
LA6U	3508	0430		13e	ZS6YQ	3504	0300		6e
OK3BHD	3502	0430		13e	5H3JK	3502	0335		16w
YU3TAR	3508	0555		13m					
EA4CR	3503	0600		13e	LU2ECO	3503	0725		14w
OZ7FP	3502	0715		13e	PY5XQ	3505	0605		14w
UB5KDS	3505	0400		15e	6Y5SR	3502	0615		14w
HB9MD	3503	0410		15m	L1LACF	3508	0711		14w
SM7BIC	3503	0525		15w	PJ7JC	3501	0340		16w
F80B	3501	0715		17w	VP8JT	3507	0448		15w
GD3YYZ	3501	0358		16e	CX2CO	3502	0639		15w
HA5KAP	3502	0400		16e	KZ5JQ	3501	0540		8w
UQ2PP	3501.5	0444		16w	ZM1BN/A	3506	1350		16w
LU3EY	3508	0409		16w	EP2BQ	3502	0338		6e
DJ6SI	3508	0616		16w					
LZ2KKA	3502	0310		6e					
GC2FMV	3506	0356		6e					
GI3JEX	3502	0336		8ve3					
OH3NY	3502	0423		8e					
ZB2BO	3520	0624		8e					
ON4HC	3503	0632		8ve3					
G8RL	3608	0610		17w					
EA4JL	3798	0500		18m					

SOME CORNERED NOTES G2AMG often at 3798kc listening up 5 from 0600Z..looking for 6s. The MP4QBK efforts plans no 40/80 efforts ..aiming for most possible contacts and figure 20/15 most productive. ZD9BN has 80m capabilities...which HS3AL does not but hopes to have soon...HS3AL at 7002kc/1300Z. 9G1DY often on 80m..hears East Coast good and usual operat times 2200-2330C.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIS

(Thursday is a holiday....in many areas there will not be student collections of mail) (on the holiday. Please make reports by Wednesday the next two weeks.)

EUROPE

GD3FOC	28508kc	1500Z	Dec 13e
UA1KED	14046	1645	15e
JX5CI	14005	1800	15e
JX8IL	14074	0010	16e
HA7LF	14228	1255	17e
EA6BJ	21293	1315	17e
YO7BI	21306	1435	17e
IT1SEZ	14207	1340	10e
TF2WKI	14332	2040	11m
YO2BB	14203	1650	15w
GC2LU	21053	1550	15w
UB5KFF	14019	1545	17w
UN1AU	14035	2105	11m
JW7UH	14212	1830	12m
UG6KAA	14220	1335	16m
UG6KAA	14223	1408	17m
3A2CP	14215	1610	13w
3A2EM	14215	1515	15w

ASIA

JTLAG	14221kc	0235Z	Dec 14e
XW8CS	14030	0100	14e
ZC4JW	28595	1400	14e
VK9KY	14250	1300	10e
UI8MN	14225	0245	12m
UL7GG	14228	0250	12m
VU2KV	14206	0300	13m
7Z3AB	14250	1300	16m
TALNF	14228	1450	15m
TA2AE	14242	1530	13m
9K2AV/A	14250	1430	12m
MP4TDA	14230	1430	11m
4Z4FH	14027	LP 1530	14w
XW8BP	14025	1610	14w
YA2HWI/1	14048	0225	17w
UJ8AC	14020	0035	11m
4S7DA	14022	0115	12m
4S7NE	14021	0135	11m
UJ8AC	14210	0115	16m
EP2DA	14225	1330	14m
UAØIK	14016	2240	13m
UAØIM	14201	0140	20w
MP4BHH	14241	LP 1449	17m

AFRICA

5N2ABG	28508kc	1450Z	Dec 13e
TU2BB	14206	2320	13e
VQ8CR	21084	1820	13e
TJ1QQ	14007	2355	13e
7XØWW	14012	1825	15e
TJ1QQ	14028	2200	15w
5H3KJ	21391	1700	16e
ZD7SD	14237	2150	12e
5VZDB	14220	0500	16m
3V8AL	14332	2040	11m
ET3USA	14332	2000	11m
ET3XL	14205	1520	15m
5H3KJ	14227	1545	15m
9L1RP	14332	2200	12m
VQ8CFB	14026	LP 0200	17w
9X5VL	14216	2020	11w
TU2CF	14220	1530	11w
EA8GZ	21230	2030	18w
FR7ZN	21275	1850	16w
ZD7SD	14224	2200	16w
9J2AB	14231	1620	18w
12C1Q	28596	1815	15w
7P8AB	28553	1940	17w
6W8BJ	21055	2315	17w
CR7BN	28028	1840	14w
FB8ZZ	14234	0125	16w
ON8DW	28537	1450	14
ED9EN	14204	1440	17m
TR7ZD	14198	LP 1455	17w

ELSEWHERE

ZM1BN/A	14203kc	1340Z	Dec 14e
FO8BX	14225	0400	15e
VP2SY	14220	2245	11m
VP9GJ	1995	0600	Most evenings
FK8BO	14252	0540	14w
KJ6CD	28548	2250	14w
VR10	21336	0000	14w
FM7WQ	21390	1700	12w
FK8BU	14255	0615	14w
PJ7JC	21299	1800	15w
KC6RS	14235	0400	14w
ZM1AAT/K	14243	0415	14w
ZM1BN/A	14243	0430	14w
8RLJ	14014	2255	13m
VP2VI	14185	1740	7sm

SHORTLY NAMED

Late report that the Market Reef call will be OJØMR. CE9AT reported to be only South Shetland activity now with VP8KO scheduled to leave the So. Orkneys right after the 1st of the year. LA5KL now in Uganda trying to line up a license...some political problems there, the president of the country wounded last week. K6KA has been issued VK9NA for possible 1970-Norfolk use. LULDAB has the connections for his hydrogen erator and is waiting for the harvest season to be over before flying his skywire. CP1GN available for 80m skeds. KH6LSD regarded as a phoney. Ex-7XØAH looking for 6-land QSLs for California Award. CT3AS often at 3510kc/0700-0750Z.

HEARD ISLAND Few reports on VKØHM but he was in there December 12th from 1600Z on 14218kc. Also reported at times from 0300-0400Z. Sometimes looking for phone patch traffic. Reported that schedules are made from 1530-1700Z....usually around 14213kc.

The operator of VKØHM is Hugh Milburn of San Luis Obispo in California, his home call being WA6EAM. Presently he is one of six men on Heard Island who are working on satellite triangulation. The only communication with the island is via radio and apparently there are no supply vessels making any runs to this Antarctic spot. Heard is 290 miles Southeast of Kerguelen and 900 miles north of the Antarctic continent. Average temperature is 33°, average annual sunshine is 1.7 hours per day and rain or snow falls on 300 days per year. The island is 27 miles long, 13 wide with glaciers covering 90% of the island.

VKØHM is expected to be on the island until March, returning home in June. His mother is opening the mail but QSLs may be delayed until he gets home. Some sources give QSL address as via WA6AEM...which is incorrect. Note that VKØHM is using his own initials for the suffix.

KERGUELEN Maurice Bontemps, who formerly operated FB8XX, is enroute back to the island and will keep FB8XX active. Will use a Heath HW-100 and advises to watch for him around 14137kc at 0130Z....will move to 14220kc on request. QSL to F2MO. Wanted to be remembered to his friends W5HJA and K2IRK.

DAHOMEY REPUBLIC TU2BB, Felix, going to TY-Dahomey the end of the month...has the license but no gear. Scrounging around to put the TY-call on the air. TY6ATE was shipped some gear to get on the air but about the time the gear arrived, he was taken gravely ill and had to be rushed back to the states for treatment. He expects to return to Dahomey in the Fall of 1970. Meanwhile, a fellow missionary is clearing the gear through customs and putting it in storage.

MONKS ISLAND Nothing heard on this projected effort of a week ago....no reports of anyone hearing them either.

TNX TO...K4MQG, W4MJF, W4OPM, W4TUC, W5ALA, W5LZZ, K5QHS, WA5RTB, WA5UHR, WA6IVM, K6KA, K6MHD, W6MI, K6NH, K6TVL, WB6UJO, WB6UOM, W6VUW, WB6YLG, WA6YVW, W6ZC, W8CT, K8RWL, W8VHY, K9EVZ, WA9QBM, W9WKU, WA9VIZ, WA9VOL, WØBN, WØYDB, HPLJC, SM5FC, XELJ, W6AAO WA5VSL, W6JHV, K6MHO, W6NJU, K6UFT.

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