

# WEST COAST

## DX

## Bulletin

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MELLISH REEF Plans for this new one are firming and the group headed by VK3JW are rather definite on the departure from the mainland on July 10th. There will be one fuel stop and the party plans to start the extended operation on July 14th. The operating frequencies were in last weeks WCDXB and will be run again prior to the opening date. VK9JW will be the call-sign used in the operation.

The reef is slightly larger than was reported earlier, the dimensions given recently say it is 300 yards long and 150 yard wide. No QSLs will be handled via bureaus, this one you will have to QSL direct to VK3JW. Support for the trip is being handled by W6ISI for those in the states wishing to help. W6ISI maintains schedules with VK3JW and will continue the liasion work during the trip. The four operators and the extended time of operating on the island should bring QSOs to several thousand.

St. P&P/F.de NOR. The operations from St. Peter and Paul was heard a week ago Sunday with propagation conditons not the best when the operation started. WWV was W4 and sometimes W3 during the operation. There was trouble with the antennas with the 40/80m vertical breaking and they not being able to get the beam up. An improvised vertical was used was made and with this arrangement they were able to do a creditable job though there were still some looking for QSOs when they finally had to secure. Last Thursday they were on from Fernando de Noronha signing PQØMI and PUØWH. On the way to St. Peter and Paul they had looked at Atol das Rocas and possibly on the way back they may see if a landing would be possible. This was the third possible operation for the group but this apparently will not be a DXCC counter. At this spot, if a landing is possible, PRØMI and PSØWH would be signed. QSLs for these operations go as follows:

- MI-suffixes to P.O. Box 19094, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- WH-suffixes to P.O. Box 19073, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

TRINIDADE The third PYØ area should be activated in August with PY1DVG reported as being in a group that will operate there August 13-14th.

CORSICA A lengthy operation from FC-Corsica is planned for late July with two stations to be put on the air. The call-signs to be used will be FØAFV/FC and FØAHY/FC. The operation is scheduled to open about July 25th and to run for a number of weeks. Frequencies to be used will be:

C.W. 3505kc 7005kc 14050kc 21050kc 28050kc  
SSB 3790kc with 3620kc for Europe 7080kc 14195kc 21280kc 28550kc

Gear will include A Galaxy V and some Yaesu items. Extended operations close to around the clock are planned. FØAFV will QSL to DJ5UAC....FØAHY will QSL to DJØUP.

MARCUS A number of KA-stations are aiming to activate Marcus in late October, possibly around one of the contest times.

BAJA NUEVO Reports that this will be the object of a DXpedition later this year with November a possibility. May include some who were on the recent KC4DX effort.

SPRATLY Some definite planning going for a late Summer or early Fall effort. Possibly as early as August. PREPARE!!



Viet Nam XV5AC was on a number of times last week with a very strong signal to the states. 1130Z seems to be the best time to start watching and many stations were successful in working this one. QSLs for XV5AC will be handled by W1YRC, Bob Beaudet, 30 Rocky Crest Rd, Cumberland, R.I. 02864.

A letter from Don Riebhof, HS3DR and HS4ABM, gives some of the background on the efforts that ended successfully with XV5AC coming on the air as a legitimate contact.

Fellow Hams:

A review of our efforts to achieve free and open amateur operations in the Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) for all qualified radio amateurs is long overdue. We have been holding off in order to get the maximum amount of information out to you in one letter.

We have continued to amass documents bearing on the problem and now believe we have just about everything of significance in hand. This includes detailed references to all past legal or semi-legal amateur operations in RVN back as far as 1965.

The Ambassador's interest in phone patching to his wife, who is the U.S. Ambassador to Nepal, has caused him to turn his attention to amateur radio, since it is the only means of communication in existence whereby he can actually converse with her. When informed that any station on this end handling such traffic would be illegal unless an RVN amateur license was obtained, the Ambassador directed the Counsellor of Embassy for Administrative Affairs, Mr. Colantonio, to obtain the required license. Mr. Riebhof had the opportunity to brief Mr. Colantonio on the amateur situation before the meetings with the Director of the RVN's PTT to this end. As a result, Mr. Colantonio went to the PTT with three proposals.

1. A proposal to open amateur radio to all qualified U.S. personnel having in their possession a valid U.S. amateur license, to be effected by the signing of a reciprocal operating agreement.
2. A proposal to forward the required documentation to the International Telecommunications Union, Geneva (ITU), which would have the effect of withdrawing Viet Nam from the international "banned list".
3. A specific proposal to license one station immediately for the Ambassador's purpose.

The Director of PTT, Mr. Lan, rejected the first proposal for the time being; was non-committal about the second; and, after being assured of the Ambassador's personal interest, approved the third. He also sent the required letter to ITU specifically covering XV5AC.

As a result, the GVN has licensed one station, XV5AC, as the equivalent of a U.S. Embassy club station with Mr. John Lunsford, W4EVB, the Embassy's Communication and Electronics Officer as the individual responsible for the stations proper operation. Mr. Lunsford visited Washington recently and hand-carried the station documentation to the FCC where it was presented to Mr. Ray Spence, W4QAW, Chief Engineer. As a result of the documentation and their discussions, FCC has lifted the ban on contacts by U.S. amateurs with XV5AC. This also means that XV5AC contacts are valid

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CALENDAR

VLET NAM XV5AC thoroughly legitimate and a strong signal.  
 MELLISH More solid all the time for mid-July. Should be a new one...  
 TRINIDADE August 13-14th planning  
 CORSICA Extended operation starting Late July.  
 ANDORRA 10 days or so of operation by G5YC Radio Club starting July 16th  
 TROMELIN FR7AI/T active now

VLET NAM (cont'd)

for DXCC. In order to demonstrate graphically the FCCs action, W4QAW himself was the first contact made by XV5AC, this taking place on 17 June. This was the first legal QSO between stations in the RVN and the USA in six years. This milestone does not end our quest for the eventual obtaining of operating permission for other American, TCN, or Vietnamese personnel, be they military or civilian.

At the instigation of Mr. Robert Brougham, WA7QDG, USAID/PSD, Mr. Brougham, Mr. Fred Laun, HS5ABD, and Mr. Riebhof, HS3DR, were able to meet with BG F.H. Trogdon, MACV Assistant Chief of Staff for Communications/Electronics on 2 May. At this meeting we requested a review of MACV's policy on amateur radio, leading, hopefully, to the rescission of MACV's policy on amateur radio in the RVN. BG Trogdon spent considerable time with us and later appointed a staff member to discuss the matter with us in even greater detail. Though we had hoped to hear about the results of this study by now, nothing has been forthcoming. The NVA offensive has undoubtedly caused official attention to be diverted to higher priority matters but we hope to continue discussions toward this end in a frequent and regular manner until a decision is reached.

Our discussions with PTT will continue on more than one level. Mr. George Johnson, ex-W8EVD, USAID Advisor to the PTT, has had a series of discussions with various PTT officials, including those most opposed to amateur radio with the idea of changing their attitudes towards the matter. These discussions, we hope, will lead to a demonstration of amateur radio for the PTT officials who are not familiar with it. We are also proposing that PTT issue amateur license to some of their own officials so that these officials can take part in the hobby themselves. To a certain extent, we will offer to provide the required ham gear to make this possible.

Mr. Lunsford, meanwhile, continues to work with the PTT Officials on the Embassy level in order to attempt to gain greater operating privileges and more station licenses.

XV5AC is available to all who would care to operate it, if they have a valid permit from their own country, on a limited basis for the present. This is in line with our original objective that all qualified personnel should be able to enjoy amateur radio while here in RVN. Those of you who wish to take advantage of this should call Don Riebhoff at 927.0121, ext 2216 several days in advance of the date you wish to operate the station. Phone patching, except to Nepal, is not permitted. Some of you may know other amateurs who are not aware of these activities. It will be appreciated if you will pass the word to them.

Vy 73,

Don Riebhoff K7CBZ Embassy Telecoms  
 Alfred Laun W9SZR Director PSYOPS MR III

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE..... How shall I count the midnights I have known...

AFRICA...C.W.

CN2AQ 14076/0035/Je 17e  
 ZD8DLG 14002/0115/Je 20e  
 3B8DX 14009/0335/Je 17e  
 3D6AX 14027/1320/Je 14w  
 9L1JT 14034/2240/Je 17e  
 9L1VW 14040/0120/Je 20e

ASIA...C.W.

AP2KS/YI ?? 14035/ /Je 15e  
 OD5LX 14027/0220/Je 13e  
 UAØFBE 14060/0830/Je 15w  
 UAØXAD 14009/1110/Je 14e  
 UI8NE 14046/1620/Je 17e  
 XW8EV 14042/1525/Je 22w

9K2BQ 21009/1830/Je 13e

EUROPE...C.W.

CT2AS 14041/0815/Je 17w  
 CT2BO 14008/0045/Je 16w  
 GI5UR 14059/0010/Je 21w  
 HA5DA 14027/0440/Je 21w  
 HA7ANQ 14006/0350/Je 16w

LX1JT 14025/2300/Je 15e  
 LZ2HT 14067/0310/Je 11m  
 LZ2LT 14031/0430/Je 21w  
 OH9NJ 21040/1645/Je 11e  
 OY7JD 14031/0205/Je 17e

EA6BD 14004/0420/Je 17e  
 UC2SE 21057/1940/Je 13e  
 UO5OAW 14088/0400/Je 12m  
 UR2ZN 14042/1555/Je 22w  
 YO2BV 14032/0510/Je 21w

ELSEWHERE...C.W.

A35FX 14030/0400/Je 18e  
 C21TL 14035/1120/Je 15e  
 FK8BP 14063/0550/Je 17w  
 FM7WA 14020/0250/Je 15e  
 FM7WG 14044/0050/Je 20w  
 KG4FM 21056/2005/Je 13e  
 KG6JBS 14026/1105/Je 16e

OA6BB 14053/0130/Je 16w  
 OX3MD 14049/0545/Je 20w  
 PZ1AH 14038/0205/Je 20w  
 KV4AA 14080/2320/Je 20w  
 TI2PZ 14027/1615/Je 17w  
 VR1AA 21050/0340/Je 12ka  
 VR1AA 14026/0545/Je 17w

YN1AA 14026/1115/Je 13e  
 5W1AK 14018/0600/Je 19w  
 6Y5SR 14003/0210/Je 13  
 8P6BU 14020/1150/Je 19e  
 8R1J 14047/0300/Je 13w  
 9M6AB 14026/1340/Je 14w

AFRICA...SSB

CN8CG 14240/0645/Je 17w  
 CN8HD 21290/1920/Je 18cp  
 CN8CD 14200/2320/Je 18e  
 CR6CA 14255/0015/Je 20e  
 CR6PZ 14216/2050/Je 17e  
 ET3USF 21350/1630/Je 22ka  
 ET3GK 21322/1715/Je 17e  
 EA9AQ 21289/2200/Je 17e  
 FB8XX 14226/1130/Je 16e  
 FB8ZZ 14205/1130/Je 16e  
 TR8VE 21282/2155/Je 20w

TU2DO 14290/0700/Je 17w  
 VQ9MC 21352/1810/Je 12e  
 VQ9R 21352/1630/Often  
 ZD3D 21295/2000/Je 17e  
 ZD8ES 21285/1715/Je 17e  
 ZD8JT 21315/2230/Je 20w  
 ZS2MI 14222/1325/Je 17w  
 3D6DQ 14223/1140/Je 13e  
 5R8BD 14196/1400/Je 16ka  
 5X5NA 21350/1940/Je 16w  
 5Z4LV 14197/0455/Je 21w

5Z4LW 21351/2145/Je 13e  
 5Z4NR 21350/2020/Je 20e  
 7XØGM 21281/1910/Je 15e  
 9G1DY 28585/1710/Je 17e  
 9G1HE 14225/0645/Je 17w  
 9J2SS 14225/0655/Je 17w  
 9J2CB 21286/1750/Je 17e  
 9J2LN 14248/0440/Je 17w  
 9J2DT 14227/1445/Je 18w  
 9Q5RN 21248/1800/Je 18cp

ASIA...SSB

HS1AHE 14225/1525/Je 21w  
 JY6BM 21261/1500/Je 16ka  
 JY9LOM 14211/2355/Je 18e  
 MP4BBW 14195/0200/Je 19e  
 OD5GU 21321/1600/Je 16ka  
 OD5FM 21292/1715/Je 21w  
 S21IR 14250/1345/Je 16w  
 VS6FJ 14233/1500/Je 20w

VS6DO 14205/1545/Je 17w  
 XV5AC 14195/1130/Often  
 XW8AL 14217/1430/Je 15w  
 YK1AA 21276/1530/Je 16ka  
 ZC4DS 21351/2145/Je 13e  
 4X4HT 21305/1135/Je 14e  
 4X4WN 14226/2350/Je 16e  
 4Z4GH 21299/1520/Je 16ka

9K2AM 14225/2210/Je 13cp  
 9M2WM 14223/1400/Je 17m  
 9M2CP 14245/1515/Je 21w  
 9V1QD 14228/1500/Je 16w  
 9V1QQ 14216/1320/Je 15w  
 9V1QJ 14215/1530/Je 21w  
 9V1RE 14232/1445/Je 20w

EUROPE...SSB

EA3JE 21322/1910/Je 14e  
 EA5KF 14201/0030/Je 17e  
 EI6S 21305/1700/Je 17e  
 GW5YI 21344/1500/Je 13e

HV3SJ 21284/1630/Je 13e  
 HV3SJ 14210/0110/Je 22w  
 LZ9ØD 14195/0030/Je 17e  
 OY7JD 14205/0305/Je 14e

UK2GAA 14202/0040/Je 14e  
 UT5AM 14212/0330/Je 17e  
 UY5OB 14212/0400/Je 16w  
 4U1ITU 14192/2110/Je 21w

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ka = japan cp = bolivia)  
 (all times in GMT # = long path je = june ??? = looks like Slim on Cray Island again)

WILLIS IS. VK9ZB has been in rather regular on the low edge of twenty SSB from 1100Z.  
 Will listen to the callers, makes a list and then works his list.



AND MORE RED EYED LOUIE.....

ELSEWHERE'S...SSB

C21DC	14226/1015/Je	16kh	KS6CY	14319/0520/Je	20e	VP8LR	21320/1415/Je	18cp
CP8AZ	14219/1136/Je	15e	KS6CY	21311/0300/Je	19w	VR1AA	14278/0615/Je	16w
CX7AL	21390/2015/Je	16e	KX6HG	14220/1300/Je	21m	VR4BS	14208/1100/Je	15e
DU1AVN	14210/1800/Je	18w	PJ2CW	14193/2130/Je	17w	VA2UN	14205/0335/Je	12m
DU1DCC	14262/1120/Je	13e	PZ1DR	14319/1155/Je	18w	VA6NC	14221/0445/Je	20e
FK8AC	14264/0510/Je	16w	PJ9AD	28549/1920/Je	15e	XE7AAA	14201/0440/Je	19w
FM7WN	14225/0315/Je	19e	VK9GA	14206/1230/Je	14w	YB0AAD	14227/1430/Je	16w
FP8CH	14203/0330/Je	12m	VK9VC	14260/0530/Je	13e	YB0BR	14208/1500/Je	17w
FO8DT	14205/1125/Je	14e	VK9XX	14247/1400/Je	21w	YN9MQ	14209/0350/Je	17e
HK0BKX	14190/0430/Je	17e	VK9ZB	14222/1140/Je	16e	YJ8BG	14190/1210/Je	14m
HC8PS	21313/2100/Je	21w	VK9GA	21330/1140/Je	14e	ZF2MR	14225/1230/Je	17e
KC6JC	14265/1200/Je	14m	VK9CC	14272/1120/Je	16e	9M6AB	21308/1510/Je	14w
KC6SX	14224/1125/Je	16e	VK9JV	14208/1330/Je	18e	9Y4VV	14212/1020/Je	21kh
KG4PS	14197/1350/Je	17e	VP1BH	14195/1355/Je	18w	9Y4T	14215/1250/Je	18w
KG6BW	14277/0500/Je	17e	VP2DAI	14201/1130/Je	16c	5W1AU	14202/0830/Je	21w
KG6AI	14220/1130/Je	16e	VP2KF	14202/1140/Je	19m			
KG6AED	14262/1125/Je	14e	VP2SAB	21335/2055/Je	17w			
KS4BH	14272/0320/Je	17e	VP5RS	21352/1350/Je	14w			
KS6DW	14210/1130/Je	20e	VP2VAP	14204/0330/Je	17e			

FORTY and EIGHTY AND SOME 160mtrs

CP1HNS	7245/0830/Je	18w	OZ5KF	7095/0110/Je	15e	A35FX	3805/0920/Je	18w
CT1GQ	7077/0200/Je	14e	VK2NS	7010/1045/Je	16e	KG6JBO	3806/0945/Je	18w
GI3JIM	7086/0500/Je	11e	YU4FDR	7076/0050/Je	12e	KJ6BZ	3900/1005/Je	11e
HP1IE	7020/1050/Je	16e	ZL2OD	7004/1140/Je	16e	ZS1MH	3805/0030/Je	14e
I3TIQ	7095/0115/Je	15e	ZM3QX	7004/1115/Je	17e			
KJ6BZ	7275/0825/Je	18w	6Y5MJ	7212/0745/Je	21w			

DU1FH operated 40/80mtrs on Saturdays from 1000Z.

W4BRB reports some unusual conditions during the evening of June 17th when the 160mtr band produced some surprises. Though Hurricane AGNES was nearby, there was an enormous opening to South America. At dusk in Florida, PY1DVG was 599 working KV4FZ on c.w. and were still 5/8 when they shifted to SSB. At 0030Z on June 18th CX3BH was coming through and was a new one for W4BRB on 160mtr. A weak signal was not readable but information was later passed that it was ZD9BM calling W4BRB. However, G one worked VP8KF for #58 on 160mtrs and then tried for EL2CB who was working PY1DVG. ZP9AY was also heard and WA4PXP heard and called LU6AJ but with no QSO.

Conditions apparently were not good north of Florida during this period of high winds, and heavy rains. Noise level was \$7 and there could very well have been more DX there under the noise. GC30ES was worked by PY1DVG but no W/K stations apparently worked the GC3. The stations to the north which are usually reliable....W1BB and W1HGT....were not much more than barely readable when the South Americans were coming through. The following evening the bands were flat, the previous evening this big opening lasting over an hour and a half.

W4BRB would like to hear from anyone else who might have reports on this or similar openings and what the circumstances were if there were one.

PY1DVG will be with a group operating PY0-Trinidad on August 13-14th and will operate on 160mtrs as PY0DVG.

MARION ISLAND ZS2MI is being heard again with a new operator on the island. This one has been reported several times in recent weeks with the name of the new operator being 'Sakkie'. Apparently there has been a change in the QSL arrangements from that of the previous operations and this time the advice is to QSL to 16LW. ZS2MI was at 14226kc from 1200Z on June 17th.....was still in there an hour later. Also reported as operating ZS2MI is "Leo" who was on a week ago with ZS5PG helping maintain order. He was coming through LP at 14235kc at 1300Z. Plans are to go to c.w. also and may start around 1100Z at 14195kc listing up..has a six month tour there.



