

# WEST COAST DX

## Bulletin

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ALBANIA Just about everyone was waiting around last Saturday, waiting for Martin OH2BH and his crew to open up with ZA5Z from Albania. This one scheduled to run for 24 hours a day for seven days.

Frequencies to watch are:

CW	14020kc	21020kc	28020kc
SSB	14195	21295	29595

Instructions will be given as to their listening frequencies.

CLIPPERTON First right off, there is no new news on any possible developments or early operations. Our Central American Desk reports that the island at this time appears to be uninhabited. There are no signs of anyone being on the island, there are no warships in the area to chase off intruders and no smoke coming from the smokestack on the Quonset hut. Generally, the weather in the area is bad at this time. F8LX, Yves, was in California last week, visiting No Cal and So Cal DX Groups. Yves was unable to give any insight into the Clipperton matter, his feeling being that it would be difficult to get permission to land on the island at this time. There does seem to be something involved here that to date has not surfaced. It would seem that at the present time there is much interest in Clipperton but scant possibility of anyone getting permission to operate there.

MELLISH REEF Larry has announced the frequencies for the coming operations at Willis and Mellish Reef, they being:

CW	3525kc,	7025kc,	14025kc,	21025kc,	28025kc
SSB	3564	7070	14190	21290	28590

Listening frequencies will be announced and for CW usually will be 5kc above or below. On SSB he will announce his listening area. Call signs to be used will be VK9NP/W for Willis and VK9NP/M for Mellish. It has been indicated that no lists will be contemplated, used or tolerated.

INDXA indicates that while the operation is a 'go', they are still deep in the woods as far as the financing is concerned and support is needed and in some quantity. They feel that they will make it but that sleepless look is not from chasing DX. If so inclined, forward any Mellish Reef Relief Funds to INDXA, Box 125, Simpsonville, Maryland 21150.

MUSCAT MP4MBB due to get a INDXA beam up last week-end and this should improve the signal into the states and especially for the suffering 6s and 7s. General operation schedule calls for activity at 14218kc on Wednesdays, sometime around 2330Z and most likely a list operation. Check in early if you are heading in with your most hopefully ingratiating voice.

SWAN ISLAND It is always a bit of a surprise to find DXers with relatively high totals still seeking Swan Island. WALARE/KS4 is on Swan for a year to watch the weather. Bob is often found on the YL-SSB System at 14332kc and especially on week-ends. On top of everything else, he is often System Control and on Fridays around 0130-0200Z it is somewhat disconcerting to hear him repeatedly call for anyone wishing to check in with him. On Saturdays look for him on the frequency from 2100Z onward. QSL to WA6MWG. SWAN is available....tune high!



# REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE.....

## AFRICA

SU1IM	14011kc	0155Z	May	8e
TR8CG	21078	1415		8e
5X5NA	21355	1900		15e
TU2CX	14217	2310		8e
3B8CR	14204	1110		8e
TJ1BA	14211	2205		6e
FL8HM	14201	0325		6e
5H3LV	14219	1330		8w
ZD8RC	21323	2030		12w
VQ9SM	14232	1615		12w
9X5YG	13220	2230		6w
9Q5KP	21336	2045		7w
9J2XZ	14205	1355		12w
5VZYH	14227	0155		12w
EA8CP	14018	0350		12w
9L1RP	14214	2234		9w
CT3ZZ	14213	0405		10w
5VZWT	14221	0410		6m
FR7ZX	14202	1345		6w
ET3ZZ	13213	0350		10m
9X5AA	14254	0530		12m
5X5NA	14218	1115		11kh
TR8MR	21279	2100	Daily	
TJ1BA-?	14211	2205		6e
ZD9BR	14218	1550		5w

## EUROPE

U5ARTEK	14025kc	2010Z	May	9e
JW5NM	14223	0100		10e
GW3AHN	14220	2000		6e
UO5GS	14215	0520		10w
YO2FP	14211	0445		10w
JW6AN	14236	1605		8w
IP1DMI	14213	0315		12w
LX1DO	14210	0425		11w
YU1FJ	14217	0240		11w
LZ2EE	14250	1440		5w
UR2AR	14210	0510		12w
UK5MAF	14228	0525		12
SL3ZZN	14210	0255		12w
UC2BA	14212	0440		10w
CT2AA	14201	0435		10w
HA5KDQ	14222	2315		11m
YO3RO	14273	0410		12m
JW8IL	14203	1125		5hp
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VP1BH	14198	0100		9hp
KS6CY	14221	0410		6w
VP2ME	21300	2200		5w
YN1FP	14268	0400		5w
WA8/KS6	21429	2125		8w
VK9FH(N.G)	14300	1410		11w
VP7EK	14218	0140		10w
5W1AU	14240	0400		11w
5W1AR	14240	0400		11w
9Y4VV	14205	0030		12w
KG6SW	14241	1100		6w

## ASIA

MP4TDT	21099kc	1620Z	May	8e
HL9TY	14206	1130		5e
JD1YAA	14033	1235		9e
JY9WB	14225	0130		6e
JT2AB	14035	1545		9w
JT2KAA	14043	1500		8w
JT1AE	14040	0930		9kh
JT1AAJ	14069	0950		9kh
JT1KAF	14084	0940		9kh
9V1CN	14241	1500		8w
VU2US	14178	1410		9w
9M8FMF	14272	1320		9w
9M2AA	14202	1505		11w
XW8BS	14228	1505		11w
9M8FMS	14220	1400		12w
HM0C	14245	1445		12w
VS6BS	14238	1455		12w
MP4BHH	14217	0200		12w
9V1OK	14040	1540		11w
HL9TS	14207	1555		12w
AC3PT	14245	1130		9e
ZC4MT	14240	0420		12m
ZC4RF	14188	0310		5hp
BV2A	14023	1400		Often
BY9F-?	14010	0120		8e
9M8RY	14320	1200		11m

## ELSEWHERE

C21AA	14201kc	1110Z	May	11e
VP2AZ	14003	2030		8e
VP2GLE	14022	2205		9e
VK9LV(Pap'a)	14022	1120		10e
VR4CG	14225	1100		11e
EK8AH	14003	1130		9e
KC6HG	14070	1345		9e
YB8AAP	14249	1110		9e
VP1EG	14220	0345		9e
VP2AA	14204	0400		9e
KB6CT	14293	0600		Often
PY0AD	14215	0100		10e
PY0RE	14216	2315		11e
KG6SI	14206	1110		10e
ZK1CD	14296	0745		9e
ZK1AJ	14204	0655		9e
VR5LT	14201	0420		6m
DX6GI	14280	1411		9w
WAL/KS4	14332	2100		Sat.
VP2SBA	14246	1315		9w
ZK2AF	14224	0415		10w
DU1RJ	14204	1450		10w
PJ2RB	14047	0300		12w
HS4ACM	14231	1430		12w
HC8GS	14169	0420		6w
DX0PRS	14194	1430		8w
PZ2AC	14246	1320		9w
PJ3RR	14246	1325		9w
YB0AU	14049	1620		11w
FM7AA	14215	0000		8w



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## ARRL BOARD MEETING

The ARRL Board of Directors met at Newington a week ago, the official meeting opening on May 7th though there were a few days of skirmishing prior to the opening of the meeting.

As expected, FCC Docket #19162 was Topic 'A' for the meeting. Not even the expected proposal for an increase in dues got the attention that this one did and when you will not spend a lot of time talking over dues, something big is certainly around.

There was one significant item in the meeting and it is possible that repercussions on this will be heard for years. This was the insistence of the Canadian Director, Noel B Eaton, VE3CJ, on voting on the FCC Docket. In other Board Meetings it has been the policy of the Canadian Director to abstain from votes when they concerned internal U.S. matters as this FCC Docket is. On the first vote on Docket #19162, this being on an amendment, Director Eaton voted against a proposed amendment and was immediately challenged by Roy Albright, W5EYB, of the West Gulf Division.

Director Albright, to quote the official minutes of the meeting: "...challenged the propriety of Mr. Eaton's vote, in view of the provisions of By-Law 11 which requests the Canadian Director not to vote on U.S. regulatory matters; the Chair referred the question to the General Counsel, who gave the opinion that the by-law is not mandatory but simply an expression of a desire, and that in order to fulfill the responsibilities as a director, Mr. Eaton cannot be denied the opportunity to vote; the Chair so ruled".

On another amendment vote Director Albright again challenged the vote of Director Eaton and the Chair ruled the second time as was done in the original challenge.

To recap the action on Docket #19162, it went like this:

Right after lunch on Friday, Director Arnold submitted a motion that the General Counsel file comment with the FCC on Docket #19162, this generally aimed at opening up more phone band frequencies but not as much as the FCC proposal. Director Albright moved to amend the motion, his being somewhat in concurrence with the FCC proposals but offering some changes. This failed because it was not seconded. Director Dannals then moved to amend the original motion to add 3775-3800kc for Extra Class only, the motion having the phone band stop at 3800kc. Then Director McConaghy moved to further amend to move it down to 3750kc with some other provisions. This second amendment failed on a roll-call vote, Director Eaton voting against the motion and this brought the first challenge by Director Albright.

Director Streiter then moved to further amend to provide 3800-3825kc for Advanced and Extra Class and 3825kc up for Conditional and higher class. This was shot down by a roll call vote of 3 yeas and 12 nays. Director Haller then moved to further amend to provide 3800-3825kc for Advanced/Extra Class and this was adopted by a roll call of 8 to 7. The question then was on Director Dannals proposed amendment to Director Arnolds motion, Dannals moving to amend the original motion so as to allow Extra Class phone privileges in the 3775-3800kc segment. This amendment was adopted, Director Eaton voting against and this brought the second challenge on his vote by Director Albright.

Mr. Albright then moved to strike the words "Region III possessions only" from the Arnold motion and substituting "...for unrestricted use by Advanced and Extra Class licensees". This was defeated by a vote of 1 yeas and 14 nays. The main motion was then put to a vote and passed, 14 yeas to 1 nay, Canadian Director Eaton voting in opposition to the motion.

This may appear to be a bit complicated but it took two hours and ten minutes of high



level debate to get a motion on Docket #19162 passed. The impression is gained that the Board felt that some changes should be made but not quite as much as the FCC proposed.

In other action, the Board voted to amend the Articles of Association so that two meetings a year would be held by the Board, one meeting to be in January and the other meeting in July. A proposed dues increase was deferred until the first 1972 meeting of the Board. A motion by Pacific Division Director Gmelin to establish a 'Legal Advisory Committee' which would be made up of the League Counsel and not more than six member-attorneys was passed after initially being tabled. A motion to study divisional boundaries was tabled; as was a motion that an annual opinion survey of the members be made in QST. The General Counsel was directed to file comments in the matter of Docket #19183 with particular reference to the adoption of standards to minimize the susceptibility of TV and home entertainment equipment to interference from amateur radio transmitters.

A motion aimed at separate C.W. or Phone 5BDXCC awards and a graduated systems of awards from DXCC to 5BDXCC failed to get a second. An attempt to limit the spending authority of the Executive Committee was defeated. A motion to study the organization and operation of the Leagues Headquarters was made and then withdrawn after a discussion. The Planning Committee was directed to study the feasibility of the FCC establishing a program of 'Certified Volunteer Examiners' for persons residing more than 75 miles from a quarterly examining point. Efforts by Director Shima to have QST include in 'Operating Events' world-wide DX contests sponsored by CQ magazine was referred to the General Counsel for study. QST will be available to members by 1st Class Mail....provided they are willing to pay the postage for it.

Vic Clark, W4KFC, Robert Thurston, W7PGY, Harry Dannals, W2TUK and Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, were elected to the Executive Committee

All in all, there were some 98 items in the minutes, the Board sitting in session for 16 hours and 52 minutes and authorized the expenditure of \$77 836.00. Should anyone be panting for an early look at the minutes....they will be in the July QST.... the WCDXB will forward a copy if a self-addressed envelope bearing 32¢ in stamps is sent. This is what it costs after running them off on the available copying machine. Frankly, you need the full minutes and a copy of FCC Docket #19162 to follow the debate on Directors Arnold motion.

For those who must have a comparison with what the ARRL recommends and what the FCC proposed, here is a comparison...the frequencies given are the lower band edge.

	ARRL			FCC	
80m	3775kc	Extra Class	80m	3750kc	Extra Class
	3800	Advanced Class		3775	Advanced
	3825	General/Conditional		3875	General/Conditional
40m	7150kc	Extra Class	40m	7075-7100kc	Extra/Advanced Class
	7175	Advanced Class		7150	Extra Class
	7225	General/Conditional		7175	Advanced
20m	14175kc	Extra Class	20m	7225	General/Conditional
	14200	Advanced Class		14150kc	Extra
	14275	General/Conditional		14175	Advanced
15m	21200kc	Extra Class	15m	14250	General/Conditional
	21225	Advanced Class		21200	Extra Class
	21325	General/Conditional		21225	Advanced
10m	No change		10m	21325	General/Conditional
				28350	Extra Class
				28375	Advanced Class
				28500	General/Conditional



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CALENDAR

M.LI 1Z5A by OH-Group. 50 hours of DX ecstasy starting May 28th  
ALBANIA OH-Group should be working through the pile-ups right now if all went as expected. Should be there to the week-end.  
DL7FT & Co. due to come on May 24th to keep things warmed up. By the end of May every one should have worked Albania....QRPers and all.  
MONACO DL4WJ/F0AJ May 28-30th. 14280-14300kc/21250-21400kc/28500-28600kc. Will sign/3A0 to one of the preceding calls.  
FERNANDO POO 3C0EG for two weeks from June 14th by OH-Group  
ANNONOB 3C0AN for three days around the third week in June...another OH effort.  
BRAZIL TEST May 24th....24 hours of SSB effort.  
ZANZIBAR 5H3LV and INDXA looking for a July effort.  
MUSCAT Wednesday..14218kc/2330Z. Check the action with the new beam  
MANIHIKI ZK1AJ expects to be there in late May. Does not want to advertise so his friends will not stay up all night to say hello to him. Start looking for him from the coming week-end.  
TOKELAUS ZM7AG better all the time but still adept at broken-field running. Look for him from 0400Z onward low portion of twenty SSB. 5W1AK may operate from Tokelaus when there on business  
MAURETANIA 5T5AD schedules K4ZA 14250kc/2000Z Saturdays and Sundays. K4ZA often makes list following schedule.  
RODRIGUEZ 3B9DA now active....was at 14270kc/1400Z.  
GABON TR8MR at 21279 from 2100Z most days.

CAMEROUN Some questionable stations showing up. TJ1AZ has gone QRT and is now back in the states. Next assignment probably will be Formosa. He will take his rig along hoping for the best. TJ1QQ and TJ1AZ if worked should be regarded with some suspicion....neither being presently in the Camerouns. TJ1BA is being worked and is in the Camerouns but some doubt as to whether he has license. The only true-blue legal station presently active there in TJ-land is TJ1AW....accept no substitutes.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

TG9CD 7003kc 0440Z May 11w KP4CL 7205kc 0300Z May 12w 9V1QD 7005kc 1335Z May 9w  
8P6DR 7005 0410 12w

SHORTLY NOTED Enos Schera, W4VPD, will be the Guest Speaker at the North Texas DX Assn banquet at Richardson, Texas on June 5th. Enos will show films of the Malpelo/Cocos/Navassa and Swan efforts. W5KYD for full details. JY1 made a schedule with ZM7AG ..object--a new country. Jim forgot to keep the schedule. Son of a Gun!  
9L9ITU (or 9LLITU) was due to be on last Saturday and this coming Saturday. The CW frequencies were 28050/21050/14050/7100/2510kc. SSB 28500/21300/14220/7060/3798kc. Do not stew over where Mali Island is...just point your beam at Helsinki and listen to no rumors that it is other than in the Baltic. KD2UMP QSLs coming through for the April 1st effort from the Buffalo City Dump.....some where skeptical about this one. 1A1A again on the air....be skeptical of this one. W6GVM has a Drake L-4 linear from the estate of W6EJC that he is trying to close out. Would be interested in hearing any offers....14 plus power supply. JY1 also showed up on the PACDXNET earlier this month....14265kc at 0600Z. The SL3ZZN station heard on twenty is a SM-military type station. There was a report early this month that all TA-stations were shut down. This apparently being because of some political problems.

PY0RE was at 14216kc/2300Z on May 11th....this should be Trinidad Island for sure. KG6SW QSLs to W7YBX--VK9FH to W0KHI--WA8FPN/KS6 to WA6BKS. HS3AFB to Bx 4954 APO San Francisco 96288. YB3AAY to Jess Marino, U.S. Embassy, Surabaya, APO SF 96356.

Postage rates are up but no changes as yet in the foreign rates or IRCs. The Post Office Department printing 21¢ AirMail stamps but rates still 15¢ for South America, 20¢ for Europe and northern fringe of Africa, 25¢ for Asia and Oceania. Surface rate is still 13¢ for surface mail. U.S. surface now 8¢ per ounce.  
ZL2AFZ back in New Zealand with no present plans for big DX activity.



QSLs Etc. On the VU9KV QSLs, W6KNH advises that cards were received last week from the printers and up through Thursday 1135 cards had been put in the mail. This includes the operations up to April 17th....the logs for the period April 18th thru 22nd have not been received. Venkat has been away from the New Delhi QTH, being in Calcutta but expected to forward the balance of the logs this Monday, May 17th. Venkat did not make out his logs in duplicate so he must copy all the entries down for shipping to Clyde. For the log information on hand, the VU9KV cards for contacts up through April 17th are being cleared out on a daily basis upon receipt. Only those with erroneous information are being held up while attempts are made to reconcile the QSO information.

- 1 Venkat wishes to get the California Award for his Andaman operations and W6KNH is asking W6s to QSL via him even though they may not need the VU9KV card for DXCC credit. Some delays are being encountered in instances where there are multiple contacts....some envelopes contained cards for as many as eight contacts....and these are being held for the logs of the Apr 18-22 period.

ET3ZU/A had around 1200 QSOs from those Red Sea resorts....something like 370 W/Ks, 200 Italians and the rest being scattered just about everywhere else. Plans are for a return trip this summer to the islands and any contributions will be used to help with the next effort....like a linear and beam.

Some possible problems being reported by J1KSO on the QSLing for JDLABX and JDLABO. Some suspicion that someone in bureau there high-grading the IRCs coming through and advice is to QSL direct to JH1EXV or J1KSO.

TNX to K3RLY, W4HU, W4QPM, WB4PUD, W4TUC, W4UF, K4ZCP, W5ALA, W5KYD, W5LZZ, W6AOA, K6AQV, W6BJI, WA6BVI, K6EC, K6GAK, W6HVN, W6KNH, K6LAE, K6LEB, WA6LLY, K6MHD, W6ONZ, K6SDR, W6TSQ, WB6UDC, K6UFT, WB6WHM, K6WR, K6SX, WB6YLG, W7GRH, W7PFZ, K8RWL, K9DKU, W9WKU, W0URN, W0YDB, KH6BB, KH6BZF, W0DAD/KH6, HPLJC, JA0CUV/1

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of our younger QRPers recently was named to represent his club at an area meeting. When he started to think about the meeting, he started to worry. Finally he sought some advice from a QRPPer who has been around the track a few times....an old QRPPer. "Son", said the matured QRPPer, "just remember when you get up to speak that you are a DXer....a member of the best. Stand tall!!". Son of a Gun, that has to be the last word. \$9.00 for a full year of last words...\$10.50 by airmail. Overseas....ask about rates. DXers.....Stand Tall!!

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