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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Mar. 27, High Normal; Mar. 28, 29, Above Normal; Mar. 30, High Normal; Mar. 31, Low Normal; Apr. 1-5, High Normal; Apr. 6-8, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

AVES ISLAND YV0USB will be conducted 28 Mar-11 Apr. by a Venezuelan university group. They specify frequencies as follows: (including CQ WPX Contest)

Phone: 28618, 610; 21310; 14195, 210, 275; 7080, 210; 3795, 840

CW: 28020, 010; 21020, 110; 14020; 7020; 3720 (?)

A MAJOR PACIFIC EXPEDITION announced by N6DX, JA1BK and N2KK commences next month:
3D2DB, 15-19 Apr. 5W1CF, 29 Apr.-1 May *They will be using the usual DX
A35DX, 19-23 Apr. FW0__, 1-9 May. *frequencies, with emphasis on 160,
ZK2__, 23-29 Apr. *6 Meters, and maybe even RTTY.

4s7DX operation by KP2A will be secured the end of March, after which John will operate 8Q7AR Maldives the first two weeks of April. He will then join N200, N2CW and VS5TX for the 9M6MU operation 20-27 April. After that, KP2A will spend the first three weeks of May in Thailand, thence to Nepal and 9N1MM the last week of May. John expects to wrap up his trip in Macao CR9 in June.

SM0AGD'S AFRICAN TRIP reported here in Issue 30 has begun with J5AG; Eric's next stop will be by 9Q5. QSLs for all operations to SM3CXS.

BRIEF NOTES... Next weekend during the CQ WPX Contest, OH6JW will be using special callsign OI6JW... HP1XRK, Jim Miller, will lead seven operators in an all-band operation in the WPX Contest... I5NSR, I5LXW will be in the WPX Contest using a special callsign, one of these three: IP5CJA, I5LXW/IA5 or I5NSR/IA5; their permit to operate from Montecristo Island, which is part of the Tuscan Archipelago in the Tyrrhenian Sea, specifies two operators only, no man-made structures and no harm to the wildlife... VP2KAL in the ARRL phone contest last month was by W8UVZ and a Michigan crew; at the same time, W6QL and W6KG were operating VP2KAH. QSLs for VP2s KAL, KAK, KAJ and KAM are via WB8LDH. QSLs for VP2KAH via YASME... JD1AME on Ogasawara is most likely found 0000 UTC Sunday (Sat. evening North America) on 15 Meter SSB with a list taken by JF1HOH... K6LPL, Dave Gardner, of Palmyra fame, leaves for Johnston Island 24 April... QSLs for A7XD should be addressed, with SAE, etc., to: Mike Smedal, PO BOX 4747, Doha, State of Qatar, Arabian Gulf. Mike will be at the Dayton Hamvention next month... Speaking of conventions, issue 29 had an incorrect guest list for the Fresno affair in April: they're looking for OH2BH, DJ9ZB, HB9MX, HB0LL, K5VT, K6LPL, and Lloyd and Iris Colvin... BV2B, YB7AAU, KP4AM, G3FKM, W6KG, and W6QL are anticipated at the DX meeting in conjunction with the 1980 ARRL National Convention in Seattle, WA, in July... IT9LMK is on Sats and Sundays, 28045, looking for Wyoming to complete WAS... W7KHN/KH9 made 8500 contacts from Wake Island late last month; QSL Tom Morton, 10065 Mozelle Lane, La Mesa, CA 92041... More on page 3.

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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC(Plus West, Central, East coast report)/Day of Month.

Low Bands

CO2FA/7088/11W/16	HM5PB/7002/12C/14	OZ1LO/3512/05W/15	VP2VFI/3508/01E/12
C31LC/3792/05E/18	HP1XOG/7244/11W/16	PT7WA/3508/06W/15	VP9BO/1812/05W/14
EA5TD/3795/05C/11	IS00MH/3502/00E/11	PY1ZBJ/	YB1SI/7004/12W/16
EA6CE/3796/04E/16	IS0LYN/3798/01C/11	PY8/3790/04E/16	3V8AA/3798/03E/18
FG0UQ/	KH6CC/1808/06W/15	PP0MAG/3505/01C/12	4U1UN/7014/04C/13
FS7/7022/07C/14	W8FR/	PP0MAG/7012/00E/18	4Z4US/3790/04E/16
HB9PF/3501/06W/15	KH6/3798/08E/15	SM4CAN/3502/05W/15	6W8DY/3792/07E/15
HC1NMP/3754/05E/16	NL7C/3787/06E/15	SV0AA/3501/04C/12	6W8IA/3790/03E/16
HC1NDG/3798/04E/18	NL7D/3787/06E/15	TA2FM/7017/03C/12	8P6KY/3799/04E/16
HI6XQL/3503/04C/13	LU6BRM/7006/00C/13	TI2RPE/3647/05E/16	8P6MI/7009/02C/12
	OR6VS/3794/01C/11	UG6GAI/7002/03C/13	K9EF/8R1/7001/00C/13

Africa

C5ACW/14027/01C/12	J28AZ/14240/03C/12	VQ9TR/21030/23W/15	5T5BZ/14012/22E/13
C5AAM/28612/17C/15	J28CB/21011/19E/15	ZS3JJ/28589/19C/13	6W8BG/21362/00E/14
EA8IT/14224/02C/19	J5AG/14023/23C/13	3B6CD/14028/04E/14	6W8AR/28750/14W/15
EA9GZ/21355/20E/15	J5AG/14195/23C/13	3B6CD/14027/03C/15	7X2LS/21355/20C/12
ET3PG/14291/05C/12	J5AG/14023/23W/16	3B7CF/14027/03C/11	7Z2AP/28765/16E/13
ET3PG/14280/04C/13	J5AG/21025/21C/13	3B7CF/14027/02W/12	7Z2AP/28750/14W/14
ET3PG/14278/05E/18	DJ7SB/	3B7CF/28695/14E/16	9Q5GB/28538/15C/12
FH8DM/14204/15W/13	TJ1/21328/22W/15	3B8DA/14221/04C/12	9Q5GB/28646/13W/14
FR7AI/T/21276/17W/15	TU2JD/21304/23E/17	3B8DB/14028/11E/20	
FR7AI/T/21018/18E/15		5N0DOG/14060/05C/15	
		5N0DOG/28557/00C/13	

Asia

AP5HQ/14212/02C/18	HM2JN/14028/13C/12	UD6BR/14255/03C/12	YB0ACL/21321/13C/16
AP2MQ/21289/03C/12	HM1QD/28509/00E/15	UD6CN/14028/03W/16	YB0ADT/28026/14C/11
A4XGY/21375/19W/16	HS1ABD/28520/15E/16	UD6BR/28569/14C/15	4S7RM/14007/13C/14
A7XD/14225/17C/15	HS1WR/14209/00C/13	UF6CX/14023/03C/18	4S7EA/14225/00C/13
A7XD/21355/19W/16	HZ1TA/14204/04C/12	UF6HS/14223/03C/18	4S7DX/14211/03W/17
A7XD/28750/13C/13	HZ1TC/14251/04E/14	UF6FAO/14222/03C/11	4S7RM/21275/18C/12
A7XE/28050/14C/16	JD1AME/21305/01E/16	UH8EAD/14038/03W/14	4S7DX/21295/19W/15
W3WYP/	JT1EM/14019/11E/21	UH8HAS/14212/22E/18	4X4VE/28568/16C/14
DU2/14215/14E/17	JY9OZ/28604/15C/16	UI8AAM/28022/13C/14	5B4AC/28610/17C/15
W7LPF/	OD5LX/14028/03C/15	UK8LAA/14035/03C/15	5B4CV/28703/14W/15
DU2/14031/13C/18	OD5FB/14209/04C/15	UK8EAB/21057/14C/12	5B4DF/28649/13C/13
DU1MRC/28583/02C/14	OD5FB/14207/03C/16	UL7NB/14042/03W/14	9K2DR/28552/14C/16
EP2TY/14253/04C/14	TA1MB/14255/04C/13	UL7OAF/14040/03W/14	9K2EW/28507/13C/14
EP2TY/21330/20W/13	TA2TAT/14015/04E/14	UM8PAC/28021/12E/14	9M2FK/14026/13C/10
HL9TZ/14225/13C/13	TA2HIA/14013/03C/15	VS6CT/14208/11E/20	9M2FR/21346/00E/15
	TA1TC/28044/14C/16	VU2BX/28600/14C/15	9N1DQ/14226/03C/14
			9V1OI/28550/00E/13

Europe

C31SD/14203/23E/14	GJ2LU/28017/13C/17	M1C/14214/02C/12	
EA6DI/14036/10C/15	JW7FD/14220/01C/14	SV0AA/28020/16C/16	UO5OCL/28720/12E/19
EA6GB/14211/02C/13	JW7FD/14207/23C/18	SV0AT/28609/14C/16	9H1EL/14203/23C/14
GD4HOO/28534/14C/15	JW2CF/28504/19C/16	TF3JO/14021/11E/20	9H1ES/21318/21E/15
	JX9WT/21355/19W/16	UA1PAL/14249/03C/11	9H1F/28705/14W/15

Oceania

C21EF/14270/05C/15	KH3AA/28008/23E/13	KH0AC/21345/02C/13	YJ8PR/14235/09E/16
H44GR/14227/11E/18	KM6BI/14026/06W/11	KH0AC/21025/03C/18	3D2BM/14207/08E/12
AE0L/	AI3E/	VK9XT/14202/11W/16	3D2WR/14214/11E/19
KH2/14008/12E/13	KX6/14027/11E/20	VK9XT/21251/00E/14	
N4ADJ/	AB5K/	VK9XT/28590/02C/13	
KH2/21345/02C/13	KX6/28520/21E/13	VK9XT/28591/01C/17	
	AI3E/	VK9XT/28595/01C/18	
	KX6/28009/01C/16	VR6TC/21247/00C/12	

MORE...

DEADLINES: BANDPASS, Friday's mail; NEWS ITEMS: Saturday's mail; TELEPHONE: 8 am (1300 UTC) Saturdays.

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Elsewhere	HI6EQL/28507/14C/14	W2BBK/	VP8QG/28503/22E/15
FM7AV/28038/22C/15	HK5AJF/14032/11E/21	PJ7/21026/14W/16	ZP6MI/14017/15E/12
FP8HL/21016/17E/16	K2FJ/	VE8MTF/28526/21E/17	4U1UN/28516/16C/16
FY7YN/14026/10E/15	PJ5/28580/21E/13	VP2AJ/28028/00C/14	K9EF/
		VP8AI/28003/18C/16	8R1/28528/22C/13

HEARD ISLAND VKØRM, MARCH, 1980

A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION to Heard Island left Australia about 1 March, 1980, intending to operate on the amateur bands with a Kenwood TS120 when time permitted. Enroute the expedition leader Con Veenstra and radio operator Bob McManama operated VKØRM/MM to familiarize themselves with the radio. During the boat trip the receiver in the TS120 failed (switching diodes) but McManama repaired it. On Wednesday, 12 March, seven members of the crew were helicoptered to McDonald Island, west of Heard, for a two day stay; Veenstra and McManama stayed aboard ship. The crew was reunited on 14 Mar and arrived in the cove at Heard Island on Saturday, 15 Mar. A handful of amateur band contacts were made from the ship.

ASHORE ON HEARD at daybreak on Sunday, 16 Mar., the group was maintaining twice-daily schedules with OZ8AE/MM, and at 0900 UTC on the 16th P29JS began taking a list of stations to be worked by VKØRM. Listed were two from each South American country, three from each JA and W/K call area, two from each major European country, three from each VE call area, and 108 VK/ZL stations. At 1200, VKØRM came on the frequency of P29JS and announced the TS120 receiver had failed but they would attempt operations the next day.

SOME STATIONS WERE WORKED on Monday, 17 March; VKØRM showed at 1200, extremely weak, with transmitter problems. Many VK and ZL stations on the original list were worked along with a couple of JAs. The operation was moved above 14200 in an attempt to work North Americans, without success. Jammers aggravated the situation.

FURTHER ATTEMPTS WERE MADE on Tuesday, 18 Mar; OZ8AE/MM reported that the TS120 had been taken back to the ship, where the final amplifier transistors were found to be destroyed, probably due to power supply problems (overvoltage or spikes). While some spare radio parts were kept on the ship, the Kenwood could not be repaired. A few stations were worked on Tuesday but all of these had been worked previously. Four U.S. stations had tried and failed to make contact on Monday; none attempted Tuesday.

FUTILE ATTEMPTS to steer the VKØRM crew to some radio equipment purportedly left on Heard some 20 years ago were made on Wednesday, 19 Mar. VK1PG had been on Heard at that time. P29JS and VKØRM moved to 21205 but no contact was made there. Nothing was heard of VKØRM after about 1300 UTC on Wednesday, 19 Mar.

THANKS TO P29JS, CON VEENSTRA AND BOB MCMANAMA for their efforts on behalf of DXers, from all of us at The DX Bulletin.

FLASH! Switched to 15 Meters and worked 9U5DS, 21014, 1600 on March 22; said his name is Odilon and QSL via ON5TO. Sounded good here, beam heading, etc. Hope!

MORE BRIEF NOTES... QSL EP2TY direct only... QSL VK9XT only to VK3OT... 7Z2AP QSLs are NOT being accepted for DXCC... JX9WT QSLs are starting to show up in force... many are still awaiting 3C1AA and 3CØAB cards...WA2DTY is listening ONLY in Peking

When did you last see a price decrease? Here it is: Present subscribers only may extend their subscriptions for one full year at the following rates: \$18 (US, VE, XE), \$28 (DX Air Mail). Initial subscriptions remain \$22 and \$30, respectively. Offer good through April 30!

CALENDAR

<p>Trinidad Sri Lanka Guinea Bissau Tromelin</p> <p>British Virgin Islands San Marino Maldives Mali ✓ Anguilla Aves Island Pine Island WPX Contest Chatham Island Fiji Islands Burma Mt. Athos New Caledonia Glorioso Fresno DX Convention Tonga East Malaysia Norfolk Island Dayton Hamvention Niue Western Samoa Okino Torishima</p> <p>Lord Howe Island Luxembourg Wallis Island</p>	<p>PPØMAG on now, all bands, CW only 4S7DX (KP2A) on now through end of March J5AG by SMØAGD on now; p. 1, this issue FR7AI/T 27 Mar. and every other day thereafter, 21275 at 1600, with F6EXV, through 5 April VP2VGB by K7SE, 25-30 Mar. 9A1ONU by Bologna Italy DX Gang, 27-31 Mar. 8Q7AR (KP2A) 1-13 Apr; p. 1, this issue ON6BC at TZ4AQS for concentrated effort, starts 29 Mar. VP2E by K8ND and WD8ALG for CQ WPX Contest 29-30 Mar. YVØUSB, 28 Mar.-11 Apr.; p. 1, this issue CO2CF/4 1-3 Apr., 40/20 Meters By CQ Magazine, SSB, 29-30 Mar. ZL2UW/C expected 10-15 Apr. 3D2DB 15-19 Apr., p. 1 this issue XZØONU by HS4AMI, 15 Apr.-15 Jun. By SV1JG and friends, "mid-April" FKØBW and FKØCQ, 10-21 Apr., usual freqs. QSL DJ5CQ. 20-30 April; see p. 1, Issue 30 18-20 Apr., reservations N6VI A35DX 19-23 Apr., p. 1, this issue 9M6MU 20-27 Apr., p. 1, this issue VK9NM and VK2DIK/VK9, 21-28 Apr. QSL DJ5CQ. 25-27 Apr. ZK2__, 23-29 Apr., p. 1, this issue 5W1CF 29 Apr.-1 May, p. 1, this issue Begins 30 Apr. or 1 May, 48 hours, 10/15 SSB only; JE6NEM and JE6NLL/7J1 28 Apr.-7 May, VK9NM/VK2 and VK2DIK/VK2. QSL DJ5CQ. By Noviomagum DX Group (Netherlands), 15-19 May FWØ__, 1-9 May, p. 1, this issue</p>
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