



FSDXA St. Brandon DXpedition – Bulletin No.2



The Five Star DXers Association (FSDXA) expedition to St. Brandon (3B7) is still on course for September 2007. The plan is to be QRV from Friday 7th September to Monday 24th September, ensuring two full weeks and three weekends of activity. This Press Release is by way of an interim progress report, in response to a number of enquiries we have received.

The team is aware that a Polish expedition to Agalega has been announced for April 2007, but considers that demand for this rare one is such that an FSDXA-scale operation is fully justified. For example, our D68C operation netted in excess of 160,000 contacts, despite a Spanish operation the previous month which handed out almost 30,000 D6 contacts. Similarly, our 3B9C operation netted over 150,000 contacts, despite Robert 3B9FR, a resident of Rodrigues, being reasonably QRV over several years. 3B6/7 is much higher in the Wanted Lists than either of these entities.

An advance team of two will visit Mauritius early in the New Year to finalise many of the arrangements, and we will have more information following that visit. This visit was postponed from October due to illness, but all plans are now back on track and we are confident that we will be able to mount a successful large-scale (12 stations, 3 weekends, 100k+ QSOs) operation from St.Brandon in September 2007.

3B7C will have Joint Leaders by way of Neville Cheadle G3NUG and Don Beattie G3BJ. We have received a number of enquiries about joining the expedition. As detailed in our previous announcement, we do have a full team in place. However, we will maintain a file of those who have expressed interest in case vacancies occur.

An early note about QSL arrangements. Neville G3NUG will be the lead QSL manager and will coordinate the QSL manager team using the very successful StarLog programme.

Send direct QSLs to:
Neville Cheadle G3NUG
Lower Withers Barns
Middleton on the Hill
LEOMINSTER
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Bureau cards to the RSGB bureau marked "G3NUG"

There will be a facility for email requests via the website.

Last but by no means least, we welcome Martin Lynch and Sons and Nevada Communications, both major UK dealers, as sponsors. We also welcome Northern Illinois DX Association as our first cub sponsor.

As a reminder, our website will be accessible via both www.3b7c.com and www.fsdxa.com/3b7c where information will be posted as it becomes available.

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