



## **FSDXA St. Brandon DXpedition – Bulletin No.4**



Plans for the September FSDXA DXpedition to St. Brandon are progressing well. A suitable boat has been chartered to take the team and its 6 tonnes of equipment to the island, the licence has been received, and all permits are in place for our stay on the island.

The team will be operating from Isle du Sud, the southern end of what is shown on the charts as Cocos Island (not to be confused with Cocos Island in TI9 or the Cocos-keeling Islands VK9!). Lighthouse on the Air enthusiasts might be interested to note that Cocos Is. has a beacon for WLOTA-Ref. LH 1017. This will be an all-time new one for lighthouse collectors - assuming the light is accessible from Isle du Sud.

### **TEAM CHANGES**

Some of the previously-announced members have, unfortunately, had to drop out of the expedition. These include G3VMW, G4KIU, SM5AQD, WF5T and W3WL. However, we are delighted to announce that they will be replaced by Bob MD0CCE (also known as N2BB), Pete SM5GMZ (recently QRV from 6W), Gordon G3USR and Clive GM3POI (well-known as a low band expert living in the Orkney Islands).

### **3B7C BROCHURE**

We now have a four-page full-colour brochure setting out more information about our expedition. This can be downloaded in both high and low definition PDF format from our website ([www.3b7c.com](http://www.3b7c.com) which is now up and running).

### **FSDXA AWARDED CALCUTTA KEY**

At their Meeting on Saturday 16th March the RSGB Board unanimously agreed that the Five Star DXers Association be awarded the "Calcutta Key" for the association's outstanding service to International Friendship.

### **FSDXA APPROACH TO DXPEDITIONING**

Having now QSLd nearly 100,000 3B9C QSOs we calculate we achieved an average busted call rate of 0.5%. We believe this to be a good figure although we shall try to improve on it at 3B7C. Learn about the techniques we use. Get "DXpeditioning Behind the Scenes" from Nevada Communications. Now available for a special price of £12.95. [www.nevada.co.uk](http://www.nevada.co.uk) (Amateur Radio/Books)

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