

PRESS RELEASE #1

Bouvet Island Activation Planned

Three proven and experienced DXpedition leaders and a large team of operators will activate the DXCC number #2 most wanted DXCC entity in late 2017 or early 2018. Ralph KOIR, Bob K4UEE and Erling LA6VM have been working on this project since returning from Peter I (3Y0X) some 10 years ago.

We are making this announcement now, so that other DXpedition teams that may be considering Bouvet as a DXpedition target can re-direct their time and effort elsewhere.

In summary, we have an agreement with Nigel Jolly to provide transportation, a helicopter, pilot and mechanic. We submitted a preliminary plan to the Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI) some time ago and it has been accepted. A permit will be issued to land on Slakhallet (the huge glacier that covers the island). We have a team committed, and the finances are doable. As per our funding model, we commit to paying one-half the expenses involved and we are asking the DX community to pay the other half of the expenses. This arrangement has never failed us or you, the DXer.

Experience summary: Leaders have eleven "DXpedition of the Year" awards, they have activated a dozen "top-ten" DXCC entities and amassed huge QSO totals at their most recent DXpeditions i.e. Desecheo 118,000 QSOs, HK0NA 195,000 QSOs, FT5ZM, 170,000 QSOs, K1N 140,000 QSOs. Their experience in the Antarctic and Southern Oceans region is unparalleled. Heard Island, South Sandwich, South Georgia, Peter I, South Orkneys, Amsterdam Island, as well as numerous other operations from ALL seven continents. This team and its leaders have collectively given the DX community over 4,000,000 DXpedition QSO's.

Our website is under development and fundraising will begin in the months ahead. We are pleased that everything has finally come together so that we can activate this most difficult, dangerous and rare DXCC entity.

Your DXpedition leaders,
Ralph KOIR
Bob K4UEE
Erling LA6VM