

Financial Support Request for 3Y0J Bouvet Island DXpedition November 2022



GREETINGS:

We are a team of 11 international amateur radio operators who, in November 2022, will be sailing to, and operating from, Bouvet Island with the goal of making at least 120K QSOs.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your financial support to get this rare DX entity in the logs of many amateur operators around the world.

Bouvet Island is a small Norwegian inactive volcanic island, half the size of Manhattan, covered almost entirely by snow and ice. Because of its remoteness, it has rightfully gained the title of the most remote uninhabited island on Earth. Bouvet Island is listed in the ClubLog DXCC at position #2, making it, for the ham radio world, the equivalent of the Mount Everest of the DXCC entities.

Our DXpedition, with the callsign 3Y0J, will start its journey in the Falkland Islands, and we anticipate sailing for 12 days through the treacherous waters of the South Atlantic Ocean before setting up camp, and operating from, Bouvet Island for 14-18 days. At the conclusion of our DXpedition, we will then sail another 12 days to the end point of the DXpedition: Cape Town, South Africa

Our goal is to set up and operate simultaneously from 8 stations, with full legal power (1500W), on 10M through 160M including 60M in CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8, but our main focus will be on the "human" modes.

The preparations for this complex endeavor are well underway. The 3 Norwegian co-leaders together with the team members have been working tirelessly for the past 2 years with the Norwegian Polar Institute as well as with experts and consultants who have already visited Bouvet Island or are knowledgeable about overcoming the difficulties of getting to, landing on, setting up camp and operating from Bouvet Island, an island battered by over 300 storms a year and by winds that often reach 100 miles an hour.

We are very close to raising the necessary funds to cover our estimated budget of \$650,000, which will make 3Y0J the most expensive DXpedition ever. The vast majority of these funds will be used to cover the expense of our chartered boat, the 101-foot Oceanic Ketch, named

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Marama, which will take us to and from Bouvet Island. Each 3Y0J team member is contributing \$20,000 toward this budget.

NCDXF (Northern California DX Foundation) and INDEXA (International DX Association) have already showed their amazing support to our project and made their largest donations ever, totaling \$115,000. Many other organizations and clubs around the world have followed suit, and we hope your club will be able to contribute as well. Your support would be highly appreciated.

Please visit our website: www.3Y0J.com to donate, to read more about our project, the team, the latest news or to learn about the complex preparations the team is engaged in to ensure a successful and safe project.

We thank you in advance for your financial support and we look forward to working you from the most remote uninhabited island on Earth!

Regards,
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