

# **SLATS**



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# Bouvet Island DXpedition is On the Air!



Bouvet Island, site



Harsh conditions, bad weather

And high winds

# **ON THE NEWS FRONT**



### **Bouvet Island DXpedition is On the Air!**

The <u>3YOJ</u> team has arrived and begun operations on <u>Bouvet Island</u>. The conditions have been difficult and the team is not yet operating at full capacity.

The 3YOJ Media Officer and East Coast Pilot, Steve Hass, N2AJ, wrote on Facebook that, as of Wednesday, February 8, 2023, the team has only enough power to operate two radios simultaneously. A storm is forecasted to bring high winds to the remote island, so the team is taking precautions. Some of the antennas may be taken down to prevent damage. According to Facebook posts, the yacht that brought the team to the island, the S/V Marama, has been moved farther offshore in anticipation of the winds.

Despite the challenges, the DXpeditioners say they logged 5,000 QSOs in the first 48 hours of operation. To date, the team has been heard working CW on 17 meters and SSB on 15 meters. No matter the mode, the operators will always be listening up. That means hams should listen for them on their frequency and transmit back to them 5 - 10 kHz above that frequency. The operator will be tuning back and forth to try and pull out the strongest station.

The Bouvet operators intend to work FT8 to give modest stations a chance to log the rare entity. They will always be working in <u>Fox and Hound mode</u>. The team asks operators who have already worked the island on one band or mode to not attempt another contact. The hope is that every station trying to make contact will be able to add Bouvet to their log.

The 3YOJ DXpedition is one of the most anticipated activations in recent years. Bouvet Island is ranked second on <u>Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted</u> List, right behind P5/North Korea.

Near real-time updates from the team are being posted to the <u>3YOJ - The Bouvet island DXpedition Facebook group</u>. Logs will be uploaded from the team as conditions allow. The operators have some access to satellite internet.

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#### For those who like Air Navigation



https://www.radarbox.com

#### Frequencies for St. Louis Lambert Airport

 118.500 Mhz – tower
 132.475 Mhz

 118.925 Mhz
 254.300 Mhz

 120.050 Mhz – tower
 306.200 Mhz

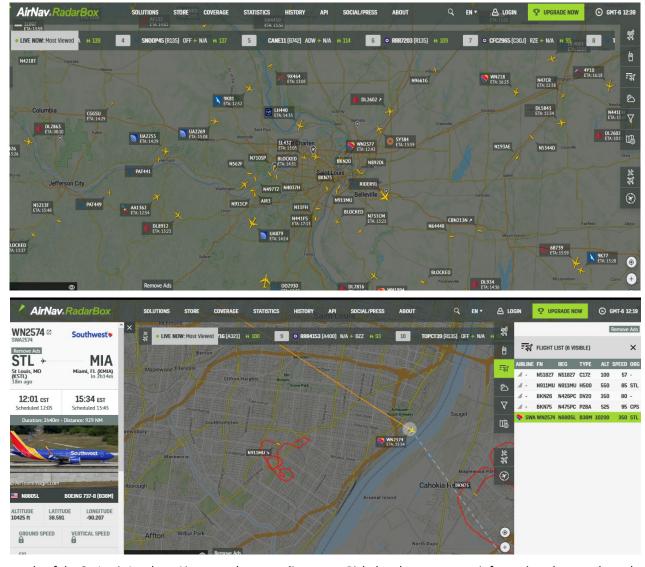
 128.250 Mhz
 124.300 Mhz

These frequencies can be picked-up by a scanner or by SDR receivers.

#### Introduction

RadarBox is a flight tracking company that displays aircraft & flight information in real-time on a map. RadarBox offers flight data such as latitude and longitude positions, origins and destinations, flight numbers, aircraft types, altitudes, headings and speeds. Based in Tampa, Florida, with a R&D center in Europe, RadarBox's business operations include providing related data to aviation service providers worldwide.

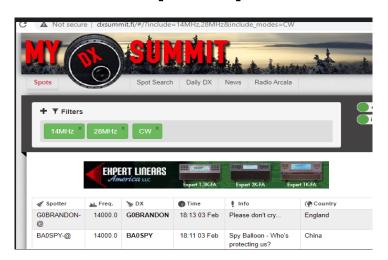
Along with flight tracking, the website also displays arrival & departure information and historical flight data. Data is aggregated from 14 different sources such as Ground and Satellite based ADS-B, FAA SWIM, EUROCONTROL, MLAT, FLIFO, ACARS/Datalink and ADS-C. A large network of volunteer feeders in all parts of the world feed ADS-B data using ground receivers provided by RadarBox. As of January 2021, the company has over 20,000 feeders who actively share data to the website.



An example of the St. Louis Lambert Airport and surrounding areas. Pick the plane you want information about and see the results. It also shows the Plane identification call sign

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# **Latest Spots Report**

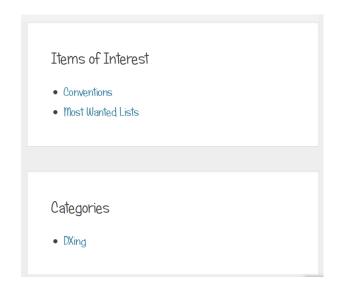


Find out what's going on for all the bands.

http://www.dxsummit.fi/#/dailydx



https://www.dailydx.com/



# TheSmokinApe





https://www.youtube.com/TheSmokinApe

#### Solar Index and propagation made easy— HF

In this video, we take a simplistic approach to discussing; Solar Indices, Sunspots, propagation, and the grayline. Please post any questions, comments, recommendations, or suggestions below.

Links to products in the video: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/shop/TheSmokinApe">https://www.amazon.com/shop/TheSmokinApe</a> As an Amazon Associate, learn from qualifying purchases.

Check out my Antenna Playlist: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list...">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list...</a>

Check out my NanoVNA Playlist: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list...">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list...</a>

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#### FOR SALE, GIVE AWAY OR TRADE

#### ICOM 910H For Sale: Mel Whitter Call Sign KOPEX Phone (optional) +13147391108 Email Brief Description of item Icom 910H Details, price, condition, etc. Tri-band Icom 910H with all options. In good working order. Never mobile but includes mounting bracket and case handle. Excellent cosmetic shape. Service manual included. Reason for sale is purchase of the later model Icom 9700. \$850 including US shipping 3219 Haas Ave Bridgeton, MO 63044 US



#### ROHN HOUSE BRACKET

I want to: Swap or Trade

Name

Rich Knode

Call Sign

KB0CCL

Phone (optional)

+13144954707

Email

rknode@charter.net

Brief Description of item

Rohn House Bracket

Details, price, condition, etc.

Rohn HB25AG 0-15" house bracket with clamps. Selling for 75.00 or trade for a ROHN Guy Bracket Assemblies GA25GD Part Number: ROH-GA25GD. Pick-up in St. Louis or add cost for shipping for destination. Please title the email "House Bracket Trade" when emailing.



### **Ham Radio Quick Links:**

Southgate amateur news

http://www.southgatearc.org

Amateur Television Network

https://www.atn-tv.com/

**ATN Repeater video streaming** 

https://www.atn-tv.com/events/streaming

ATN on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/

**AmateurTelevisionNetwork** 

**ATN** on Whereby.com

https://whereby.com/atn1

**TAPR** - Tomorrow's Ham Radio

https://tapr.org

**DIGITAL ATV** 

**Digital Amateur Television D-ATV** 

https://www.dxzone.com/catalog/ Operating Modes/Digital ATV/

#### YouTube Videos

Dave Casler KEØOG - YouTube Vide-

os <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaBtYooQdmNzq63eID8RaLQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaBtYooQdmNzq63eID8RaLQ</a>

**Solar Index & Propagation Made Easy** 

The SmokinApe

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=SyXLARX1dns