

The ARRL Letter for March 21, 2019

3Y0I DXpedition Team Has Departed for Bouvet Island

The [3Y0I](#) Bouvet Island DXpedition website has [announced](#) that the team of operators - led by Polish DXpeditioner Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX -- set sail on March 19 from Cape Town, South Africa, for the remote Antarctic island onboard the MV *Atlantic Tuna*.



"The 3Y0I Bouvet Island Expedition has officially begun," the announcement said. "If everything goes well, we should reach Bouvet in 7 days, around March 26. Landing on the island will be strictly dependent on weather conditions met upon arrival."

According to the website, 3Y0I could be on the air by the end of March, but the team notes that the information is subject to change due to the vagaries of sea and weather conditions. "The team plans to stay at the island at least for 2 weeks, with an option to extend the stay to 3 - 4 weeks, if weather and other factors permit," the announcement said. "We will sign as E51DOM/mm on the way to and back from the island."

The DXpedition has enlisted the assistance of noted DXers Martti Laine, OH2BH; Wayne Mills, N7NG, and Yasu Inoue, JR1AIB, to serve as "ambassadors" for the DXpedition, sponsored by the [Rebel DX Group](#).

"This is a historical undertaking under very severe conditions with no DX Foundation support nor involvement," their announcement said. "One of their objectives is for bringing the cost down to an affordable level for more people."



Unlike the unsuccessful 3Y0Z DXpedition, which reached Bouvet Island but was unable to land because of sea conditions and a mechanical problem with the vessel, the 3Y0I operators plan to land using Zodiac inflatable vessels. 3Y0I will attempt to produce a workable signal on 160 and 80 meters in the challenging Bouvet Island environment. The high-volume bands are expected to be 20, 30, and 40 meters. Read [more](#).

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