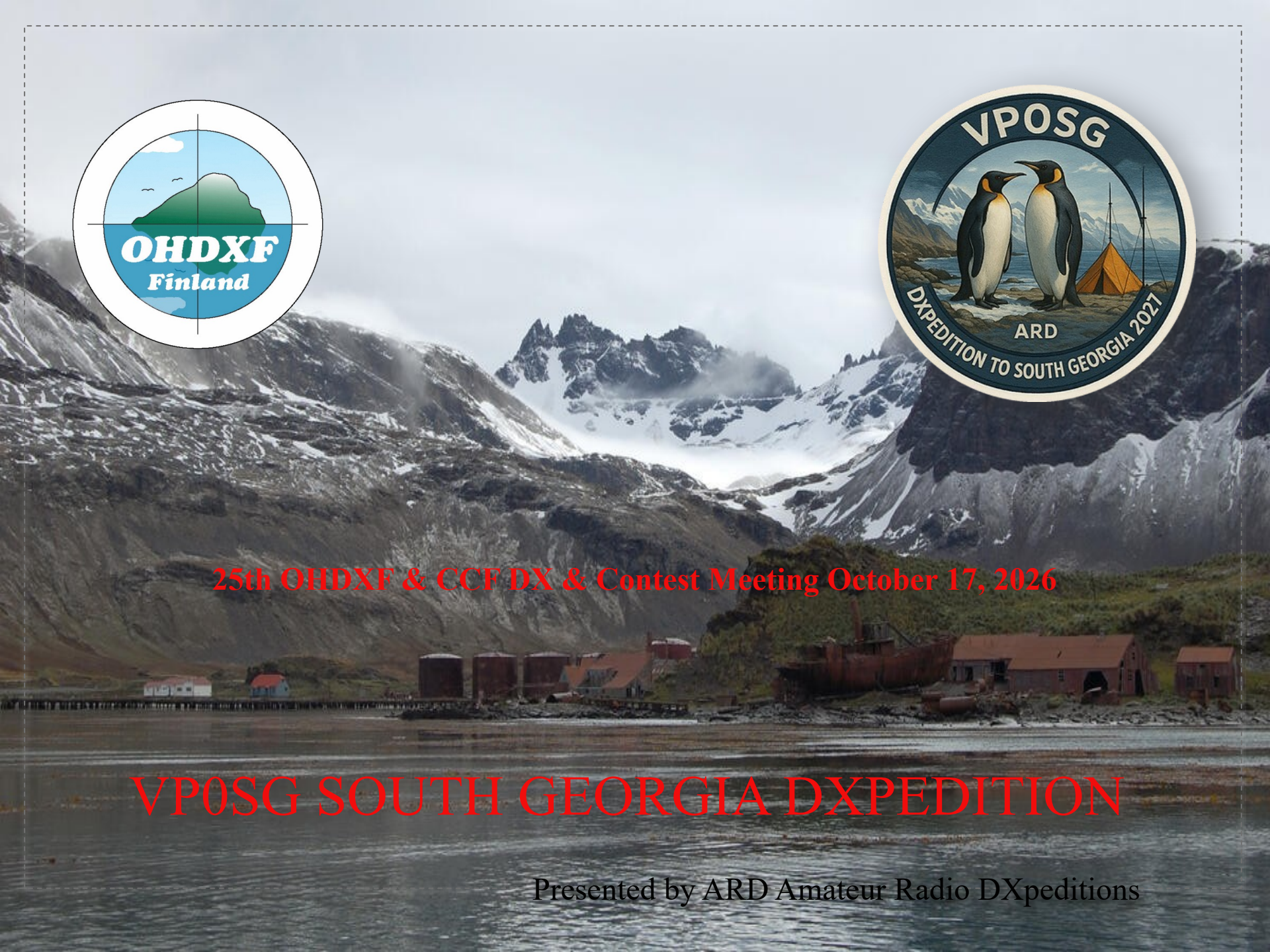


25th OHDXF & CCF DX & Contest Meeting October 17, 2026

VP0SG SOUTH GEORGIA DXPEDITION

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SOUTH GEORGIA

British Overseas Territory in the Southern Atlantic Ocean

Now focused on research and wildlife conservation

First sighted in 1675 - claimed for Britan by Captain James Cook in 1775

Major hub of the Southern Ocean whaling industry during the 1900s

In 1916 Sir Ernest Shackleton crossed the mountains to rescue his stranded crew during the Endurance expedition

Rank	Prefix	Entity Name	Whitelisted?
1.	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	✅
2.	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND	✅
3.	KH7K	KURE ISLAND	✅
4.	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	✅
5.	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND	✅
6.	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	✅
7.	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND	✅
8.	YV0	AVES ISLAND	✅
9.	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND	✅
10.	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND	✅
11.	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	✅
12.	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS	✅
13.	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND	✅
14.	YK	SYRIA	✅
15.	VP0S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	✅
16.	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS	✅
17.	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND	✅
18.	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND	✅
19.	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS	✅
20.	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO	✅
21.	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	✅
22.	VP0G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	✅
23.	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS	✅

- Consistently ranked among rare DXCC entities on Club Log.
- Last major DXpedition took place in 2016
- Demand continues to increase now #22
- Rare opportunity for new ATNOs and band/mode fills
- First-ever FT8 operation

South Georgia is subject to a lot of regulations, landing and setting up a camp is heavily regulated

- **Comprehensive RAP application** covering biosecurity, safety, environmental protection, and operations.
- **Husvik (HUS-01)** selected as a low-impact operational site following GSGSSI guidance. Same QTH as VP8SGI.
- **Expedition plans refined** following GSGSSI recommendations on camp layout, antennas, and wildlife protection.
- **Formal landing permit application obtained**, with constructive and positive exchanges throughout the process.



"Our objective has never been simply to obtain a permit, but to develop a project that meets the highest environmental standards while demonstrating that amateur radio DXpeditions can be conducted responsibly in one of the world's most sensitive ecosystems."



JOURNEY

Team will meet in England for most part and fly from London to the Falkland Islands (16 hours) on a RAF Royal Air Force aircraft

Arrive in the Falkland Islands on March 4, 2027, two days prior to departure to South Georgia Island

JOURNEY

Departure from Falkland Islands is scheduled for March 6, 2027



5 – 6 day journey on the Meredian
Operated by 60 South

Vessel machinery, propellers, and gearbox were overhauled in summer 2025

Meridian is equipped with two RIB boats and a new landing craft for rapid shore deployment

The landing craft is a square aluminum boat with a removable or fold-down bow


#60-South



Will be used for transportation of equipment and operators between the vessel and shore



MEET THE TEAM

Team Leaders

LA7THA – ARD Co Lead and VP0SG Team Lead

LB5GI – ARD Chairman and Co Lead

LB1QI – ARD board member and Co Lead

W0ZB – Team Doctor and Co Lead

LA7THA – Rune



W0ZB - Steve



LB1QI - Erwann



LB5GI - Gjermund



GERMANY IRELAND USA







DL3ON - Leon EI5LA - Megan KN2P – Violetta

The next generation of DXpeditioners is coming!

ENGLAND



G0VJG – Nobby



G4PVM – Paul

FRANCE



F4HEC - Fred

ITALY



IU2EFB
Giampaolo

NORWAY



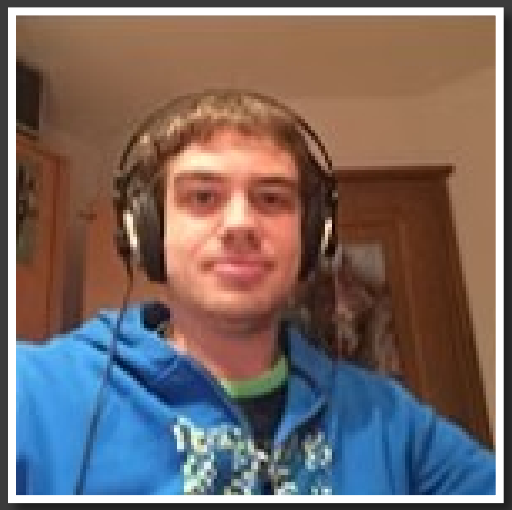
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CZECH REPUBLIC



OK2WX - Vlad

AUSTRIA



OE7PGI - Philipp

UKRAINE



UT5UY - Alex



UR8UQ – Alex

RADIO EQUIPMENT – MAIN CAMP

- Five stations using SUNSDR DX (100 W) radios
- Amplifiers from Juma and RF-Kit
- Antennas:
  - 160 m: ¼-wave top-loaded vertical (21 m)
  - 80 m: ¼-wave vertical (20 m)
  - 40 m and 30 m: ¼-wave verticals
  - All verticals deployed with 32 ground radials
  - Two Yagi antennas and two 5-band HEX beams
- Band-pass filters, triplexers, and diplexers installed
- QO-100 setup

IN BAND STATIONS

- Three SUNSDR DX radios located 500–700 m from the main camp
- Connected via GHz radio link to the main camp
- Each radio connected to an ThinkCentre i7 with 32 GB RAM
- Each station uses an 8–9 m vertical antenna, two elevated radials, and an autotuner at the feed point
- Coverage from 40 m to 10 m
- In-band operation allows simultaneous modes (e.g. SSB + CW or Digi on the same band)

QTH AND IN BAND STATIONS



ACCOMMODATION



Two Venor Gamme tents for radio camp

Tents with heated paraffin stoves

- Radio operations will be conducted in tents
- Sleeping and meals will be on the vessel
- EU2200i generators for power
- Live logging and streaming to Club Log via Star Link

VP0SG Team at LN8W 4-7 June, 2026

























BUDGET

- Total budget costs for the South Georgia 2027 Dxpedition is $400,000 USD
- Includes radio equipment, antennas, and the vessel
- 64% of expedition costs are paid by team members
- Accommodations and travel expenses to London and RAF flight from London to the Falkland Islands is paid by each team member - $2,000 - $3,000/per team member

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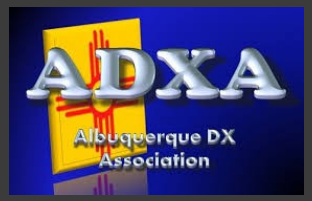

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