

DXpedition J480 OTHONOI ISLET 17-25 JUNE

GIOTA INS-045

Latitude: 39° 51' 54.00" B
Longitude: 19° 25' 45.12" E
Grid square: JM99ru

A multi team of 7 experienced operators, will be active from 17-25 JUNE 2011 from the very rare OTHONOI ISLET. Is the Northwestern place of Greece, Greek IOTA reference GIOTA INS-045 (IOTA EU-052) and from LIGHTHOUSE KASTRI (9 days at Lighthouse) on the island.

They are planning to set up 5 stations on the island.
Modes that they will use : CW, SSB and DIGITAL (RTTY-PSK)
Planning to operate from 160m to 2m!
Focus on 6M for intercontinental QSOs using 2 different directional antennas and also focus on 2M with 8 element QUAD & 11 element YAGI.

OPERATORS

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J480 BAND PLAN

CW: 1823, 3503, 7003, 10105, 14003, 18073, 21003, 24893, 28003, 50093, 144053
SSB: 1843, 3799, 7060/7160, 14260, 18160, 21260, 24960, 28460, 50160, 144303
DIGI: 1841, 3581, 7041, 10141, 14081, 18101, 21081, 24921, 28111, 50201, 144138

Rigs

1. ICOM IC 7000 x 3
2. ICOM IC 7400
3. ICOM IC 756 PRO III
4. YAESU FT 1000 MARK V
5. KENWOOD TS 870

Amplifiers:

ACOM 1000 x 3

Antennas

OPTIBEAM 17 ELEMENTS YAGI 10-20M
SPIDERBEAM 14 ELEMENTS WIRE YAGI 10-20M
PA8GB 2 ELEMENTS QUAD 10-20M
R8 VERTICAL
DIPOLES 30M-160M
OPTIBEAM 5 ELEMENTS 6M
PA8GB 4 ELEMENTS QUAD 6M
DK7ZB 11 ELEMENTS 2M
HOMEMADE QUAD 8 ELEMENTS 2M

Othonoi (Greek: Οθωνοί, Italian: Fanò) is an island and a former community of the Ionian Islands, Greece. Since the 2011 local government reform it is part of the municipality Corfu, of which it is a municipal unit. It is located northwest of Corfu. Population 663 (2001). In the 19th century the island used to be the capital of the Diapontia Islands Municipality, which consisted of the islands of Fano, Marlera and Mathrachi. Most of the island's inhabitants can trace their origins to Paxoi Island as people from Paxoi were settled in Fano beginning in the 1570's by Venice.

Othoni is the westernmost settlement and island in Greece. The main yacht port of the island, Ammos, offers good protection only from N winds. Anchor off either inside or outside the quay. Fuel, water, provisions, ATM, tavernas, bars, medical center and post office.

During the last years the island is being slowly discovered by tourists for its crystal clear blue waters, sandy beaches and exotic caves. On the western part of the island, one can visit the cave of Kalypso, near the popular Aspros Ammos (white sands) beach is traditionally believed to have been the place where Calypso kept Ulysses captive. Another attraction on the E of the island, is the historic lighthouse built in 1872 (N 39° 51' 48" E 19° 26' 06"). The island has four beautiful churches of Byzantine architecture.

(infos are from the J480 web site: <http://www.j480.com/>)

73s to all !
de SV8CYV Vassilis
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