

# KCJ NEWSLETTER

# —The bulletin of Keymen's Club of Japan—

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# **BOUVET WKD & CFM!**

W3FO/JH1ASG/JH0CEO Makoto Nakamura

"The most remote uninhabited place on Earth"
Clublog #2 Most Wanted Entity
https://www.3y0j.no/



https://clublog.org/charts/?c=3Y0J

#### 1 Prologue

QSO with 3Y0J on Bouvet Island. No matter how you look at it, this is probably the result of all the circumstances surrounding me converging toward the QSO. I am eager to write

about this good fortune.

#### 2 The Restoration of ICOM IC-7800

My 200W machine ICOM IC-7800 was urgently hospitalized.

At the JARL's 2023 QSO PARTY on January 3, after running smoothly on 7MHz CW, I moved to 3.5MHz and started running on 80 meters. Then the tragedy happened: the output stopped.

I had no choice but to ask ICOM to repair this problem. I brought the big gift box from my parents' home, and finally packed the 30kg rig. I had <u>Yamato Transport</u>, a very famous transportation company in Japan, come to my house, and sent it to the repair center by courier.

I thought I would receive the repaired rig in March. However, ICOM repaired it very quickly, and it came back to my home early February. I didn't have time on weekdays, so I unpacked and set up again on February 11th, the fateful day.

#### 3 Plan B Activated

As a certified ski instructor by Ski Association of Japan, I have many opportunities to ski on weekends in winter. Originally, I was planning to ski in Hakuba Valley, Nagano Prefecture (the Olympic Site in 1998) on Saturday and Sunday from February 11th to 12th. My parents' home in Nagano (the site of the JH0CEO Antenna Farm in future), which I inherited last year, will be a front-line base for my skiing, but I was not able to go home; a heavy snow warning was issued for Tokyo.



#### https://pixta.jp/illustration/88005812

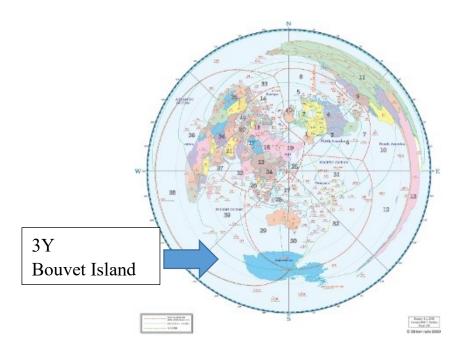
For your reference, Tokyo and Nagano are the Olympic Sites in Japan.

I thought it was impossible to return home this time. In addition, the Chuo Express Way connecting Tokyo and Nagano was closed to traffic because of heavy snow. Finally, plan B = amateur radio at home was activated.

#### 4 The day of QSO with 3Y0J: February 11th

After attending a certain domestic contest, I had time to spare. I would like to hear the signals from the South Atlantic and sub-Antarctic, just like I worked with the Antarctic 8J1RL, which had been my long-cherished dream for 50 years. Looking at <a href="DXSCAPE">DXSCAPE</a>, 3Y0J appeared at 15 meter band CW. I had my 200W machine at hand, and I was at my shack unexpectedly, so I decided to try my luck. At that time, SSN=190, the outrageous sunspot number.

At this time, it was the great circle map for amateur radio that has been enshrined in the shack for a long time that showed its true value. When I turned my beam antenna on the apartment roof to the southwest, I heard the signal of 3Y0J with QSB! The signal strength exceeded my expectation.



https://ham.cqpub.co.jp/2020/01/17/cqhamradio202002-huroku/

I've been transmitting UP Frequency using RIT for 2 hours, and somehow, I felt that there were fewer competitors than I expected. In the meantime, <u>JA2PFO</u> Suzuki OM was kind

enough to write "**UP 10kHz**" on DXSCAPE. The IC-7800's maximum RIT is  $\pm 9.99$ kHz, so for the first time, I tried split frequency operation over 10kHz with 2VFOs, which is not possible with the RIT. At that moment, I didn't look at the manual. It must have been my fate that I relied on my intuition to operate.



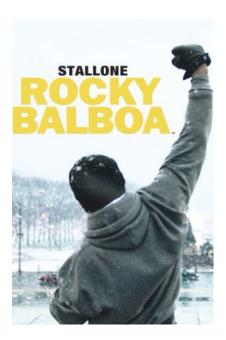
In the meantime, 3Y0J repeated CQ, then called JH1AOO several times. Since there was no response, I understood that this meant "JH1A??" and called 3Y0J. Then finally I received my call back.

3Y0J Bouvet Island WKD. It really was an instant.

RX 21020.00

TX 21030.83

The split frequency operation by my IC-7800, just returned from ICOM for repair, did an excellent job. I thought the dog-pile would continue for a long time, so I almost gave up the QSO, thinking it would be impossible. But it was truly "It ain't over till it's over" ©Rocky Balboa.



#### 5 Toward CFM

3Y0J Bouvet Island WKD. I made up of my mind to CFM.

As you know, WKD is self-reported, so confirmation is required. 3Y0J members on Bouvet Island must have delivered the invaluable QSO data to the yacht MARAMA, and WKD was confirmed on the morning of February 13 JST.



https://clublog.org/charts/?c=3Y0J

The QSO policy of 3Y0J is as follows:

#### **OQRS**

1.) OQRS Direct QSL+LoTW: via paypal \$15

https://www.3y0j.no/qsl-policy

A member of Chofu Radio Amateur Club, of which I am the chairperson, told me about

OQRS. As I accessed the site and made necessary arrangements, M0OXO Mr. Charles Wilmot gave a very polite reply directly.

https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/logsearch.php



I am deeply grateful for the challenging and tough works of those involved, and I will also give them a small donation. Now I'm relieved, and now I'm just waiting for the direct paper QSL card and LoTW upload.

#### 6 3Y0J Bouvet CFM



#### 7 Epilogue

DX World Net delivered the struggle of the 3Y0J team.

https://www.dx-world.net/3y0j-bouvet-island/

[FEBRUARY 12 @ 0400Z]

"Team have just one tent on the island, no tables or chairs, no heating; very primitive conditions."

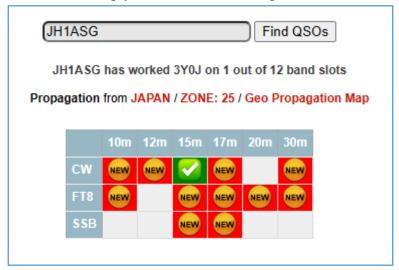
I thank the team sincerely for sending radio waves to me from Bouvet Island under such unfavorable conditions, and for receiving the radio waves I sent to them. I am very pleased to know that they returned home safely.

At the same time, DX World Net showed us their following hope.

#### [FEBRUARY 11 @ 1500Z]

"We ask that if you have already worked Bouvet please do not work them on additional modes and bands. This will allow others to get the ATNO they need."

It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime chance with only one slot that fulfills their wishes. The legendary Bouvet Island became my Confirmed ATNO (All Time New One). It was a momentary encounter that deeply moved me for so long.



https://clublog.org/charts/?c=3Y0J

#### 8 Reference

Bouvet QRV and my life

http://www.wac2.net/~dx-swl/bouvet1.htm

1962 Not yet born

1977 JA Novice Class

1979 JA Novice Class

1990 QRT

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# E-mails from Associate Members

<OZ2I/Henning-san>



Mccorphy N <mccorphy@gmail.com>

#### Welcome to KCJ

OZ2I Henning <ha@oz2i.dk>

To: Mccorphy N <mccorphy@gmail.com>

2023年2月12日 21:21

Dear Nakamura-san

Thank you very much for your informations.

I am proud to be member of KCJ and I got CW as my pasion.

I wanted to participate in the KCJ 160 meter contest, but failed to make any QSO - sorry.

My equipment was too small for Japan on Top Band and I did not hear any EU stations for this KCJ contest.

Maybe I will find some better place next year and be active from a club station.

I am going to Algeria and will be active from there with call sign 7U7EE - CW only. All HF bands. Hope for some JA

16-22 February including the ARRL CW Contest. QTH at the "Great Desert of the World - Djelfa Radio Club" near Sahare.

All the best for now.

Best 73 de OZ2I Henning

OZ2I - Callsign Lookup by QRZ Ham Radio

#### <DF7TV/Tom-san>



Mccorphy N <mccorphy@gmail.com>

# KCJ NEWSLETTER No. 90 DECEMBER 2022

Thomas Martin, DF7TV <df7tv@mailbox.org>
To: Mccorphy N <mccorphy@gmail.com>

2023年1月3日 2:13

Dear Makoto-san,

Thank you for the newsletter and your vivid report about your FIFA World Cup activity.

I enjoyed reading it.

Happy new year!

CU 73

Tom DF7TV

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# Result of KCJ Top Band Contest

#### [JH1ASG/NAKA]

RC0L got the first prize at KCJ Top Band Contest 2023. Congratulations! This is his 4th consecutive title since 2020.

The full result will be posted at KCJ Web site.

(	Overseas (DX)																		
1	Rank Winner	CALL	QTH	QS0s	PNTs	MULTI	SCORE	IN	UN	RR	RS	MR	MS	NF	TN	WC	0F	NL	CL LAST
	1 ALL DX	RCOL.	19	66	120	30	3600	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0 05:58
	2 Korea	HL5JZ	25	20	34	13	442	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0 05:56
	3 Hong Kong	VR2T	24	4	6	3	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 15:21

# [Codes]

KCJ Contest Committee finalized the complete cross-check between your log and the log of the station you QSOed, and indicate the following codes as the result of the cross-check.

Regarding a QSO between you and the station you QSOed:

Mistake	Call Sign	RST	Multi			
YOUR	IM	RR	MR			
The Station you QSOed's	UM	RS	MS			

**TM**: Time difference more than 10 minutes

WC: Dupe

OF: Band difference

NL: The station you QSOed didn't submit his/her log by the deadline.

CL: Check Log

**LAST QSO**: Time of your last QSO (z)

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