

## **DXpedition Checkoff List**

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### **Contents**

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### **Travel and Documents**

- Airline ticket(s) and copies
- Appointment book
- Beam heading chart(s) or great circle bearing map
- Camera, film, extra batteries and lens cleaner
- Checkbook
- Compass
- Copies of past scores and records
- Credit card(s)
- Dive C-card
- Health insurance information
- Itinerary
- Labels, white stick-on
- License from home country and copies
- License from visiting country
- License, drivers
- List for customs
- List of other DXpeditions
- Logging materials (paper), small or large spiral notebooks, pencils, highlighter
- Luggage tags
- Manuals for everything, including software
- Maps and copies
- Money
- Passport
- Passport, copy of info page left at home with someone
- Passport, copy of info page with you
- Pertinent telephone, FAX and e-mail addresses of family reliable friends, travel agent, airline(s), hotel, doctor, bank, lawyer and pet sitter
- Phone numbers for other local hams
- Post card mailing list
- Post-Its
- Propagation, software/charts
- Reading material
- Schedule list
- Serial number list
- Sign with call letters for pictures
- Telephone credit card (recommend AT&T)
- This list
- Travel pillow

- Travelers checks and copies
- Video camera
- Writing devices, ballpoint pens, pencils and permanent marker

## **Equipment**

- Amplifier
- Antenna insulators
- Antenna switch(es)
- Antenna tuner
- Baluns and line isolators
- Beverage transformers and termination resistors
- Coax
- Digital voice keyer
- Dipole(s)
- DSP
- Ferrite cores for RFI
- Fold up fan (small muffin)
- Fuses for everything, including internal
- Headphones and adapters
- HTs
- Hy-Gain reel dipole
- Insulators, center and end
- Keyer
- Keyer paddles
- Microphone(s)
- Mobile whips and mount
- Nylon cord (several rolls)
- Power supply and power cord
- Preamp for beverages
- Roll of antenna wire (200')
- Roll of multi-conductor cable
- Roll of RG8X w/connectors on both ends
- RTTY/packet TNC
- Tower, push-up masts
- Transceiver
- Wire for beverages
- Wire for dipoles and inverted-L antennas
- Wire for ground systems
- Yagis
- Computer
- Computer interface
- CW interface and cable
- Digital voice keyer interface cable
- Disks w/software
- Disks, blank
- Grayline software or DX Edge
- Keyboard overlay
- Laptop computer
- Software updates, i.e. currenty .CTY file

## **Cables and Adapters**

- 1/4" plugs, 2 each
- 1/4" stereo extension cable
- 1/4" stereo jack to 1/8"
- 1/4" to phono
- 1/8" plugs, 2 each
- 1/8" stereo jack to 1/4"
- 1/8" to phono
- 2 phono to phono cords
- 25-pin and 9-pin solder-type D-connectors, etc.
- 4-pin mic connector
- 5 coax patch cords w/PL-259s. 100', 25', 12', 4', 3'
- 5-pin DIN to pigtails
- 8-pin mic connector
- AC wall adapter
- Amplifier keying line
- BNC female to PL-259
- Coax jumpers
- Coaxial power plug to pigtails
- Double barrel SO-239 (at least 3)
- Extension cord
- Extra 12V power cord for transceiver
- Extra phono to 1/4" cord
- Grounding strap for transceiver with clips at ends
- Keyer output cord
- Line voltage adapters
- Phono plus, 4 each
- Phono to 1/4"
- Phono to phono barrel
- PL-259 push-on adapters
- PL-259 reducers for RG58
- PL-259 reducers for RG8X
- PL259s (6 each)
- Power cord for transceiver
- Powerstrip(s) w/surge protection
- RS232 cable for computer to PK232 (9 pin to 25 pin)
- Serial cable, 25-pin to 25-pin, shielded
- Serial cable, 25-pin to 9-pin
- SO-239 to BNC male
- Transceiver to TNC cables
- UHF barrel connectors
- Y-cord for keyer and CT-keying line into transceiver (two phono to 1/4")

## **Tools**

- 125-watt soldering gun
- Climbing belt and buck strap
- Clip leads
- Cork tape (similar to Coax-Seal)
- Duct tape
- Extra packing tape
- Flashlight and extra batteries

- Flat and Phillips head screw drivers
- Knife, pocket
- Mini screwdriver set
- Pliers, needle nose
- Pliers, regular
- Pliers, Visegrip
- Resistors, small variety pack
- Rolls of electrical tape
- Sandpaper (fine)
- Soldering pencil, small
- Socket wrench with 7/16, 1/2 and 9/16 deep sockets
- Solder, small and large
- Tape measure, 100-foot
- Tape, Scotch
- Tywraps, black
- VOM and leads
- Wire cutters/strippers
- Work gloves (and extras)
- Wrenches, box/open end set
- Wrench, crescent

### **Miscellaneous**

- 2-wheel dolly
- Batteries, 9-volt
- Batteries, AA
- Batteries, AAA
- Batteries, C/D for flashlight
- Club flag or banner
- Light, reading/operating
- Light bulbs, yellow bug type
- Scratch pad and pens
- Wire ties
- Wire, ground w/clips
- Wire, hookup
- Wire, multiconductor
- Wire, shielded
- Ziplock bags, large/small, heavy duty freezer type

### **Personal Items**

- Alarm clock
- Anti-fog drops
- Backpack(s)
- Beach towels
- Beverages
- Bug repellent (skin-so-soft and Off)
- Candles and holders, incense
- Cap, safari hat, pith helmet
- Car window shades
- Cassette, CD players, tapes, CDs and earphones
- Clippers, nail file
- Cold gel-pak

- Croakies for glasses
- Decongestant
- Dive booties
- Dive fins
- Dive gloves
- Dive knife
- Dive mask
- Dive silicon
- Divelog/wheel PADI
- Drybox
- Electric shaver and trimmer
- Eyeglasses, spare
- Fanny pack(s)
- First aid kit
- Food - groceries
- Handheld mixer
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Jeans and Dockers
- Light jacket
- Lightweight long sleeve shirt
- Medicines, over the counter
- Medicines, prescribed
- Paper towels
- Pillow, neck for traveling
- Plastic garbage bags
- Playing cards
- Popcorn
- Reading material
- Rubber bands
- Safety pins, large (hold bed sheets in place on hot sticky nights)
- Shampoo
- Shorts
- Small bottles
- Snacks
- Snorkels
- Soap and dish
- Socks
- Souvenirs
- Sundries
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Sweater
- Swimsuits
- T-shirts
- Tissues
- Toiletries
- Toothbrush and paste
- Tylenol
- Underwater camera and silic.gel
- Underwear
- VCR
- VCR cassettes (trop.rainforest...)
- Wash-up towellettes
- Water bottle/canteen

## **Things To Do**

- Answering machine, setup
- Design, buy PVC, make 6-meter yagi
- Do laundry
- E-mail, stop
- Give itinerary/telephone numbers to relatives
- Home, prepare for absence
- Mail, put on hold
- Newspaper, stop delivery
- Notify DX bulletins of operation and QSL information
- Practice with logging program
- Pre-tan
- Print QSLs