



Press Release

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Regarding 287ET/0 (October 2011) proofs and validation

Delta-Xray Radio Club has been requested by ET Club HQ to validate the proofs of 287ET/0 activation held in the period October 24th-28th 2011.

DXRC thanks ET Club for believing in our seriousness and trustworthiness and we have done our best to honour the trust.

DXRC has investigated the received material (the proofs), and due to different problems we have had several meetings (via Skype) with both the ET HQ (1ET010 Paolo and 2ET001 Paulina) and the 287ET/0 Team leader (6ET190 Jorge) (via mobile telephone) - several meetings over several months.

Problems has been both minor and major and the problems are listed below.

It was quickly concluded that the first log entries was made from the boat, not from 287-Malpelo. Therefore it was needed to find out WHEN the team changed QTH from the boat to the Rock.

In cooperation with Team leader 6ET190 Jorge it was concluded that at least the first 70 log entries was made from the boat. When the team actually began transmissions from the Rock has never been concluded – however it is concluded that the Team did transmit from the Rock.

Due to the major problems, we have requested more material from the Team (via the Team leader Jorge), a simple request of receiving all pictures taken from the activation inclusive transport. We had hoped that looking at these pictures – and the stamped date/time and number for photo's taken – could help us in our conclusions.

These pictures has unfortunately not been received by DXRC Validation Team – and after long time waiting we accept these pictures most likely never will be received by us.

Therefore our conclusions are based on the material received until now – and common sense.

First, we can confirm that the team actually did transmit from Malpelo island. In other words, the team was on the rock with radio, antenna, pc for logging etc. and they actually did work stations from the Rock.

We experienced a few minor problems

- the team was in-experienced in 11-meter DX and due to this there are some callsign errors in the log. ET-club has updated the log due to this.
- some stations were logged in GMT, others were logged in "local time". We have managed to sort this out and now all contacts are inserted with GMT-time in the log.

And the major problem

- unfortunately the team was unaware about the importance in proofs and therefore proofs are not comprehensive. Only 7 log entries between 26/10-2011 at 22:09-22:38 UTC can be 100% confirmed as worked from 287 Malpelo island.

The 287 Team leader Jorge informed us that the first 70 log entries took place from the boat. Because of this, we recommend that these log entries should be deleted from the 287ET/0 log and be moved to another log: "287ET/MM" (not valid as confirmations from 287).

Its not clear if more contacts were made from the boat before the team entered 287-Malpelo island Rock. We believe that the log entries between 71 and 320 might have been made from the boat.

At the end of the activation its not confirmed when equipment finally was packed down and transferred back to the boat, but its likely it happened 28/10 between 19:20 (local: 14:20) and 21:00 (local 16:00), giving the team 2-2,5 hours to leave TX-site, get on the rubber boat and access the bigger boat before it was dark.

The log has in total #1393 entries and DXRC AVT (Activity Validation Team) conclude this:

- Log entries from 23/10 @ 23:35 (#1) to 24/10 @ 16:00 (#70) should be deleted from 287ET-log, as it is confirmed worked as Maritime Mobile /MM (from the Boat, not from 287).
- Log entries from 24/10 @ 16:04 (#71) to 25/10 @ 15:45 (#320) are not confirmed from Malpelo.
- Log entries from 25/10 @ 16:24 (#321) to 26/10 @ 22:08 (#576) are most likely from Malpelo.
- Log entries from 26/10 @ 22:09 (#577) to 26/10 @ 22:38 (#583) are 100% confirmed from Malpelo.
- Log entries from 26/10 @ 22:38 (#584) to 28/10 @ 19:19 (#1393) are most likely from Malpelo.

We send thanks to ET-Club for asking Delta-Xray Radio Club to evaluate the proofs of 287ET/0, thanks also to the 287ET/0 Team leader for being forthcoming answering many questions.

On behalf of DXRC Validation team

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