

GOTA HF USS KIDD, W5KID Saturday, 1 Apr 2023



Hands-on Tutoring for HF Operation

If you are a newly licensed General or Technician class operator and want to learn the basics of operating an HF amateur radio station, this class is for you. We will be offering 90 minutes of hands-on based learning covering the following:

- HF station setup
- Use of a station PC
- Logging software
- Making digital FT8 contacts
- Basics of an SSB contact

You will be instructed by an Extra class amateur radio operator on board the USS KIDD, operating W5KID. After you learn the basics of an HF station, you will make digital FT8 contacts with other hams around the country using software and the ICOM-7300 transceiver. You will then be shown how to make a SSB phone contact before you take over the microphone for your own contacts. Reserve your 90-minute time slot now on our club website, www.brarc.org.



Station Equipment:

The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club maintains a permanent amateur radio station on board the USS KIDD, DD-661. The station is in the aft radar jamming compartment on the 01 deck. We run an ICOM-7300, 100 W transceiver, an Acom 600S linear amplifier with an antenna tuner, to a random wire, 150 ft. long in the ship's rigging. Much of this antenna is the ship's original HF wire antenna.



Operating Frequencies and Times:

SSB	14.240, 7.240 MHz	Hours of Operation:
FT8	14.074, 7.074 MHz	
CW	14.060, 7.060 MHz	Mon-Fri 10:00am -3:30pm
Check for spots on dxsummit.fi		Sat-Sun 10:00 am-3:30 pm

The following conditions apply to our activities aboard the ship:

1. All visitors, including our radio operators / club members, must **sign in and sign out** at the museum's main building entrance.
2. No more than **3** radio operators / club members are allowed in the compartment at one time.
3. No visitors are allowed in the compartment.

We also recommend that radio operators / members wear their BRARC badges or apparel to help identify them to museum staff and visitors as representatives of our club and the amateur radio community.

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