Museum Ships Weekend on USS KIDD – 3 & 4 June 2023

This annual event is sponsored by <u>The Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station</u>. 102 ships registered to participate, including our club station W5KID. USA stations that made confirmed contacts with at least 15 participating ships are eligible for a certificate from the sponsoring club. DX stations can qualify with 10 confirmed ship contacts. In exchange for submitting our contact logs to the sponsoring club we will receive a certificate for our club, displaying the names and call signs of our operators.

We logged 136 total contacts: 48 on CW and 88 on SSB voice. The contacts were divided across 3 bands as follows: 118 on 20 m, 15 on 15 m, 3 on 40 m.

The following 34 states were contacted: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MI, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, WI, WV. We also logged Canada, Panama, and Puerto Rico.

We also contacted 9 other museum ships:

- N5FKP Galveston Naval Museum, Galveston, TX
 - USS Cavalla (submarine)
 - USS Stewart (destroyer escort)
- NM8GS Huron Lightship, Port Huron, MI
- N1S USS Nautilus (first nuclear submarine), Groton, CT
- N5E Tall Ship Elissa (sailing barque), Galveston Island, TX
- N8SUB USS Silversides (submarine), Muskegon, MI
- N8LST USS LST 393 (landing ship tank), Muskegon, MI
- WW2LST USS LST 325 (landing ship tank), Evansville, IN
- W8AGB USCGC Mackinaw (icebreaker), Mackinaw City, MI

Our operators included: Eric (KIOZAO), Russ (NS5W), Leonard (W5ZDW), Dayna (WA5YSS), John (WA5MLF), Dan (KF5TQN) and his young friend.





The USS KIDD looks great following two weeks of work by the Museum staff and volunteers to apply fresh paint to the hull above the waterline.



73, John WA5MLF