

W5KID Operating Reminders

- Parking is available on the street in front of the museum or at the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino parking garage 1 block south of the museum. Paid parking is available at the River Center Parking Garage, 2 blocks east.
- Try to arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift, so you have a few minutes to monitor the operation.
- BRARC club members must sign the Volunteers Log in the Museum and indicate that you are part of the W5KID radio operation. Wear your BRARC club badge or attire for proper identification. Sign out when you leave.
- Visiting licensed hams (not BRARC members) must pay for admission to the museum and ship. There is a reduced price for US Veterans with ID.
- Bring your own liquid refreshment. It can get warm in the radio room.
- No restrooms are available aboard the ship, so plan accordingly before leaving the museum building.
- Please sign the Operator's Log (red book) at our station desk before you operate and when you leave.
- If you are unfamiliar with the IC-7300 transceiver, have the Station Admin or the previous operator explain it to you. There is a binder with pages from the user manual.
- If you want to use the Acom linear amplifier, please ask the Station Admin to make the necessary settings for safe operation.
- Use the setting guide for the MFJ antenna tuner. The settings are approximate, so it is best to adjust for minimum SWR.
- It is helpful for the logger and operator to use the provided headphones, with the speaker active for visitors. Bring your own headphones and key, if desired.
- Try to use 14.240 and 7.240 MHz for phone and 14.060 and 7.060 for CW. If the frequency is occupied, try to stay close — we have advertised these in QST.
- Spot W5KID, as the USS KIDD on a DX website, such as www.dxsummit.fi. You will be amazed at the pileup.
- Learn a little of the USS KIDD history before you come and pass some facts along during your contacts if time permits. See www.usskidd.com, About Us > History.
- QSL information: See our webpage on QRZ.com. We use LoTW as well as mailed QSLs.
- If you are unable to attend, please contact John Krupsky, WA5MLF or Jon Reise, WA9JBR.