

## GUEST OPERATOR RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are effective as of April 1, 2002 and have been amended as of July 23, 2003. Any changes to these rules will be posted in the BNJARS shack and also made available to area clubs.

### Purpose:

To provide a standard for scheduled operation of the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station by non-BNJARS members who are licensed hams.

### Definitions:

- Home Port Alliance - The group responsible for the care and maintenance of the BB-62
- BNJARS - Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station which is responsible for Amateur Radio Operations onboard the ship.
- Authorized Operator (AO) - A licensed member of BNJARS who is qualified to operate the Amateur Radio station onboard the BB-62
- Guest Operator - A licensed Amateur Radio operator who is not a member of BNJARS but wishes to operate the NJ2BB station.
- Visitor - A licensed ham, or a person expressing an interest in Ham Radio, who visits the shack after taking a paid tour of the ship.

### Scheduling Visits:

1. Any Ham or group of Hams who wish to be guest operators need to contact the NJ2BB Chief Engineer as early as possible to set up a date and times. A minimum of one (1) week in advance is acceptable, but more lead-time is desirable. This gives us time to arrange to have a BNJARS Authorized Operator (AO) present at the time of your visit. Operating hours are in accordance with the hours set by the HPA for the ship. Winter hours are 9AM to 3PM – Summer Hours are 9AM to 5PM. (Be aware that your times are also governed by the times the AO escort is available). As more area clubs are contacted and show an interest, it is possible we may set up a rotating schedule of visitation to insure that all area clubs get a fair chance to operate the station. Area clubs will be informed when this happens. Saturdays are available but since that is our workday, we would like to try to avoid that day if possible. Scheduled days would depend on the availability of one of our Authorized Operators. **Please have the president of your group contact me with the name of the person who will be doing the scheduling for your group. Only reservations made by that designee will be accepted.**

*The Chief Engineer may be reached by e-mail at [wa2tvs@arrl.net](mailto:wa2tvs@arrl.net) anytime or by telephone at (609) 698-2872 between 5pm and 11pm most evenings.*

2. Due to the size of the NJ2BB shack, only five (5) Guest Operators can be accommodated during a visit. There are 2 HF stations and 1 VHF station, each with an operator and a logging position. Depending on how many stations are available at a given time, guests are expected to share operating time on the stations. All guest operators must have a copy of their license with them or they will be treated as an unlicensed operator. **Operating privileges are determined by the license class of the BNJARS AO escort who is in charge for your visit.** Any guest operator who operates outside his own license privileges must have a BNJARS control operator with him at the station and the AO must note this in the Station Journal with the guest's call sign.

When you arrive at your pre-arranged time, your AO escort for the day should be waiting for you at the pier gate. If the AO is not present, ask the guard at the pier gate to contact the radio room to inform them of your arrival. The AO will hand out Guest Operator ID badges and escort the group to the radio room. These guest badges entitle the visitors to come onboard for no fee for the purpose of operating the NJ2BB station only. At the completion of the visit, the AO will collect the badges and ensure your safe return to the pier.

## **Responsibility:**

1. The AO is responsible to BNJARS and the HPA for your group during their stay. Any questions or problems that arise during your visit will be the responsibility of the AO.
2. While onboard the *NEW JERSEY* all guests are bound by the rules of BNJARS, which are maintained in the NJ2BB shack. Most of these rules are extensions or refinements of FCC Part 97.

Please be aware that as a guest operator there are some restrictions placed on you:

- A) Being a guest does not entitle you to a free tour of the ship.
- B) Travel is restricted to the BNJARS spaces (excluding the transmitter room), the mess deck, heads and adjacent weather decks.
- C) Please be sure you log all contacts made into our logging program.
- D) Dress code is clean / casual. Remember that general visitors may visit the shack.
- E) No smoking is allowed on the ship.
- F) There is a snack bar on the mess deck that serves sandwiches, soup, chips and soda/water. Once you are on the ship you cannot leave the ship to go to lunch and then come back. This would be too complex to arrange. Limited cold storage is available for bag lunches, but NO alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- G) All Guests must be licensed Amateur Radio operators and must have a copy of their license with them.** Only the call sign of NJ2BB may be used when making contacts from the Battleship NJ Amateur Radio Station. You may not use your own call sign or request a contact to send you a confirmation using your personal call sign.
- H) The only parking available is controlled by the City of Camden and will cost \$8 per car. The parking is a distance from the ship and it takes a few minutes to walk to the ship. There is a shuttle bus that picks up people at the parking area and drops them off close to the ship. There are elevators available for handicap access for those who need it.

The most important rule of the NJ2BB shack is to have a good time and have fun operating the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station.

**NOTE:** *We are aware that some groups may have more than 5 operators who would like to visit the shack on the same day. This is one reason we are hoping to set up a rotating schedule of visitation. This would give each interested group a chance to send 5 different operators on each of its scheduled days. If a group wants to bring more than 5 operators in one visit, the group may have to be split. (ie...Those not operating could take the paid tour of the ship and switch with the other group when they are finished.) Please let the CE know this when you contact him to make arrangements.*

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