The Long Beach Amateur Radio Club 'W6OR' invites licensed Amateur Radio operators (Hams) to bring their current license, and their Handi Talki (HT), to the 2018 IEEE Symposium on EMC+SIPI over July 30 to August 3. Hams will have the unique opportunity to use the equipment on board the Queen Mary (docked in Long Beach) to contact other Hams around the world.

The 2018 IEEE Symposium EMC+SIPI in Long Beach, CA, USA this year will present an exciting opportunity for IEEE Amateur Radio operators (Hams). We have received an invitation from the Long Beach Amateur Radio club, the club that maintains the radio equipment on board the Queen Mary, to permit our licensed Amateur Radio operators to visit the on board station, see the ‘antenna farm’ and operate within the license permissions of the class of license each operator holds. (Note: If you are a Ham from outside the USA, please check your country’s mutual operating agreements to be sure everything is OK with both sides of that equation.)

EMC Hams wishing to operating the station will need to contact the club members in the ship’s radio room, on 2 Meters [145.510 FM simplex] (likely using their Handi Talki ‘HT’ radios), to arrange a time to come on board and operate. We are still in the early stages of planning an operating schedule that will minimize conflicts with Symposium activities and should have more definite information shortly. Please check the Symposium website for updates on this activity at www.emc2018usa.emcss.org.

We should also be able to arrange to use one of the local Long Beach repeaters to conduct Ham conversations and traffic during the Symposium.

So, come to Long Beach, enjoy the Symposium, meet with your fellow Amateur Radio ‘Hams’ and take the opportunity to operate in a most unusual and unique radio environment.

See you in Long Beach!
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A unique opportunity awaits licensed Amateur Radio operators (Hams) who attend the 2018 IEEE Symposium on EMC, Signal and Power Integrity (EMC+SIPI) over July 30 to August 3 in Long Beach, California! Hams will enjoy seeing the radio room and antenna farm on board the legendary Queen Mary as pictured above. To join the fun, contact Kimball Williams (k.williams@ieee.org or 73 - Kim N8FNC).