

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 9 January 2014 at 9:30 am
LOCATION: **RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia** (see www.rtcn.org)
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents:
 - Draft Task Force Proposals for Small Passenger Vessels
 - USCG Announcement Declaring Sea Area 1 Operational
 - Draft Task Force Positions on VHF-DSC Alerting and Procedural Issues

3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
 - The Status of Emergency Beacons on R/Vs Offshore – Captain Thomas Boros
 - SAR Case data recording's application to R/V Beacons – Captain Peter Martin
 - Coast Guard Petition for Changes in FCC Rules – Larry Solomon
 - Declaration of Sea Area A1 – Captain Glen Hernandez
 - E-Navigation, AIS, and ECDIS Update – Jorge Arroyo
 - Rescue 21 Update – Gene Lockhart
 - Planning for NavComSAR Meeting June 30-July 4, 2014 – Russ Levin

4. FCC Report on pending GMDSS issues – Ghassan Khalek
 - Introduce new Bureau Chief - (Invited)
 - Action on RTCM and Task Force Proposals for Part 80
 - Action on Improved MMSI Management

5. Reports and Issues – GMDSS Modernization Group – Radm Gilbert & Bob Markle
 - Results of IMO/ITU Experts Group
 - Next Steps for the International Correspondence Group

6. Feasibility of Utilizing Alaskan Marine Exchange AIS Monitoring Network for Distress?

7. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group - Ralph Sponar
 - Pending Action to Rescind "3 Strikes" Rule for Entering MMSIs
 - How to improve EPIRB/PLB Battery Checks for uninspected vessels
 - Inspection and Check Lists for Class A and B AIS on mandatory vessels
 - Inspection and Check List for Bridge to Bridge Radio
 - Fishing Vessel Inspection and Check Lists

8. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Group: – David Kennedy
 - Progress of ad hoc group to promote proper use of VHF-DSC with GPS
 - Public Relations Campaign on VHF/DSC/MMSI/GPS

Seek marine insurance discounts as an incentive to fit proper safety gear?

9. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
 - Draft Task Force Positions on VHF-DSC Alerting and Procedural Issues
 - Regulatory changes for non-SOLAS vessels to compensate for Loss of 2 MHz ashore
 - Updated Carriage Recommendations for Small Passenger Vessels (deferred)
10. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
 - Prospects for Requiring GOC Recertification
 - Path to Certification as GMDSS Maintainer
 - SAR Training for Deck Watch Officers
11. RTCM Report – Bob Markle
 - Next RTCM Assembly with CIRM in Annapolis, Maryland April 27-3 May
 - RTCM SC-101 on GPS in VHF-DSC Handhelds
 - RTCM SC-104 on Differential GNSS Services
 - RTCM SC-109 on Electronic Charting Technology
 - RTCM SC-110 on Emergency Beacons
 - RTCM SC-112 on Radar
 - RTCM SC-119 on Maritime Survivor Locating Devices
 - RTCM SC-121 on Automatic Identification Systems and Digital Messaging
 - RTCM SC-123 on Digital Small Messaging Services on Maritime Frequencies
 - RTCM SC-128 on Satellite Emergency Locating Devices
 - RTCM SC-129 on Portrayal of Nav-Related Information on Shipboard Displays
 - RTCM SC-130 on Electro-Optical Imaging Systems (EOIS)
 - RTCM SC-131 on Multi System Shipboard Navigation Receivers
 - RTCM SC-132 on Visual Emergency Signaling Devices
12. Review Summary Record of 26 September 2013 and Continuing Work List.
13. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date during the Joint CIRM and RTCM meeting at Lowes Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland probably on Friday morning 2 May 2014.

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

26 September 2013

1. Monitor FCC continuing action to update GMDSS Rules (TF)
2. Recommend actions to reduce false alerts in GMDSS systems (TF)
3. Monitor Coast Guard Port State GMDSS inspection program (TF)
4. Monitor MSI broadcasting programs for compliance with GMDSS Standards (TF)
5. Review GMDSS Internet Web Sites and update Task Force portion of USCG site (TF)
6. Support SOLAS Working Group planning for IMO NAVCOMSAR meetings (TF)
7. Advocate Canadian coordination to extend GMDSS services to the Great Lakes (TF)
8. Advocate voluntary carriage of VHF and EPIRB/PLBs by all vessels offshore (TF)
9. Advocate overhaul of FCC policy and practice on MMSI assignments (TF)
10. Monitor non-GMDSS systems: AIS, LRIT, SSAS, VDR, VMS, & E-Navigation (TF)
11. Recommend updates for Coast Guard NVIC on GMDSS Requirements (TF)

12. Recommend means to facilitate Distress Alerts by Cell Phone & Internet (TF)
13. Advocate GNSS for U.S. EPIRB and PLB Standards (TF)
- 14. Advocate mandatory Distress Beacons on R/V more than 3 miles offshore (TF)**
- 15. Advocate use of the Alaska AIS Monitor Network for VHF Distress Guard (TF)**
- 16. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (MOD)**
17. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
18. Recommend Safety Radio and VMS Requirements for Small Fishing Vessels (CV)
19. Recommend Safety Radio & Navigation Requirements for Towing Vessels (CV)
- 20. Recommend Safety Radio & Nav. Outfit for Small Passenger Vessels (CV)**
21. Advocate voluntary training programs for users of GMDSS systems (RV)
22. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
- 23. Encourage users of VHF-DSC to Register for MMSI and connect GPS (RV)**
24. Advocate FCC let R/Vs retain existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
25. Recommend through NASBLA that State's boat Registrations include MMSIs (RV)
26. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
27. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
28. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (SA)
- 29. Maintain Inspection Guidelines and Check Lists for selected vessel types (SA)**
- 30. Recommend Certification Path For GMDSS Maintainer (SA) and (TR)**
31. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (TR)
- 32. Advocate 5 Year USCG Recertification Training of GMDSS Operators (TR)**
- 33. Advocate Reinstatement of SAR Training for Deck Watch Officers/STCW (TR)**

Key to cognizant groups:

- (TF) Task Force
- (CV) Commercial Vessel Task Group
- (RV) Recreational Vessel Task Group
- (SA) Service Agents and Manufacturers Task Group
- (TR) Training Task Group
- (MOD) Modernization Task Group

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