

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday 31 January 2013 at 9:30 am
LOCATION: **RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia**
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents:
 - Status of Task Force Recommendations for Small Passenger Vessels

3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
 - Developments in E-Navigation and AIS/ECDIS Regulations– Jorge Arroyo
 - Declaration of Sea Area A1– Joe Hersey
 - Coast Guard Petition for Changes in FCC Rules – Joe Hersey
 - Report on Comsar 17 meeting in London – Joe Hersey
 - Coast Guard Management of Small Passenger Vessels – LCDR John Taylor

4. FCC Report on pending GMDSS issues – Ghassan Khalek
 - Progress on Task Force MMSI Management Recommendations
 - FCC Public Notice 2956 on 3 RTCM Petitions
 - FCC Action on Revised GMDSS Question Pools
 - FCC Action on Task Force Petition for Use of Handhelds Ashore
 - FCC Action on RTCM Petition for Small Data VHF Messaging
 - FCC Action on various Proposals that Mandatory Vessels carry GPIRBs

5. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Group: – David Kennedy
 - Task Force proposal for beacons on offshore RV – Dave Marlow, NBSAC (invited)
 - Progress of ad hoc group to promote proper use of VHF-DSC with GPS
 - Should Registration of MMSI for DSC Radios be Mandatory?

6. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group - Ralph Sponar
 - Should “3 Strikes” Rule for Entering MMSI be Rescinded?
 - 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

7. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
 - Updated Carriage Recommendations for Small Passenger Vessels
 - Possible afternoon meeting of ad hoc Group on small passenger vessels?
 - New Issue: Regulatory Action on Shipboard ESV Terminals (C, KU, Ka bands)
 - Actions to Mitigate Impact of Alarms on Vessels with Multiple VHF Radios

8. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
Opportunity for Training Institutions to qualify staff as COLEMs
9. Reports and Issues – GMDSS Modernization Group – Radm Gilbert & Bob Markle
Recommendations of IMO/ITU Experts Group, October 2012
Action by Comsar 17, January 2013
10. RTCM Report – Bob Markle
GMDSS Modernization Correspondence Group
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
11. Review Summary Record of 27 September 2012 and Continuing Work List.
12. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday morning 9 May 2013 at the new RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

27 September 2012

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 COMSAR meetings (TF)
7. Advocate Canadian coordination to extend GMDSS services to the Great Lakes (TF)
8. Advocate voluntary carriage of VHF or 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 GPIRBs for U.S. Vessels Required to Carry EPIRBs (TF)
14. Advocate mandatory Distress Beacons on R/V more than 3 miles offshore (TF)
15. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (MOD)
16. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)

17. Recommend Safety Radio and VMS Requirements for Small Fishing Vessels (CV)
18. Recommend Safety Radio & Navigation Requirements for Towing Vessels (CV)
- 19. Recommend Safety Radio & Nav. Outfit for Small Passenger Vessels (CV)**
20. Recommend training programs for non-mandatory users of GMDSS systems (RV)
21. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
- 22. Encourage users of VHF-DSC to Register for MMSI and connect GPS (RV)**
23. Advocate FCC let R/Vs keep existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
24. Recommend through NASBLA that State's boat Registrations include MMSIs (RV)
25. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
26. Monitor guidelines for GMDSS equipment maintenance & maintainer standards (SA)
27. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
28. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (SA)
29. Monitor Inspection Guidelines and Check Lists for selected vessel types (SA)
30. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (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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