

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday morning 1 October 2009 at 9:30 am
LOCATION: Sanibel Harbor Resort, Fort Myers, Florida during NMEA Convention
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents
 - Radm Gilbert Paper on GMDSS Modernization
 - Draft letter to Maritime Organizations re Sponsorship of Offshore Safety Plan
2. Review Summary Record of 6 August 2009 Task Force meeting (distributed earlier)
3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
 - Welcome New Chief of USCG Communications – Capt Dermanelian
 - Status of Rescue 21 Coastal VHF-DSC Program – Capt Lisa Festa
 - Review of Coast Guard AIS Regulations and new issues – Jorge Arroyo
 - Status of Long Range Identification & Tracking Program – Cdr Kevin Keast
 - Status of MF-DSC Coastal Network Upgrade Project – Joe Hersey
 - USCG Progress on MMSI Management Initiatives – Joe Hersey
4. FCC Report on pending GMDSS issues – Ghassan Khalek
 - Progress on Task Force MMSI Management Recommendations
 - FCC Action on Task Force Petition for Use of Handhelds Ashore
 - MariTEL Petition to disaggregate VHF Channel Pair in California
5. GMDSS Modernization Initiative – Radm Ed Gilbert, USCG (Ret.)
6. DGPS vs WAAS for Harbor Navigation– Capt Ed Thiedeman, USCG Nav. Center
7. RTCM Report – Bob Markle
 - RTCM SC-110/101 on incorporating GPS in VHF-DSC Handhelds
 - RTCM SC-121 on Automatic Identification Systems
 - RTCM SC-128 on Satellite Emergency Locating Devices
8. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Mfgs Task Group - Ralph Sponar
 - Ad hoc group on “Qualified” Technical Support
 - Discussion of “How to connect a GPS to your radio”
 - NMEA Position on Universal MMSI Database
9. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group – Chuck Husick
 - Campaign to encourage Boaters to Register for MMSI and Connect GPS
 - Campaign that All Vessels Offshore Carry VHF Radio or EPIRB/PLB

10. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
11. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson
GMDSS Question Pools on USCG NMC website – Russ Levin
14. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday morning 7 January 2010 at the RTCM headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

6 August 2009

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. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (TF)
- 9. Advocate voluntary carriage of VHF or EPIRB/PLBs by all vessels offshore (TF)**
10. Advocate overhaul of FCC policy and practice on MMSI assignments (TF)
11. Monitor non-GMDSS systems: AIS, LRIT, SSAS, VDR, VMS, & E-Navigation (TF)
- 12. Recommend updates for Coast Guard NVIC on GMDSS Requirements (TF)**
- 13. Recommend means to facilitate Distress Alerts by Cell Phone & Internet (TF)**
14. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
15. Review Safety Radio and VMS Requirements for Small Fishing Vessels (CV)
16. Recommend training programs for non-mandatory users of GMDSS systems (RV)
17. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
18. Encourage voluntary users of VHF-DSC Register for MMSI and connect GPS (RV)
19. Advocate FCC enable R/Vs keep existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
21. Encourage Mfrs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
22. Monitor guidelines for GMDSS equipment maintenance & maintainer standards (SA)
23. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
24. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (SA)
25. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (TR)

Key to cognizant group:

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

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