

## NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Wednesday 29 September 2010 at 9:30 am  
LOCATION: Sheraton Hotel in Seattle WA During the NMEA Annual Convention  
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)  
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### DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents
  - USCG Marine Safety Alert No. 7-10 on AIS Operating Channels
  - USCG News Release on closure of last LORAN Transmitting Station
2. Review Summary Record of 5 August 2010 Task Force meeting (distributed earlier)
3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
  - Summary of Special Canada/USA Meeting 28 September – Russ Levin & Russ Renaud
  - Search and Rescue Challenges and Successes – CAPT McBride
  - Developments on E-Navigation and AIS/ECDIS Regulations– Jorge Arroyo
  - Status of Long Range Identification & Tracking Program – LCDR Shivery
  - Status of Rescue 21 Coastal VHF-DSC Program – Gene Lockhart
  - Issues in Coast Guard Communications and Spectrum Mgmt – CAPT Dermanelian
  - Results of IMO/ITU Panel of Experts September 2010 Meeting – Glenn Dunstan
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
  - FCC Action on RTCM Petition for Small Data VHF Messaging
  - FCC Action on NTSB Proposal that Mandatory Vessels carry GPIRBs
  - FCC Action on Riverside, California Petition for land VHF services
  - FCC Rule withdrawing authority to sell RTCM SC-101 VHF-DSC Radios
  - FCC Rule requiring VHF for vessels which carry EPIRBs, Clarification
  - Problems for U.S. Flag Vessels during Foreign Port State Inspections
5. RTCM Report – Bob Markle
  - RTCM SC-109 on Electronic Charts
  - RTCM SC-110/101 on incorporating GPS in VHF-DSC Handhelds
  - RTCM SC-110 on Emergency Beacons
  - RTCM SC-119 on Maritime Survivor Locating Devices
  - RTCM SC-121 on Automatic Identification Systems
  - RTCM SC-123 on VHF Digital Small Message Services
  - RTCM SC-127 on Enhanced Loran
  - RTCM SC-128 on Satellite Emergency Locating Devices

6. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group - Ralph Sponar  
Ad hoc group on "Qualified" Technical Support  
Color Coding of GPS and Radio equipment to facilitate hookup  
Proposal to Seek Authorization for USB connectors on GMDSS Equipment
7. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group – Chuck Husick  
Can 12 meter U.S. Boats Meet Rules of the Road Regulation with Electronic Devices?
8. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini  
NTSB Fishing Vessel Safety Porum to be conducted 13-14 October 2010  
Combined AIS and VMS equipment now available
9. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson  
Status of Question Pool for GMDSS Maintainer License
10. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday Morning 6 January 2011 at the RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Note new website address for Task Force.

### **GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST**

5 August 2010

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 Mfgs. 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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