

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday 6 January 2011 at 9:30 am
LOCATION: RTCM Headquarters in Rosslyn, Virginia (see www.rtcn.org)
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents
 - Coast Guard Safety Alert 8-10 on Ship Security Alert System (SSAS)
 - Extract from Digital Ship Magazine on Globe Wireless iFusion System
 - Coast Guard Policy on Use of Cell Phones by Operators of Coast Guard Boats
 - Conclusions of NTSB Fishing Vessel Safety Forum
2. Maritime Telecommunications briefing by NTSB (To be Invited)
 - Recommendation to FCC and Coast Guard on GBIRBs
 - Fishing Vessel Safety Porum conducted 13-14 October 2010
 - Recommendation on use of cell phones by vessel operators and lookouts
3. Capability Briefings by Communications Service Providers (To be Invited)
 - Inmarsat briefing on Global Handheld; VSat Service, and FB500 for GMDSS
 - GE Satcom briefing on their Marine VSat Service
 - Globe Wireless briefing on new iFusion Service
4. 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
 - Inspection Check List for Great Lakes Vessels
5. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
 - Safety Alert on SSAS Installations
 - Combined AIS and VMS equipment reportedly available
6. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group –
 - Briefing by National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (To be Invited)
7. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson
 - Status of Question Pool for GMDSS Maintainer License
 - Standardized Front Panels for GMDSS Equipment
8. 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-112 on Maritime Radar
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
RTCM SC-129 on Presentation of Navigational Information

9. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
 - Coast Guard Policy on Use of Cell Phones by CG Boat Operators – CAPT McBride
 - Developments on E-Navigation and AIS/ECDIS Regulations– Jorge Arroyo
 - Status of Long Range Identification & Tracking Program – LCDR Chris Shivery
 - Status of Rescue 21 Coastal VHF-DSC Program – Gene Lockhart
 - Results of IMO COMSAR 14 – CAPT Dermanelian
 - GMDSS Modernization – RADM Ed Gilbert (Ret.)
10. 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
 - Problems for U.S. Flag Vessels during Foreign Port State Inspections
11. Review Summary Records and Continuing Work List:
 - Summary Record of 28 September Special Canada/USA Meeting
 - Summary Record of 29 September 2010 Task Force Meeting
 - Review Continuing Work List
12. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday Morning 19 May 2011 at the Tradewinds Hotel in St. Pete Beach, Florida during the RTCM Annual Assembly.

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

29 September 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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