

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 16 May 2019 at 9:30 am
LOCATION: RTCM Headquarters; 1621 North Kent Street, #705; Arlington, Virginia
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute Documents
2. Coast Guard Reports on pending issues – Russ Levin
 - MMSIs for Diver Radios not associated with a vessel – Joe Hersey
 - Introduce Captain Christina Davidson, Search & Rescue (invited)
 - Coast Guard Drone Policy – Commander Zachery Glass (invited)
 - Introduce Chief of Boating Safety and Auxiliary – Captain Scott Johnson (invited)
 - Introduce new Coast Guard Chief of Boating Safety – Vern Gifford (invited)
 - Research and Development Report on Cell Phone project – Daniel Decker (invited)
 - Enabling A/C to contact merchant ships in emergency – Jim Stabile (invited)
 - LED Lighting – Demo by Meghan Matthews of Orca Green Marine (invited)
 - SC-119 review of man overboard standard
3. FCC Report on pending issues – Ghassan Khalek
 - Criteria for Satellite alternative to MF Radio Requirements
 - Mobile Satellite Requirement for 911 type guard in U.S. waters
 - Action on Disaster Use of High Seas Marine Frequencies
 - Action on FCC Ending Role as U.S. International Accounting Authority
4. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Group – George Hallenbeck
 - Assumption of Sea Tow MMSI block by U.S. Power Squadrons
 - Modified Check Lists for MMSI & GPS during Voluntary Inspections?
 - Coast Guard/ DHS Rescue Challenge Competition
 - Improving 911 response to alerts by smart phones
5. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group – Rich Beattie
 - Coast Guard Vessel Inspection Program – (Senior policy official to be invited)
 - Safety Radio Checks (MMSI & Connected GPS?) on Fishing Vessels
 - Developments in Cyber Security, Roles of RTCM and Task Force?
6. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group – Hugh Lupo
 - Watch Continuity when VHF Radios in Public Address Mode (See Handout)
 - Carriage Requirements for Training Vessels, Equipment for all Sea Areas

DSC Radio Testing should ensure Position Transmitted when Requested
Solid State Radars Incompatible with Racons and Radar SARTs?
Status of potential interference between solid state and magnetron radars?
Status of NMEAs new One Net Network Standard

7. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
 - Government guidance for STCW Schools and Colems on GMDSS Exams
 - How to phase Updating GMDSS Exam Questions while waiting for Iridium?
 - Strengthen Qualification of GMDSS Maintainer License Holders to do Inspections?
8. GMDSS Modernization – Bob Markle and Ed Gilbert
9. Review Summary Record of 30 May 2019 (on web site) and Continuing Work List.
10. Other Business: Confirm next meeting date at Joint NMEA/RTCM Assembly in Portsmouth, Virginia 17-19 September 2019, Thursday 19 September 2019 suggested.

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

30 May 2019

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 NCSR and Joint Experts 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. Monitor Developments in Cybersecurity and advise membership (TF)
17. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (MOD)
18. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
19. Recommend Safety Radio and VMS Requirements for Small Fishing Vessels (CV)
20. Recommend Safety Radio & Navigation Requirements for Towing Vessels (CV)
21. Recommend Safety Radio & Nav. Outfit for Small Passenger Vessels (CV)
22. Advocate applications for new MF/HF Digital Communications Service (CV)
23. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (CV)
24. Maintain Inspection Guidelines and Check Lists for selected vessel types (CV)
25. Advocate voluntary training programs for users of GMDSS systems (RV)
26. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)

27. Encourage users of VHF-DSC to Register for MMSI and connect GPS (RV)
28. Advocate FCC let R/Vs retain existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
29. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
30. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
31. Recommend Certification Path For GMDSS Maintainer (SA) and (TR)
32. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (TR)
33. Advocate 5 Year USCG Recertification Training of GMDSS Operators (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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