

## NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday morning 6 August 2009 at 9:30 am  
LOCATION: RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia (see [www.rtcn.org](http://www.rtcn.org))  
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)  
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### FINAL AGENDA

1. Distribute documents
  - Radm Gilbert Paper on GMDSS Modernization
  - Task Force Recommendation to FCC & USCG on MMSIs for handhelds etc
2. Review Summary Record of 7 May 2009 Task Force meeting (distributed earlier)
3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
  - 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 – Capt Drew Rambo
  - Status of Rescue 21 Coastal VHF-DSC Program – Capt Lisa Festa
  - USCG Progress on MMSI Management Initiatives – Russ Levin
4. FCC Report on pending GMDSS issues – Ghassan Khalek
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Report and Order on Part 80 Rulemaking (if available)
  - Progress on Task Force MMSI Management Recommendations
  - FCC Action on Task Force Petition for Use of Handhelds Ashore
5. GMDSS Modernization Initiative – Radm Ed Gilbert
6. DGPS vs WAAS for Harbor Navigation– Capt Ed Thiedeman, USCG Nav. Center
7. COSPAS-SARSAT Program Update – Chris O’Connors, NOAA NESDIS
8. USCG Auxiliary Communications Training Program – Robert Rippel
9. 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
10. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group – Chuck Husick
  - Campaign to Register for MMSI and Connect GPS
  - Campaign that All Vessels Offshore Carry VHF Radio or EPIRB/PLB

11. 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
12. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
13. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson
14. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday morning 1 October 2009 at Sanibel Harbor Resort in Fort Myers, Florida during NMEA Annual Meeting

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

7 May 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 regulatory action to require VHF or EPIRBs for 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. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
14. Review Safety Radio and VMS Requirements for Small Fishing Vessels (CV)
15. Recommend training programs for non-mandatory users of GMDSS systems (RV)
16. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
17. Encourage voluntary users of VHF-DSC Register for MMSI and connect GPS (RV)
18. Advocate FCC enable R/Vs keep existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
19. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
20. Monitor guidelines for GMDSS equipment maintenance & maintainer standards (SA)
21. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
22. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (SA)
23. 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

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(TR) Training Task Group