

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday morning 7 May 2009 at 9:00 am
LOCATION: Tradewinds Hotel; St. Pete Beach, Florida during RTCM Assembly
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)
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FINAL AGENDA

1. Distribute documents
 - FCC Public Notice DA 09-658 Extending Licenses for Life of Holder
 - FCC Order DA 09-612 Denying Task Force Petition on MMSI Management
 - Task Force Response to USCG NPRM on AIS carriage
 - Draft Recommendation on MMSI Registration Policy for Handhelds etc.
 - Draft Petition to FCC to Authorize Use of VHF Handhelds in Maritime Areas Ashore
 - Radm Gilbert Paper on GMDSS Modernization
 - TowboatUS Life Saving Award News Release
2. Review Summary Record of 8 January 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
 - IMO Comsar 13 Report – Russ Levin
4. FCC Report on pending GMDSS issues – Ghassan Khalek
 - 4th Report and Order on Part 80 Rulemaking
 - Order DA 09-612 Denying Task Force MMSI Management Petition
5. COSPAS-SARSAT Program Update – Chris O’Connors, NOAA NESDIS
6. USCG Auxiliary Training Program – Robert Rippel
7. GMDSS Modernization Initiative – Radm Ed Gilbert
 - Possible new initiative to add lifesaving equipment to passenger ship lifeboats
8. 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

9. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group – Chuck Husick
Draft Petition to FCC to allow Use of Marine VHF Handhelds Ashore
Policy on MMSI registration for handhelds and multiple ship's small craft
Review of Issues Related to Emergency Use of Cell Phones
10. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Mfgs Task Group - Ralph Sponar
Ad hoc group on "Qualified" Technical Support
11. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
12. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson
13. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday morning 6 August 2009 at RTCM

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

8 January 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
(TR) Training Task Group

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