

## NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday morning 8 January 2009 at 9:30 am  
LOCATION: RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia  
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)  
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### DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents
  - FCC 4<sup>th</sup> Report and Order on Part 80 Update (if available)
  - FCC Response to Task Force Petition on MMSI Management
  - USCG Notice of Proposed Rule Making on AIS carriage
  - USCG/NMFS Report to Congress on AIS & VMS for Fishing Vessels
  - USCG Safety Alert for Users of Automatic Identification Systems (AIS)
2. Review Summary Record of 3 October 2008 Task Force meeting (distributed earlier)
3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
  - Welcome Rear Admiral David Glenn, Chief, Coast Guard Communications (invited)
  - Status of MF-DSC Coastal Network Upgrade Project – Capt Drew Rambo
  - Status of Rescue 21 Coastal VHF-DSC Program – Capt Lisa Festa
  - Review of Coast Guard AIS Regulations and new issues – Jorge Arroyo
  - Status of Long Range Identification & Tracking Program – Cdr Kevin Keast
  - USCG Progress on MMSI Management Initiatives – Russ Levin
  - SOLAS Working Group preparation for Comsar 13 – Russ Levin
4. FCC Report on pending GMDSS issues – Ghassan Khalek
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Report and Order on Part 80 Rulemaking
  - Response to Task Force MMSI Management Petition
5. COSPAS/SARSAT Update – Chris O’Connors, NOAA SARSAT
6. NGA Report on Marine Safety Information Developments – Pete Doherty
7. GMDSS Modernization Initiative – Radm Ed Gilbert
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-127 on eLoran
9. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group – Chuck Husick
  - Status of Public Relations Program to encourage MMSI Registration

10. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
11. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Mfgs Task Group - Ralph Sponar  
Ad hoc group on Revising FCC GMDSS Inspection Program – Rich Beattie
12. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson
13. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday morning 7 May 2009 during RTCM Annual Meeting in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

**Any questions or comments please forward to [rsjrrad@aol.com](mailto:rsjrrad@aol.com) for inclusion and comment by the Task Force.**

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