

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday 20 May 2010 at 9:00 am
LOCATION: Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Blvd., San Diego, CA
Reservations: https://shop.evanshotels.com/catamaran_groups/rtc0513c10.html
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents
2. Review Summary Record of 7 January 2010 Task Force meeting (distributed earlier)
3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
 - Welcome RDML Robert Day, CG6
 - Search and Rescue Issues needing Task Force Support – 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
 - Status of MF-DSC Coastal Network Upgrade Project – CAPT Dermanlian
 - Results of IMO COMSAR Meeting – Russ Levin
 - Status of GMDSS Modernization – RADM Ed Gilbert
4. 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 Riverside, California Petition for land VHF services
7. RTCM Report – Bob Markle
 - RTCM SC-110/101 on incorporating GPS in VHF-DSC Handhelds
 - RTCM SC-110 on Emergency Beacons
 - RTCM SC-121 on Automatic Identification Systems
 - RTCM SC-123 on VHF Digital Small Message Services
 - RTCM SC-128 on Satellite Emergency Locating Devices
8. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group - Ralph Sponar
 - Ad hoc group on “Qualified” Technical Support
 - NMEA Position on Universal MMSI Database
9. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group – Chuck Husick
 - Sea Tow Automated Radio Check Service – Charlie Zaloom
 - Campaign to encourage Boaters to Register for MMSI and Connect GPS
 - Campaign that All Vessels Offshore Carry VHF Radio or EPIRB/PLB

10. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
Should DASS satellites provide return acknowledgement to EPIRB alerts?
11. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson
12. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday morning 5 August 2010 at the RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

7 January 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
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 (SA) Service Agents and Manufacturers Task Group
 (TR) Training Task Group

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