

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Wednesday 11 January 2012 at 9:30 am

LOCATION: **RTCM New Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia; 1611 N. Kent St.
Suite #605 (see www.rtcn.org/visit.php)**

CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)

FOR INFO: Jack Fuechsel at 703-527-0484 or e-mail: gmdss@comcast.net

WEBSITE: (NEW) www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=MaritimeTelecomms

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents

Final Task Force response to Coast Guard on Towing Vessel NPRM
Draft Task Force position on Equipment for Small Passenger Vessels
Coast Guard First District Press Release on Dangers of Accidental Distress Calls
Coast Guard Petition to FCC for Changes in Part 80 Rules (if available)

3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues

USCG analysis of Task Force proposal for beacons on offshore RV – Capt Mark Rizzo
New SAR data to assist analysis of RV Beacons offshore – Capt David McBride
An on-going view of AIS implementation – David Winkler, USCG OSC
Developments in E-Navigation and AIS/ECDIS Regulations– Jorge Arroyo, USCG
Status of Rescue 21 VHF-DSC System Implementation- Eugene Lockhart, USCG
Report of Comsar 16 meeting in London – Russ Levin, USCG

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 NTSB Proposal that Mandatory Vessels carry GPIRBs
FCC Action on Riverside, California Petition for land VHF services

5. Reports and Issues: R/V Group: VHF/DSC/MMSI/GPS ad hoc group – Jack Fuechsel

Progress of ad hoc group to promote proper use of VHF-DSC with GPS

6. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufacturers Task Group - Ralph Sponar

Bridge to Bridge Radiotelephone Inspection and Check Lists
Fishing Vessel Inspection and Check Lists
Towing Vessel Inspection and Check Lists
Inspection and check lists for Class A AIS and Class B on mandatory vessels

7. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini

Draft Task Force comment to Coast Guard on Towing Vessel NPRM

Updated Carriage Recommendations for Small Passenger Vessels

8. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson
Status of Question Pools for GMDSS Operator & Maintainer Licenses
9. Reports and Issues – GMDSS Modernization Group – Ed Gilbert
10. RTCM Report – Bob Markle
 - GMDSS Modernization Correspondence Group
 - RTCM SC-101 on GPS in VHF-DSC Handhelds
 - RTCM SC-104 on Differential GNSS Services
 - RTCM SC-109 on Electronic Charting Technology
 - RTCM SC-110 on Emergency Beacons
 - RTCM SC-119 on Maritime Survivor Locating Devices
 - RTCM SC-121 on Automatic Identification Systems and Digital Messaging
 - RTCM SC-123 on Digital Small Messaging Services on Maritime Frequencies
 - RTCM SC-127 on Enhanced Loran
 - RTCM SC-128 on Satellite Emergency Locating Devices
 - RTCM SC-129 on Portrayal of Nav-Related Information on Shipboard Displays
 - RTCM SC-130 on Electro-Optical Imaging Systems (EOIS)
 - RTCM Protects Alliance on Promotion of Two Way Emergency Communications and Tracking Systems
11. Review Summary Record of 28 September 2011 and Continuing Work List.
12. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday morning 17 May 2012 at the new RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

28 September 2011

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. Advocate voluntary carriage of VHF or 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 GPIRBs for U.S. Vessels Required to Carry EPIRBs (TF)**
- 14. Advocate mandatory Distress Beacons on R/V more than 3 miles offshore (TF)**
- 15. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (MOD)**
16. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
17. Recommend Safety Radio and VMS Requirements for Small Fishing Vessels (CV)
- 18. Recommend Safety Radio & Navigation Requirements for Towing Vessels (CV)**
- 19. Recommend Safety Radio & Nav. Requirements for Small Passenger Vessels (CV)**
- 20.. Recommend training programs for non-mandatory users of GMDSS systems (RV)
21. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
- 22. Encourage users of VHF-DSC Register for MMSI and connect GPS (RV)**
23. Advocate FCC let R/Vs keep existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
24. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
25. Monitor guidelines for GMDSS equipment maintenance & maintainer standards (SA)
26. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
27. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (SA)
- 28. Develop Inspection Guidelines and Check Lists for selected vessel types (SA)**
29. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (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

File: tfag-70.doc