

# NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday 27 July 2017 at 9:30 am

LOCATION: RTCM headquarters in Arlington, Virginia (Note new address 1621 N. Kent St. suite 705)

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## DRAFT AGENDA

### 1. Distribute Documents

Summary of NTSB VTS Safety Recommendations to the Coast Guard  
RTCM/Task Force Filing with the FCC Supporting the Icom Waiver Request

### 2. Coast Guard Reports on pending issues –

Report of Joint IMO/ITU Experts meeting London July 2017 – Joe Hersey  
MMSI Management issues Assignment Policy and Validation – Joe Hersey  
Status of Task Force proposal for Emergency Beacons on R/Vs Offshore  
NTSB Recommendations on Coast Guard VTS Operations -  
New ITU international numbering for VHF channels – Joe Hersey  
Analysis of potential for interference between Solid State & Magnetron Radars  
Consider special Task Force meeting at Workboat Show 29 Nov-1 Dec

### 3. FCC Report on pending issues – Ghassan Khalek

Action on Icom waiver request for Icom M802 HF/DSC Radio  
FCC NPRM proposing to end role as U.S. International Accounting Authority  
Status of Task Force Petition on Small Passenger Vessels  
Progress on RTCM Petition to Update FCC Rules

### 4. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group – Hugh Lupo

Presentation on One Web – Frank August (invited)  
Progress Toward an IMEA Master On-Line Database of US MMSI Registrations  
Release of new NMEA ‘All Net’ Standard – Ed Spitzer

### 5. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group – Rich Beattie

Modified Check Lists for Checking MMSI Registrations during Inspections?  
Safety issues affecting Cruise Ships – Kim Hall (invited)  
Google plans to Monitor World Fishing Fleets by AIS?  
Developments in Cyber Security

6. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Group - David Kennedy
  - New Memorandum of Understanding for MMSI Registration Agents
  - Coordination with USCG Boating Safety to revise Voluntary Inspection Check List
  - Strengthen Coordination with NASBLA
  
7. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
  - Progress of ad hoc Group on Updating GMDSS Exam Questions
  - Strengthen Qualification of GMDSS Maintainer License Holders to do Inspections?
  
8. GMDSS Modernization – Bob Markle and Ed Gilbert
  
9. Review Summary Record of 11 May 2017 (on web site) and Continuing Work List.
  
10. Other Business: Confirm next meeting date: Thursday 27 September 2017 at the Bellevue Hilton Hotel in Bellevue, Washington during the annual Conference and Expo on the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA).

## GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

11 May 2017

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 NCSR and Joint Experts meetings (TF)
7. Advocate Canadian coordination to extend GMDSS services to the Great Lakes (TF)
8. Advocate voluntary carriage of VHF and 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 GNSS for U.S. EPIRB and PLB Standards (TF)
14. Advocate mandatory Distress Beacons on R/V more than 3 miles offshore (TF)
15. Advocate use of the Alaska AIS Monitor Network for VHF Distress Guard (TF)
16. Monitor Developments in Cybersecurity and advise membership (TF)
17. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (MOD)
18. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
19. Recommend Safety Radio and VMS Requirements for Small Fishing Vessels (CV)
20. Recommend Safety Radio & Navigation Requirements for Towing Vessels (CV)
21. Recommend Safety Radio & Nav. Outfit for Small Passenger Vessels (CV)
22. Advocate applications for new MF/HF Digital Communications Service (CV)
23. Advocate voluntary training programs for users of GMDSS systems (RV)
24. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
25. Encourage users of VHF-DSC to Register for MMSI and connect GPS (RV)
26. Advocate FCC let R/Vs retain existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
27. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
28. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
29. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (SA)
30. Maintain Inspection Guidelines and Check Lists for selected vessel types (SA)
31. Recommend Certification Path For GMDSS Maintainer (SA) and (TR)
32. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (TR)
33. Advocate 5 Year USCG Recertification Training of GMDSS Operators (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

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