

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 7 May 2015 at 9:30 am
LOCATION: Loews Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland during the RTCM Annual Assembly
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Distribute documents:
USCG-2005-21869: Final Rule on NOAD-AIS
2. Coast Guard Reports on pending issues –
Status of Task Force proposal for Emergency Beacons on R/Vs Offshore
E-Navigation, AIS/ECDIS Update – Jorge Arroyo
Planning re Task Force Petition on Small Passenger Vessels – Capt Hernandez
Status of R&D Project to Evaluate Safety Use of Cell Phone Offshore –
New Issue: Should Task Force Advocate Use of AIS Messaging for Distress?
3. FCC Report on pending issues – Ghassan Khalek
Response to FCC Public Notice (RM 11726); TF Small Passenger Vessel Petition
Action on Improved MMSI Management including AIS registrations
4. Review Planning for Dissemination of Marine Safety Information (MSI) – Chris Janus
Status of New Formatting to Enable Display of MSI on Chart Plotters
Status of NAVTEX for Mandatory Non-SOLAS Vessels Without 2MHz
5. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Group: David Kennedy
Status of MMSI Registrations by Designated Registration Agents
6. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group - Ralph Sponar
Manufacturer's Reaction to Joint Notice to Facilitate Change of MMSI
7. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group – Rich Beattie
Report on IEC/TC 80 Integrated Communications System (ICS) – Joe Hersey
Revision of Task Force Recommended Carriage for Fishing & Towing Vessels?
8. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
9. Report on IMO's NCSR-2 Subcommittee, London 9-13 March 2015 – Russ Levin
10. GMDSS Modernization – Bob Markle and Ed Gilbert
11. RTCM Report on Ongoing Committee Activity – Bob Markle

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-112 on Marine Radar
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 E-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 SC-131 on Multi System Shipboard Navigation Receivers
RTCM SC-132 on Visual Emergency Signaling Devices

12. Report of the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) – Mark Reedenauer

13. Review Summary Record of 8 January 2015 (on web site) and Continuing Work List.

14. Other Business: Confirm next meeting date: tentatively Thursday 17 July at RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

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GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

8 January 2015

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. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (MOD)
17. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
18. Recommend Safety Radio and VMS Requirements for Small Fishing Vessels (CV)
19. Recommend Safety Radio & Navigation Requirements for Towing Vessels (CV)
20. Recommend Safety Radio & Nav. Outfit for Small Passenger Vessels (CV)
21. Advocate application for new MF/HF Digital Communications Service (CV)
22. Advocate voluntary training programs for users of GMDSS systems (RV)
23. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
24. Encourage users of VHF-DSC to Register for MMSI and connect GPS (RV)
25. Advocate FCC let R/Vs retain existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
26. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
27. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
28. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (SA)
29. Maintain Inspection Guidelines and Check Lists for selected vessel types (SA)
30. Recommend Certification Path For GMDSS Maintainer (SA) and (TR)
31. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (TR)
32. Advocate 5 Year USCG Recertification Training of GMDSS Operators (TR)
- 33. Advocate Use of AIS Messaging for Distress (TF)?**

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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