

## NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 10 September 2020 at 9:30 am EDST  
LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING  
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### FINAL AGENDA

1. Distribute Documents and web access citations: See <https://joecel.com/GMDSSTaskForce>
  - Alaska Congressional Delegation Letter to Commandant re Rescue 21 Availability
  - USCG AIS Safety Alert for Large Tows in Confined Waterways
  - USCG Request for Comments – Making Broadcast NTM Accessible by Mobile Devices
  - Change 2 to NVIC 01-16 – Use of Electronic Charts and Publications
  - Analysis of GMDSS Searches of NavCen Website by Google Analytics
  - ALCOAST 227/20 Establishing C5ISC; replacing C4ITSC, C3CEN, TISCOM & OSC
  - OMB Reviewing USCG Plan to Reduce Certain Rules from STCW Requirements
  - VHF-DSC By The Numbers by Max Moser
  
2. Coast Guard Reports on pending issues – Jerry Ulcek and others
  - Introduce CAPT Clint Schlegel, Chief of SAR
  - Farewell to RADM Ed Gilbert, a Task Force Stalwart
  - Reflections on Task Force Hundredth Meeting
  - NAVTEX Status
  - Alaskan VHF redundancy and performance upgrades – Taboada
  - VHF-DSC By The Numbers by Max Moser
  - Results of IMO Joint IMO/ITU Experts Meeting
  - Iridium's new GMDSS Service – Kyle Hurst (invited)
  - ALCOAST 227/20 Establishing C5ISC
  - MMSIs for Diver Radios not associated with a vessel – Joe Hersey
  - LED Lighting – Report from SC-137 – Joe Hersey
  - Implementation of Return Link Service on EPIRB Alerts
  - IMO Initiative on GMDSS for Non-SOLAS Vessels – Joe Hersey
  - Response to Making Broadcast NTM Accessible by Mobile Devices
  - Update on Proposal to Facilitate A/C Ditching at Sea – Jim Stabile (invited)
  - Update on Special Direction Finder Applications – Murray Craig (invited)
  
3. FCC Report on pending issues – Ghassan Khalek
  - New Subscription Charges for Inmarsat-C
  - FCC Enforcement on Unauthorized AIS Devices
  - FCC Rules Change for new International EPIRB Specs Taking Effect in 2022

4. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Group – George Hallenbeck
  - Revised GMDSS Information Bulletin GMDSS and the Recreational Boater
  - Resolution of Sea Tow MMSI block and continuing management
  - Continuing Problems with Failure to Properly Register for MMSIs
  - Florida Financial Incentives to outfit R/Vs with EPIRBs or PLBs
  - Supplemental Check Lists for MMSI & GPS during Voluntary Inspections?
  - Coast Guard/ DHS Rescue Challenge Competition – Marty Jackson
  
5. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group – Rich Beattie
  - Developments in Cyber Security, Roles of RTCM and Task Force
  - Change 2 to NVIC 01-16 on Use of Electronic Charts and Publications
  - New GMDSS Information Bulletin on Fishing Vessel Safety & VMS?
  
6. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group – Hugh Lupo
  - New Issue – Falsified Inspection Documentation found on some vessels
  - Watch Continuity when VHF Radios in Public Address Mode
  - Carriage Requirements for Training Vessels, Equipment for all Sea Areas
  - DSC Radio Testing should ensure Position Transmitted when Requested
  - Solid State Radar’s compatibility with Racons and Radar SARTs?
  
7. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
  - USCG Rules Change Proposal would Reduce Certain STCW Requirements
  - Further Revision of GMDSS Operator Question Pools
  
8. GMDSS Modernization – Bob Markle
  
9. Review Summary Record of 14 May 2020 (on website) and Task Force Continuing Work List
  
10. Review Website Changes
  - General GMDSS Documents suggested for deletion
  - Revised GMDSS Information Bulletins
  
11. Other Business: Confirm next meeting date Thursday 10 December 2020
  - RTCM Annual Assembly Notice

## GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

14 May 2020

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 programs that broadcast MSI for GMDSS Standards conformance (TF)
5. Review GMDSS Internet Web Sites and update Task Force portion of NAVCEN site (TF)
6. Support SOLAS Working Group planning for IMO NCSR and Joint Experts meetings (TF)
7. Advocate replacement or update of current Great Lakes Agreement with an MOU or equivalent document. (TF)
8. Advocate voluntary carriage of VHF and EPIRB/PLBs by all vessels offshore (TF)
9. Monitor of FCC policy and practice on MMSI assignments (TF)
10. Monitor non-GMDSS systems: AIS, LRIT, SSAS, VDES, VMS, & E-Navigation (TF)
11. Recommend means to improve Distress Alerts by Cell Phone & Internet (TF)
12. Advocate mandatory Distress Beacons on R/V more than 3 miles offshore (TF)
13. Advocate use of the Alaska AIS Monitor Network for VHF Distress Guard (TF)
14. Monitor Developments in Cybersecurity and advise membership (TF)
15. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (MOD)
16. Monitor automatic response from USCG HF Commstas to test calls for validation of HF-DSC performance (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. Outfit for Small Passenger Vessels (CV)
20. Advocate better FCC & USCG management of annual GMDSS inspections (CV)
21. Maintain Inspection Guidelines and Check Lists for selected vessel types (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. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade readability of GMDSS items in equipment manuals (SA)
26. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
27. Coordinate with USCG-NMC on training uniformity (TR)
28. 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

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