

NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: 1100 EST Thursday 18 January 2024
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting (No charge but Registration Requested)
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AGENDA

1. Documents and web access citations: See <https://joecel.com/GMDSSTaskForce>
 - FCC-23-90A1-GLA-Order.pdf
 - GLA FR 2023-24678.pdf
 - MSC.1-Circ.1676 - Delays Affecting The Availability Of New GMDSS Equipment
 - MSIB 05-23 FCC Radio Regs for Great Lakes Vessels.pdf
 - New GMDSS SOLAS Carriage Requirements.pdf
 - SOLAS 1974 (182) - RESOLUTION MSC.496(105)
2. SOLAS GMDSS amendments with entry into force of 1 January 2024 – USCG/FCC
 - a. GMDSS Modernization – Bob Markle
 - i. Revision of IMO Resolution A.1001
 - ii. Revision of IEC Standards
 - iii. RTCM's online GMDSS guide
3. MMSI WG and related issues – Joe Hersey
 - a. MMSI Management
 - b. Resolution of duplicate MMSI Numbers issued by Sea Tow
 - c. Supplemental TF Check Lists for MMSI, GPS & PLB during Voluntary Inspections
 - d. Revised M.O.U. with Agents that Assign MMSIs
 - e. Update on NMEA Activities & plans to issue MMSIs
4. Recreational Vessel Group – Gene Danko
 - a. National Safe Boating Advisory Committee – Dave Marlow
 - b. Should Task Force reopen Beacon proposal for R/Vs Offshore?
 - c. Aqua Alert Bill in Congress would send UMIBs to cell phones that opt-in.
 - d. Revised GMDSS Information Bulletins for R/V and R/V with VHF
5. Commercial Vessel Task Group – Johnny Lindstrom
 - a. Shipboard Weather & Ocean Observations by AIS – Greg Johnson
6. Service Agents & Manufacturers Task Group – John Barry
 - a. How to Conduct a GMDSS Inspection

7. Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
 - a. New Issue – Review Elements 3, 8 & 9 Relating to GMDSS Maintainers
 - b. Carriage Requirements for Training Vessels, Equipment for all Sea Areas
 - c. Iridium and STCW Lab Proficiencies and Operator Competencies – Kyle Hurst
 - d. Task Force Information Bulletin on Iridium Services
 - e. F/V Exemptions, Waivers & Tonnage issues
 - f. GMDSS Operator Requirements, checks during Inspections

8. Coast Guard Reports
 - a. Planning for NCSR-11 Conference – Patrick Gallagher
 - b. Four Digit Numbering on VHF Channels – Joe Hersey
 - c. Results of the IMO/ITU EG-18 – Ed Thiedeman
 - d. LED Lighting – Report from SC-137 – Note MSIB 03-22 - Joe Hersey
 - e. SC-101 Status of Class D DSC – Joe Hersey
 - f. Radar SART Performance – Joe Hersey
 - g. MSI Dissemination – NAVDAT vs Satellite – Jerry Ulcek
 - h. Transition of SARSAT Program from NOAA to USCG – Layne Carter
 - i. NTSB Advocates all mariners carry personal PLBs – Morgan Turrell
 - j. Satellite Panel
 - i. Inmarsat Update – John Dodd
 - ii. Iridium Update – Kyle Hurst
 - k. ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group – Dave Edwards/Ed Thiedeman
 - l. Results of ITU-R WRC23 – Jerry Ulcek
 - m. New USCG GMDSS Manager – Jerry Ulcek/Pat Geddes
 - n. Update on MOBs/SC-119 - Ed Thiedeman
 - o. VHF-FM voice blocking AIS on own ship and vessels close by – Joe Hersey

9. FCC Report – Ghassan Khalek
 - a. Waiver to allow use of IEC Standard for MOBs, PLBs, AIS ATON, EPIRBs in US
 - b. Plans to improve Routing of Emergency Calls
 - c. Follow up on the Termination of the Great Lakes Agreement
 - d. Foreign Flag commercial vessels registered via USPS assigned block

10. Reports from Other Government & International Agencies:
 - a. NOAA/NWS Update Report – Wayne Presnell
 - b. NOAA/SARSAT Update Report – Alan Knox
 - c. Army Corps of Engineers – Brian Tetreault
 - d. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) – Don Meyer
 - e. Canadian Maritime Issues –Alexandre Lavoie
 - f. CIRM – Michael Richards

11. Review Summary Record of 14 September 2023 and Task Force Continuing Work List

12. Other Business: Confirm next meeting date - - RTCM Annual Assembly or in the interim

GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

29 December 2023

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. Follow up on termination of Great Lakes Agreement (TF)
8. Advocate voluntary carriage of VHF and EPIRB/PLBs by all vessels offshore (TF)
9. Monitor USCG and FCC policy & 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 response from USCG HF Commstas to test calls on 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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