

## NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 13 May 2020 at 9:30 am EST  
LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING  
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### FINAL AGENDA

1. Distribute Documents and web access citations: See <https://joecel.com/GMDSSTaskForce>
  - National Maritime Cyber Security Plan
  - USCG D13 Safety Alert: Don't Disable AIS
  - MMSI Working Group Report of January and March meetings
  - NDAAs Act impact on DOD and USCG Maritime Responsibilities;
  - Revision of MSC Circ 803: Participation of non-SOLAS vessels in GMDSS
  - USCG seeks comments on Safety Mgmt System for Passenger Vessels
  - USCG CVC-1 Policy Letter 21-01 on Large RV (24 meters plus)
  - USCG MSIB 21-05 on Worldwide Marine Safety Broadcasts
  - USCG CVC Working Guidance on Cybersecurity for Shipboard Management Systems
  - DOT Report on Complimentary PNT & GPS backup technologies
2. GMDSS Modernization – Bob Markle
3. Coast Guard Reports on pending issues – Jerry Ulcek and others
  - Introduce new C-6 Captain Joseph Sundland – (invited)
  - Report on NCSR-8 Conference – Patrick Gallagher
  - VHF Four-Digit Channel Number Update
  - Recommendations on Addressing DSC Problems (NCSR 8/Inf.9)
  - GMDSS and Warships – Does it accurately reflect USCG Policy?
  - Status of Navtex Broadcasts
  - LED Lighting – Report from SC-137 – Joe Hersey
  - NOAA Request for comments on U.S. Return Link Service on EPIRB Alerts
  - Status of extended VHF Outages in Alaska
  - IMO Initiative on GMDSS for Non-SOLAS Vessels – Joe Hersey
  - BIMCO Advocating International Guidelines for Ship-Shore Communications
  - Report of: MMSI Management ad hoc Group -: Joe Hersey
  - DOT Report on Backup Systems for GPS
  - ADAC Research Project on Maritime Communications and Connectivity Analysis
  - NDAAs Act; AK F/V; & F/V use of AIS
  - Current Canadian Maritime Issues – Alexandre Lavoie

4. FCC Report on pending issues – Tom Derenge / Janet Moran
  - Falsified Inspection Documentation found on some vessels
  - FCC Enforcement activity on Unauthorized AIS Devices
  - FCC Rules Change for new International EPIRB Specs Taking Effect in 2022
  - Update FCC Small Passenger Vessel Inspection Checklist to include Iridium
  - Waiver to allow Iridium to meet GMDSS Sea Area A4 Requirements
  - Report on FCC and Coast Guard meeting of 20 April 2021
  
5. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Group – George Hallenbeck
  - Revised GMDSS Information Bulletin GMDSS and the Recreational Boater
  - Supplemental Check Lists for MMSI & GPS during Voluntary Inspections?
  - Coast Guard/ DHS Rescue Challenge Competition – Marty Jackson
  - BOATUS News: Be wary of letters offering Renewal of Documentation
  - USCG Policy Letter CVC-1 on RV over 24 meters
  - USCG Policy extending Documentation of R/Vs
  
6. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group – Johnny Lindstrom
  - New National Maritime Cyber Security Plan & CVC working instructions
  - USCG re Safety Management Systems (SMS) for Passenger vessels
  - USCG CVC Releases Revised Checklists for Small Passenger Vessels
  - USCG D13 Safety Alert: Don't Disable AIS
  - USCG MSIB 21-05 on Worldwide Marine Safety Broadcasts
  - How can Task Force promote more shipboard weather observations?
  
7. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group – John Barry
  - Carriage Requirements for Training Vessels, Equipment for all Sea Areas
  - DSC Radio Testing should ensure Position Transmitted when Requested
  - NMEA releases Version 1.0 of One Net
  
8. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
  - Further Revision of GMDSS Operator Question Pools
  - Effective date for use of new Question Pools
  
9. Review Summary Record of 10 December 2020 and Task Force Continuing Work List
  
10. Recent Maritime News Items of Possible Interest to Task Force
  - Bryant 1/12: Marine Transportation Service Virtual Sessions 15-17 March
  - Maritime Executive 1/20: Telenor Marine & KNL plan Global HF Service
  - Maritime Executive 1/23: NDAA makes aiming laser at vessels a felony
  - Bryant 3/16 USCG R&D Reports on Daytime Distress Signals, ePIW Detection
  - 3/18 USCG Press Release Engine cut off lanyards required by 1 April
  - 3/23 BOATUS News – Get VHF ready for new season
  - Nasbla 4/01 – Boat Safety Circular Spring 2021
  - Bryant 4/06 – New Strategic Plan by Committee on Marine Transportation
  - Bryant 4/16 – Navcen publicizing MSI Broadcasting in Districts 5 & 13

11. Other Business: Confirm next meeting date.

**GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST**

10 December 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 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 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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