NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 9 October 2014 at 8:00 am
LOCATION: Sanibel Harbor Resort; Fort Myers, Florida during the NMEA Conference
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DRAFT AGENDA

1**.** Distribute documents:
        Inspection and Check List for Class A and B AIS on mandatory vessels
        Inspection and Check List for Vessel Data Recorders (VDR)
        Inspection and Check List for Bridge to Bridge Radio Inspections
        Inspection and Check List for Commercial Fishing Vessels
        USCG-2005-21869: Final Rule on NOAD-AIS

2. Coast Guard Reports on pending issues – Jorge Arroyo
        Task Force pending proposal for Emergency Beacons on R/Vs Offshore
        Update on Rescue 21 VHF-DSC Project
        E-Navigation, AIS/ECDIS Update
        USCG Action re Task Force Petition: www.regulations.gov, Docket USCG-2014-0605
        GMDSS Modernization and the ongoing IMO/ITU Experts Group

3. FCC Report on pending issues – Ghassan Khalek
        NPRM WT Docket 14-36, comments received
        Response to FCC Public Notice (RM 11726); TF Small Passenger Vessel Petition
        Conditions for Non-SOLAS vessels to qualify for waiver to use alternative satellites
        Action on Improved MMSI Management including AIS registrations

4. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Manufactures Task Group - Ralph Sponar
        Pending Action to Rescind "3 Strikes" Rule for Entering MMSIs
        How to improve EPIRB/PLB Battery Checks for uninspected vessels
        Need for NMEA Installation Standard on Use of Antenna Splitters with AIS & VHF
        Inspection and Check Lists for Class A and B AIS on mandatory vessels
        Inspection and Check Lists for Vessel Data Recorders (VDR)
        Inspection and Check List for Bridge to Bridge Radio
        Inspection and Check Lists for Fishing Vessels

5. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
        Revision of Task Force recommended carriage for Fishing & Towing Vessels?

6. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Group:
        Status of MMSI Registrations by Designated Registration Agents

7. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Kurt Anderson
        NMEA proposal for a Path to Certification as GMDSS Maintainer

8. RTCM Report on Ongoing Committee Activity
        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

9. Review Summary Record of 31 July 2014 (on web site) and Continuing Work List.

10. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date Thursday 8 January 2015 at the RTCM Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.
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GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

31 July 2014

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 NAVCOMSAR 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. Recommend through NASBLA that State's boat Registrations include MMSIs (RV)
27. Encourage Mfgrs. 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)**
34. **Advocate Reinstatement of SAR Training for Deck Watch Officers/STCW (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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