

MMSI Working Group Agenda

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Time / Date: Wednesday, 6 May 2026, 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM EDT

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1. **Welcome, changes to and approval of the agenda**
2. **[Summary record](#) and consequential actions from December 17th, 2025 MMSI Working Group meeting, Noting [Action items requiring long term action](#)**
3. **Action Items from last meeting (updated items in red)**

Action Item	Description	Assigned to	Action
59, 71	Update on USPS assuming Sea Tow MMSI registrations. Seatow/USPS duplications will need to separately identified: 3423 duplicates found in MISLE. USPS is taking in 26,742 SeaTow registrations Tests with USCG Kearneysville completed. Need to capture late edits to Seatow MMSI registrations. Prepare advisory regarding suspension in updating existing Seatow MMSI registrations	Gene Danko	
70	Clarify processes, terminology and definitions used in MMSI transfer process:	Joe Hersey,	See agenda 4

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administrative Change – update of information not changing vessel, owner, or license type (no transfer involved) 2. Agent Change – transfer of license-by-rule MMSI agent and also FCC 3. Ownership Change – Transfer of vessel and/or radio to new owner (MMSI user) 4. Combined Change – Combined administration and ownership changes, including license type change to/from NTIA or FCC 5. Fleet Change – change in fleet ownership of multiple vessels (affects FCC only) 6. Inactive Vs Cancelled MMSI registration no distinction between terms 	Ed Thiedeman, Gene Danko, Katie Knox, Mike Brown	
73	Begin listing needed updates to MMSI MOA. Include MMSI providers decides to withdraw (Long Term AI 4), handling autonomous vessels.	Joe Hersey and FCC	See Agenda 5
74	LBR providers recommend autonomy designation	BOAT US, USPS, Shine	Defer until requirement established
75	Look for “000” MMSIs in LBR registrations	BOAT US, USPS, Shine Joe	Five identified so far.
76	Agree on what authority is needed from original owner to reassign MMSI	BOAT US, USPS, Shine, FCC, Joe	See Agenda 4
77	Discuss MOA next edition in separate meeting Met on 18 March	BOAT US, USPS, Shine, FCC, Joe	See agenda 5

4. Clarify processes, terminology and definitions used in MMSI transfer process

- Ownership change (Action Item 70: #3 and #4)
 - Required documentation before transfer of ownership can proceed:
 - Permission of original registrant
 - Bill of sale (what constitutes a bill of sale?)
 - If original owner is unknown
 - Transfer not permitted
 - “BUYER UNK” in Remarks field
- Agent change (Action Item 70: #2 and #4)
 - How to document change in MMSI allocation table?

5. Needed updates to MMSI MOA

- Process for termination and registration handover
- Address VHF handled MMSIs. Noted that this should be an option, but providers not choosing this option would be restricted from issuing MMSIs to handhelds unless associated with a single vessel.
- Clarify requirements for biennial notification of registrants
- Address registration terminations and transfers
 - When you learn registration is invalid because vessel was sold: BUYER UNK in Remarks.

- Review annexed data specifications.
 - Update vessel categories applicable to boaters
 - USCG direct read-only data access to the data. Does FCC need this too?
 - USCG Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA)
- 6. Manufacturer IDs for devices using a freeform number identity**
- 9₁7₂T₃X₄X₅M₆P₇P₈Y₉Y₁₀Y₁₁Y₁₂ used on AIS Message #14
- CIRM Working Paper [draft](#)
- 7. AIS AtoN and Mobile AtoN MMSI and license application**
- UK Ofcom AtoN [AIS license applicaton](#) and Mobile AtoN [2026 Consultation](#)
 - USCG [Private AtoN application](#) and FCC license application with waiver
 - Needed updates to [MMSIs for AIS Aids to Navigation webpage?](#)
- 8. Guidance on registering MMSIs for use by autonomous vessels in U.S. waters**
- FCC [FCC Notice DA 25-652](#)
 - Updates from USCG Automated and Autonomous Vessel Policy Council or IMO?
- 9. Federal/NTIA MMSI issues**
- 10. MMSI duplicate registrations**
- MISLE duplicate MMSIs by entity [spreadsheet](#)
- 11. Education and reaching out**
- 12. Any other matters**
- 13. Action Items for next meeting**
- 14. Scheduling next meeting**



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