

MMSI Working Group Summary Record

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Time / Date: Monday February 6th at 1:00 PM EST, 10:00 PST

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1. Welcome, changes to and approval of the agenda

No changes were made to the agenda

2. [Summary Record](#) from 14 November 2022 Meeting

3. Action Items from last meeting

Action Item	Description	Assigned to	Action
1	Boating Safety Advisory on MMSIs similar to FCC 2016 Enforcement Advisory	USCG	At the beginning of the boating season? o/a April. Start draft now. Continue
2	Possibility of transferring FCC issued MMSI to user registered by a licensed-by-rule provider	FCC	Continue. Address long term custody.
3	Confirm BOAT US MMSI point of contact	USCG	David Kennedy; and mmsi@boatus.com . Close
4	Consider provisions for including MMSI transfer in boat Bill of Sale by brokers.	FCC John Barry	Continue
5	Comments on USCG NAVCEN MMSI webpage to Joe Hersey	Everyone	Agenda 7. Continue
6	Comments on FCC MMSI webpage to Katie Knox	Everyone	Close
7	Consider need implementing for daughter craft MMSI registration	Everyone	Considered in agenda 6. Close
8	What to do when an MMSI provider decides to withdraw	FCC/USCG	Continue

4. Update on VHF Handheld MMSIs (8MIDxxxxx)

- VHF handhelds used by coast stations (cost?)
- VHF handhelds used on aircraft – continue a AI: FCC
- Under what conditions are VHF handhelds licensed by rule Vs licensed by FCC?

FCC's two categories of VHF handheld MMSI registration and licensing was discussed. See the FCC website [here](#). Both types of licenses incur a fee:

- Maritime Utility License, used when operating a VHF handheld ashore, and

- Ship Station License – Portable, used when operating VHF handhelds from ships, but not a kept on a single ship. Examples include diver’s radios and portables used on various vessels on an as-needed basis.

FCC rules effectively permit VHF handhelds to be used on aircraft to communicate with boats on a limited number of frequencies: see [80.379](#). Use of DSC is not addressed.

5. Transferring registered MMSIs to USCG C5ISC Kearneysville

- And USCG access to provider database:

- BOAT US (OK)
- US Power Squadrons: Gene Danko will look into how USCG gains access to USPS database
- Shine Micro: Ed Thiedeman will assist Shine Micro in submitting data to C5ISC and determining how USCG can access database.
- Sea Tow (not present)

Retain this agenda item for next meeting.

6. How other types of MMSIs are handled:

- Daughter craft (98MIDxxxx) – is there a need? Agreed to use parent craft MMSI, unless unique MMSI is needed, as in the case of AIS. A license-by-rule assigned ship MMSI would be sufficient in that case.
- SAR aircraft (111MIDxxx) FCC provided USCG a block of MMSIs. That process need not change.
- AIS AtoNs (99MIDxxxx). Managed by USCG (CG-NAV)
- Mobile AtoNs (99MID8xxx). AIS Mobile AtoN standard being developed by RTCM SC121. Licensing and MMSI assignment will be consequential to the standard.
- 160.9 MHz AMRDs (979yyyyy). To be determined.

7. Revising USCG [NAVCEN MMSI webpage](#)

Draft new MMSI website document “MMSI from USCG Web Site.docx” in 13 pages representing 13 web pages was reviewed and distributed. The document will be updated consequential to this meeting and sent out prior to the March meeting.

Retain this agenda item for next meeting.

8. Education and reaching out (deferred until after webpages completed. Retain this agenda item for next meeting.)

- Made-up or unregistered MMSIs
- Keeping registration up to date
- Selling your radio or boat
- Other matters

9. Any other matters

10. Action Items for next meeting

AI 1-8 carried over from this last meeting. AI 9+ new from this meeting.

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9	Report how many FCC-assigned MMSIs have been registered	BOAT US	Next meeting
10	Confirm whether and how BOAT US keeps track of MMSIs transferred to other organizations (e.g. clean hand-off)	BOAT US	Next meeting
11	Work with Shine Micro on FTP transfer of MMSI db to USCG, and USCG access to Shine db.	Ed Thiedeman	Next meeting
12	Check whether IRAC Frequency Assignment Subcommittee can be waived for AIS Private AtoN license applications already approved by USCG.	Joe Hersey	Next meeting
13	Consider including compulsory/non-compulsory to NAVCEN webpages	Joe Hersey	Next meeting
14	Develop a table for webpages Category Vs required process	Stephanie Nevarez	Next meeting
15	Confirm whether “tribal” needs to be included with State and local category	Katie Knox	Next meeting
16	Draft LBR Guide for reregistering vessel in a different state	Katie Knoz	Next meeting
17	Confirm whether inactive ship station license is provided USCG	Katie Knox	Next meeting

11. Follow on Meeting? Before June GMDSS Task Force?

Next meeting 13 March 1:00 PM EDT (10:00 AM PDT)

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