

MMSI Working Group Summary Record

Sponsored by USCG and RTCM's GMDSS Task Force

Time / Date: Thursday 15 June, 1:30 PM until 5:00 PM
after GMDSS Task Force Meeting

Location: RTCM Assembly 2023, Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel and Convention Center,

Meeting documents available from [MMSI Working Group Repository](#)

1. Welcome, changes to and approval of the agenda

Meeting started about 40 minutes late due to continuation of GMDSS Task Force.
Agenda agreed.

2. Consequential action from Wednesday's MMSI Panel discussion

Several action items are recorded below consequential to MMSI Panel discussions.
During the GMDSS Task Force Chris Eddy D7 RCC noted "I have never seen an MMSI entered correctly (e.g. 123456789 or 987654321).

3. MMSI webpages status: [live](#)

MMSI webpage changes are now live and comments are still welcome. Webpage corrections are noted in the action items below. Review is welcome.

4. FTP'ing registered MMSIs to USCG C5ISC Kearneysville

- And USCG access to provider database

Discussed during the MMSI panel. It was noted that an MMSI database other than USCG MISLE was needed and action items were developed accordingly. Gene Danko and Stephanie Navarez will be the USPS and Shine Micro, respectively, for database queries by USCG SAR watchstanders.

5. Draft USCG Marine Safety Information Bulletin: *Maritime Mobile Service Identities (MMSIs): What to do when Selling or Disposing of your Radio or Radio-equipped Vessel.* (download [here](#))

The Draft MSIB was agreed to be released.

6. Process for transferring MMSI registrations to other providers

David Kennedy agreed to provide BOATUS procedures for transferring MMSI registrations as an action item. The process will need to be developed. MMSIs

transferred to other providers will need to be recorded and tracked.

7. Education and reaching out

- Guidelines for including MMSI transfer in boat Bill of Sale by brokers (AI 4)
- Courtesy boating inspection checklist (AI 20)
- Other matters

Brian Moore agreed to action items addressing improved means for education and reach out, including MMSI registration check during courtesy inspection. See action items.

8. Agreed Action Items (changes at this meeting noted in red)

Action Item	Description	Assigned to	Action
1	Boating Safety Advisory on MMSIs similar to FCC 2016 Enforcement Advisory	USCG	Close
2	Possibility of transferring FCC issued MMSI to user registered by a licensed-by-rule provider	FCC	Still under review.
4	Consider provisions for including MMSI transfer in boat Bill of Sale by brokers. Need to find YBAA POC.	John Barry, Steven Godfrey	Continued (no update).
8	What to do when an MMSI provider decides to withdraw	FCC/USCG	Continue, but defer for now
11	Work with Shine Micro on FTP transfer of MMSI db to USCG, and USCG access to Shine db.	Ed Thiedeman	Continue
12	Check whether IRAC Frequency Assignment Subcommittee can be waived for AIS Private AtoN license applications already approved by USCG.	Joe Hersey	Hold until Action Item #19 is complete. Possibly can be closed.
16	Draft LBR Guide for reregistering vessel in a different state	Katie Knox	Requires changing vessel registration # w/o changing MMSI. FCC ULS being addressed internally. Query sent to Shine Micro. Continue Being FCC cleared
19	Include coordination information in AIS GMF application OET sends to IRAC FAS	Katie Knox	FCC note prior govt coordination in AIS application sent to IRAC FAS. Continue Next meeting Note now being put on FAS frequency application; check w/Ron Blackmore (MXAK Coast Stations)
20	Check into possibility of adding DSC MMSI info to boater's inspection checklist	Brian Moore	Jack Fuechsel indicated USCG Boating Safety agreed in principle to (1) check MMSI registration ongoing (2) check GPS

			connectivity education and (3) encourage use of PLBs education. Continue
22	Indicate how SAR controllers can access Shine Micro MMSI database	Shine Micro	We have taken the action item regarding the process to USCG watchstanders for contacting us directly. Complete; confirm at next meeting
23	Confirm if a station license is needed for a vessel licensed by rule on an innocent voyage travelling to Bahamas (or Alaska)	FCC	Ghassan Khalek indicated ship station license not required for a licensed by rule boat as long as the boat does not visit a foreign port or communicate with a foreign station. Will confirm. Complete. No station licenses needed unless port call or communications with foreign coast station. Close
24	Confirm FCC regulatory issues as described in MMSI webpages	FCC	Mostly confirmed but review incomplete. Close
26	Can Commcom shift DSC auto test from 4 MHz to 8 MHz?	Steve Godfrey, Joe Hersey, and Patrick Gallagher	Under review.
28	Can USCG AUX provide MMSI registration info at boat shows or assist educator boaters with MMSI registration in some other way?	Brian Moore	Keep under review Telecoms rep is Andy Ely.
29	Clarify transfers where necessary. Transfer with vessel, reset MMSI if radio being sold. Guidelines for how MMSI transfers can be enforced	Joe Hersey	Transfers clarified in webpage update. Close
30	Check why USPS registration above 338439375 not being received by Coast Guard	Gene Danko	Review continues
31	Generate requirements process for USCG MMSI database	Ed Thiedeman	
32	Investigate including LBR-assigned MMSIs in ULS, noting ITU RR requirements for MMSIs	FCC (Katie Knox)	
33	Investigate including LBR MMSIs into ITU MARS	Katie Knox (also D Kennedy and G Danko)	
34	Consider impact for converting MMSI registration format from MOU to ITU	Katie Knox	
35	Develop CONOPS Requirements for MMSI use and format	Ed Thiedeman	
36	Consider new NMEA 2000 PGN for retrieving, validating and resetting own-ship MMSI	Lee Luft and Ray Novak	

37	Develop MMSI enforcement plan	Joe Hersey with FCC and USCG	
38	Update USCG and FCC database to note process for transferring MMSI from users expired license to current license	Joe Hersey and Katie Knox	
39	Update FCC maritime webpage to simplify procedures for obtaining ship station license	Katie Knox	
40	Correct matrix federal vessel procedure for obtaining MMSI	Joe Hersey	
41	Identify personnel resource necessary to address MMSI registration indicated as non-responsive MMSI	Ed Thiedeman	
42	Document BOAT US process for transferring MMSI registration to/from other providers, including from FCC	David Kennedy	
43	Bring MMSI registration problem before SSARC and NSARC, including but not limited to possibility of combining beacon and MMSI databases	Ed Thiedeman	
44	Bring MMSI registration before National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and other relevant boating education councils	Brian Moore	
45	Update NAVCEN webpage table addressing international waters	Joe Hersey	

9. Any other matters

None

10. Action Items for next meeting

See action items 31-45 above.

11. Scheduling next meeting

Thursday 3 August 1:30 PM EDT confirmed