

I strongly support the petition filed by the GMDSS Task Force. The GMDSS has the potential to save many lives. Having MMSI's separately managed by private entities and the Commission introduces another complexity into the system that may further deter vessel owners from using the system. I believe the system is already confusing to the average vessel owner. Having to reprogram their radio upon obtaining a ship station license or relinquishing a license would certainly reduce use of the system.