

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
Federal Communications Commission and
United States Coast Guard
Relating to Marine Radio Problems

1. The Federal Communications Commission and United States Coast Guard agree to cooperate in a joint effort to improve marine radio communications in the United States. The program will be given a high priority to achieve increased awareness of radio procedures by the boating public. For the purposes of this agreement, cooperation simply means that both parties, in working toward a common goal, will support each other where it is deemed beneficial and keep each other informed. Work will continue under this agreement in applicable locations as described in paragraph (3) until the local marine groups indicate that safety is not being compromised by radio interference or until such other time as either party indicates its withdrawal.

2. Under the joint FCC-USCG marine radio program, FCC Regional personnel and Coast Guard District personnel will interact as follows:
 - A. Conduct education and enforcement efforts;
 - B. Exchange schedules and adjust duplicative coverage;
 - C. Consult regularly through designated local personnel;

- D. As practicable, provide vessel transportation, direction finding service, and signal strength measurement service as requested by the other;
 - E. On request, exchange data on observed violations;
 - F. Consider warnings or sanction actions issued by the other when assessing forfeitures/civil penalties involving repeated violations;
 - G. Periodically issue a public pronouncement on conditions on marine radio;
 - H. For all violations detected during joint FCC-USCG operations, employ either FCC or USCG penalty procedures, as determined appropriate by the local supervisors, on the basis of which procedure will most effectively ensure future compliance; and
 - I. Share any measures of effectiveness regarding this effort.
3. In order for the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Agreement to be applied in a location where a radio communication problem is identified by either party, the FCC Regional Director and the Coast Guard District Commander having cognizance over this location must enter into a local agreement. The purpose of the local agreement is to implement the provisions of paragraph (2) in the problem location. Regional Directors and District

Commanders are encouraged to make local agreements for problem locations citing this national agreement as authority.

4. The above outlined cooperative program is hereby agreed to by the signatories.

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