

## MMSI Working Group Agenda

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Time / Date: Wednesday, 2 September 2026, 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM EDT

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1. **Welcome, changes to and approval of the agenda**
2. [Summary record](#) and consequential actions from May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 70          | Clarify processes, terminology and definitions used in MMSI transfer process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administrative Change – update of information not changing vessel, owner, or license type (no transfer involved)</li> <li>2. Agent Change – transfer of license-by-rule MMSI agent and also FCC</li> <li>3. Ownership Change – Transfer of vessel and/or radio to new owner (MMSI user)</li> <li>4. Combined Change – Combined administration and ownership changes,</li> </ol> | Joe Hersey, Ed Thiedeman, Gene Danko, Katie Knox, Mike Brown | Discussed under agenda 4. Only processes #2 and #3 were considered. Currently only BOAT US allows a change in agent. Since The MMSI allotment list does not include changes in agent, one can normally assume BOAT US is the new |

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|    | including license type change to/from NTIA or FCC<br>5. <del>Fleet Change</del> change in fleet ownership of multiple vessels (affects FCC only)<br>6. Inactive Vs Cancelled MMSI registration no distinction between terms |                          | agent if there's been a change in registrant.<br><b>Confirm finding for #2 and #3 at next meeting, clarify process in NAVCEN website if needed. Addressed in agenda #4</b> |
| 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       | <b>Review listing in <a href="#">16 June summary</a> agenda 5. See also agenda #10.</b>                                                                                    |
| 75 | Look for "000" MMSIs in LBR registrations<br><b>CGFIXIT query confirmed Nine.</b>                                                                                                                                           | BOAT US, USPS, Shine Joe | <b>Propose close</b>                                                                                                                                                       |

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

- Review MMSI transfer procedures outside US
  - [MMSI transfer process outside US review report](#)
- Ownership change (Action Item 70: #3 and #4)
  - A copy of a bill of sale that included the signatures of both buyer and seller would be considered sufficient proof in authorizing a change in MMSI registration from one registrant (seller) to the other (buyer).
  - If original owner is unknown, the buyer (new owner) should arrange for MMSIs to be reset
  - If transfer of ownership occurred and the registrant learns that the new owner is unknown, then the registrant shall enter "BUYER UNK" placed at the beginning of the Remarks field
- Agent change (Action Item 70: #2 and #4)
  - Only BOAT US routinely accepts a change in agent.
- Is clarification to [process in NAVCEN MMSI pages](#) necessary?

#### 5. How should MMSI registration made by foreign boaters be handled?

- How is such registration currently flagged or stopped by the registration process? How is foreign registration handled in biennial updates?
- Should referral be made to ITU MARS [Administration Information](#)?
  - Should information be added to NAVCEN MMSI pages?
  - Boaters of which foreign countries most commonly register MMSIs in the US?

6. **Manufacturer IDs for devices using a freeform number identity**
  - 9<sub>1</sub>7<sub>2</sub>T<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub>X<sub>5</sub>M<sub>6</sub>P<sub>7</sub>P<sub>8</sub>Y<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>10</sub>Y<sub>11</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> used on AIS Message #14
  - [Report of the CIRM AdHoc Group of Freeform Maritime Identities](#) (Aug 2026 – draft – with permission)
  - Should [NAVCEN webpages](#) be updated?
7. **Federal/NTIA MMSI issues**
  - How are ship MMSIs and licensing handled for MARAD ships (47 USC 352(a)(2) exempted - FCC)?
    - For Military Sealift Command ships (not 47 USC 352(a)(2) exempted - NTIA)?
  - How are federal coast station MMSIs handled?
  - Should [NAVCEN webpages](#) be updated?
8. **MMSI duplicate registrations**
  - 2026 MISLE LBR duplicate with FCC/ITU (86 total)
  - 2024 MISLE duplicate MMSIs by entity [spreadsheet](#)
9. **Guidance on registering MMSIs for use by autonomous vessels in U.S. waters**
  - FCC [FCC Notice DA 25-652](#)
  - IMO International Code of Safety for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships ([MASS Code](#))
  - Updates from USCG Automated and Autonomous Vessel Policy Council or IMO?
10. **Define what data is needed for a valid MMSI registration (affects MOA)**
  - Should we look at a harmonization project so that all agents, FCC included, are collecting similar datasets?
  - Include hull identification number (HIN)?
11. **Education and reaching out**
12. **Any other matters**
13. **Action Items for next meeting**
14. **Scheduling next meeting: 9 December at 1:30 PM EST?**

21 August 2026



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