



Radio Log Book: Merchant Shipping & Fishing Vessels.

Notice to all Owners, Masters, Officers and Skippers of Fishing Vessels.

This notice replaces MGN 288 (M+F)

PLEASE NOTE:-

Where this document provided guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances – for examples, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeing independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

Summary

This notice advises on the need for the GMDSS Log Book and the Simplified F/V GMDSS Log Book to comply with either Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installation) Regulations 1998, or Part III of the Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Vessel) Regulations 1999.

- For Vessels complying with Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installation) Regulation 1998 a GMDSS Radio Log Book is required.
- For Vessels complying with Part III of the Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations a Simplified F/V GMDSS Radio Log Book is required.

Introduction of the new publication that includes the GMDSS Radio Log and the Simplified F/V GMDSS Radio Log.

1. Introduction

1.1 This notice concerns vessels complying with Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1998, and Part III of the Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1999. It is a requirement under Regulation 20(1) of the Radio Installation Regulations 1998 that a Log of matters specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations must be maintained and be available for Inspection. It is a requirement under Regulation 19(1) for UNITED KINGDOM DIRECTIVE FISHING VESSELS, and under direction 25(1) for UNITED KINGDOM NON-DIRECTIVE FISHING VESSELS of the Radio Fishing Vessels Regulations 1999, that a Radio Log of matters specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations must be maintained and be available for inspection. The matters specified, to include the time of their occurrence, are:

- (a) a summary of communications relating to distress, urgency and safety traffic and the time such communications occurred;

- (b) a record of important incidents connected with radio service and the time such incidents occurred; and
- (c) where appropriate, the position of the ship at least once a day.
- (d) a summary of communications relating to distress traffic in which the fishing vessel has participated, and the times at which such communications occurred, shall be recorded in the Simplified FV Radio Log as the communications occur.

2. Publication Details

- 2.1 The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has created a single publication which can be used as either a Radio Log Book (GMDSS) or a Simplified FV GMDSS Radio Log Book.
- 2.2 This publication uses a “delete as appropriate” and “complete as required” system.
- 2.3 The publication is called: GMDSS Radio Log Book incorporating the Simplified F/V GMDSS Log Book:
- 2.4 Printed copies of the Radio Log Book are available online from www.tsoshop.co.uk

Or write to:

TSO Orders/Post Cash Dept.,
PO Box 29,
Norwich,
NR3 1GN
UK

Telephone (Orders): 0870 600 5522
Fax (Orders): 0870 600 5533

For all orders please quote ISBN 9780115530265

- 2.5 Copies may also be ordered through The Stationery Office’s bookshops, its accredited agents or from any reputable book seller.
- 2.6 The Logbooks include instructions for completion in accordance with legal requirements including the required periodic equipment checks. The logs need to be maintained in duplicate and for this reason they are produced on carbonised paper.
- 2.7 The duplicates of Section C (the carbonated copy sheets) must be detached and carefully fastened together in the correct order to form the record of the operation of the radio installation. They should be finally disposed of in the manner directed by the operating company or the shipowner as the case may be. The Master/Skipper shall then dispose of the Radio Log in the same manner and in accordance with the requirements of the ships official Log Book.
- 2.8 For illustrative purposes, an example of a typical day’s log is attached.

GMDSS - F/V Radio Log

Vessels name: Nautilus

Callsign: V3CD

MMSI: 234000167

| Date & Time (UTC): | Station to: | Station from: | Operators actions/ remarks, Log in / out | Frequency, Channel or Satellite |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 12.6.08 1200 | | | DSC's, Batteries, Printers checked and satisfactory | |
| | | | NAVTEX stations selected: E & I selected | |
| | | | Position: 49-57N 009-00W 1200UTC <i>Signature</i> | |
| 1605 | All Stations | 232000124 | DSC Distress Alert 49-30N 010-00W Undesignated J3E 1603UTC | 2187.5kHz |
| 1605 | | | On watch <i>Signature</i> | 2182 kHz |
| 1607 | All Stations | Fulani/VWSB/ 232000124 | Mayday Fulani/VWSB 232000124 Position: 49-11N 011-00W Explosion and fire require immediate assistance | " |
| | | | Wind westerly 10 knots 15 POB | |
| 1609 | VWSB | GYVX | R Mayday 5miles SW of you ETA 15mins (proceed) | " |
| 1611 | " | DBCT | R Mayday 6miles SW " " " 20 " " | " |
| 1613 | " | Flaviano | R Mayday 40 miles E " " " 4 Hours (No assistance) | " |
| 1615 | " | IRGH6 | R Mayday 45 miles W " " " 3 " " " | " |
| 1620 | All Stations | Fulani/VWSB | Mayday 1619UTC Fulani: fire under control: Seelonce Feenee | " |
| 1623 | | | Off watch <i>Signature</i> | 2182 kHz |
| | | | <i>Signature</i> Master | |
| 13.6.08 1200 | | | DSC's, Batteries, Printers checked and satisfactory | |
| | | | Position: 49-30N 016-06W 1200UTC | |
| | | | EPIRB, SART, Survival craft radio and aerals checked | |
| | | | - satisfactory <i>Signature</i> | |
| 1205 | All stations | EGC | NAVAREA ONE 15 broadcast. Copy filed | Sat C |
| 1230 | All stations | NAVTEX | Navigation Warning: WZ 1234. Copy filed | 518kHz |
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