Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)

Course Length: 70 hours
Price: $1,500.00

This 10-day course is required for officers who serve on vessels equipped with GMDSS equipment. It is divided into one theory week and one practical week. Subjects include: satellite systems, terrestrial communications, transmission and reception of distress alerts and messages, maritime safety information. A trainee successfully completing this course and passing the prescribed examination will be enabled to efficiently operate the GMDSS equipment, and to have primary responsibility of radio communications during Distress incidents. Given the severe problems being experienced in the GMDSS as a result of the large number of false Distress alerts that sometimes occur, training will also be provided in techniques to avoid the unintentional transmission of false Distress alerts and the procedures to use to mitigate the effects of false Distress alerts following unintentional transmission.

Successful completion of this 70-hour Global Maritime Distress & Safety System (GMDSS) course with a passing grade of at least 75% will satisfy the GMDSS training requirements of 46 CFR 10.205(n) and Table A-IV/2 of the STCW Code.

Course Tools Required
A clear mind ready to learn and retain a large volume of information.
Paper and pencil for note taking

Recommended Reading