

■ Scope

This course covers the training recommendation in annex 3 to IMO Assembly resolution A. 703 (17) -Recommendation on Training of Radio Operators related to the General Operator's Certificate (GOC).

■ Objective

The syllabus of this course covers the requirements of the IMO Model course 1.25 and the 1995 STCW Convention Chapter IV, Section A- IV/2. 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 to 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 some times occur, training will also be provided in techniques to avoid the unintentional transmission of false Distress alerts and the procedures to use in order to mitigate the effects of false Distress alerts following unintentional transmission.