



DSO-VE Goals for 2012

To: EXCOM and the District Board:

Highlights

- 1-Improve the quantity of VSC's performed for 2012.**
- 2-Support the Coast Guard's Delta Blitz for 2012.**
- 3-Continue to expand the Kayak VSC Program for 2012.**
- 4-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.**
- 5-Continue to provide a welcome letter and an initial VSC decal kit to new examiners.**
- 6-Continue to disseminate information on a timely basis to the vessel examiners.**
- 7-Provide new Examiner training at the PCA Training Fair-twice a year.**
- 8-Continue to maintain an ALL-inclusive District Vessel Examiner website.**
- 9- Provide an RBS Information Table at D/Train**
- 10-Continue to promote good will among the D11NR VE team**

Details

1-Improve on the quantity of VSC's performed for the year.

Establish a goal of 12,000 VSC's for the year. This will be a slight increase from 2011. I plan to ask the SO-VE's and FSO-VE's to buy into this goal. Progress will be monitored and posted throughout the year and will be compared to 2011, and other Divisions and Districts in the Pacific area. Incentives for examiners to reach the 20 VSC plateau will be discontinued, and only the 60 VSC plateau will remain. This new target is concurrent with our objective of increasing the number of vessel examiners by about 10%. There will be renewed effort to attain a more uniform distribution of VSC's throughout the District with the aim of having more examiners achieve 20 or more vessel safety checks in the year.

2-Support the Coast Guard's Delta Blitz program.

As in 2009, 2010, and 2012 if planned, support the Coast Guard's Delta Blitz by staffing VSC stations as required to help educate boaters prior to launch.

3-Continue to expand the Kayak VSC Program for 2012.

While Anthony Budlong has moved on from the ADSO-VE position, I plan to expand the kayak VSC program District-wide. This program was hugely successful during 2009, 2010, and 2011. With the new 7012A and the I.D. decals, this outreach program should easily surpass 2011 levels.

4-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.

Make increased use of information e.g. articles with direct applicability to VSC exercise and procedures, reference material useful to the boating public, clarification of ambiguous requirements to facilitate and expedite vessel inspection, etc. With the advent of the District-wide email system, the VSC Newsletter was discontinued in 2011 in favor of a quarterly report that is emailed directly to each examiner. The report format will be similar to previous years.

5- As in recent years, continue to provide a welcome letter and an initial VSC decal kit to new examiners.

As each NEW examiner is qualified, the DIRAUX sends the DSO-VE a copy of the qualification letter. Within days of receipt of the letter, the DSO-VE will continue to send the new examiners a welcome letter and a VSC starter kit. The member is then added to the VSC Newsletter circulation and their name is printed in the newsletter.

6- Continue to disseminate information on a timely basis to the vessel examiners.

This will be done on an as needed basis through the District email program, which has proven to be an effective tool in communication. This tool unfortunately eliminates the communication chain, but it assures that important time sensitive information from National or District relevant to the VE program gets directly to the member and not held up at one of the staff positions. In addition, the new VE site and VSC Report will continue to be a source of communication for ALL vessel examiners

7- Provide new Examiner training at the PCA Training Fair-twice a year.

Continue to provide an introductory Vessel Examiner letter to the new member that is in AP status. In addition, continue to provide a training opportunity for members at the 2-day PCA Fair in February and August. ADSO-VE's will participate as qualified instructors. Encourage local Divisions and Flotilla's to promote these workshops and addition to providing their own, with the intent of developing interest and further expertise in the program, while obtaining a more homogeneous approach to and application to VSC requirements. Ideally I'd like to see at least ONE new examiner per flotilla. Ultimate goal is to have 330+ ACTIVE examiners by YE 2012.

8-Continue to improve the ALL inclusive District Vessel Examiner website.

With the assistance of Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS, I plan to continue to promote and maintain the 1st of it's kind District website EXCULSIVELY to aid the vessel examiner! This site is designed to aid the examiner. It includes: news, forms, job descriptions, reports, the VSC Newsletter, and many outside links that the examiner does NOT have to search for, and many other aids and materials.

9-Provide an RBS Information Table at D/Train

An RBS information table is planned at D/TRAIN in Monterey with Phil Grove, DSO-PV, Jim Goff ADSO-VE and hopefully Roger Haynes DSO-PE to interact D11NR members and discuss various RBS topics. Many handouts will distributed including; 200 VSC decals, 500 7012 forms, and kayak I.D. decals and 7012A VSC forms.

10-Continue to promote good will among the D11NR VE team

Scheduling and local conditions permitting, I plan to occasionally attend, with the participation of the ADSO-VE team, Division or flotilla VSC outings. The objective is not for the DSO or an ADSO to critique examiners or perform VSC's, but provide the DSO-VE the opportunity to understand local conditions. It also provides the local examiners an opportunity for a one-on-one network period with the DSO-VE. When appropriate, the DSO-VE and/or ADSO-VE may participate in actual vessel safety checks along with the concurrence of the local team. This effort is construed to be of mutual benefit in order to continue to provide a homogeneous approach to vessel examinations. A pre-agreed upon calendar would be established for these visits.

Respectfully Submitted,
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