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District 11 Northern Region**
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DSO-VE Goals for 2013

To: EXCOM and the District Board:

Highlights

- 1-Improve the quantity of VSC's performed for 2013.**
- 2-Support the Coast Guard's Delta Blitz for 2013.**
- 3-Continue to expand the Kayak VSC Program for 2013.**
- 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**
- 11-Continue to promote the June 1st Inland Blitz Day**

Details

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

Establish a goal of 12,500 VSC's for the year. This will be a slight increase from 2012. 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 2012, and other Divisions and Districts in the Pacific area. Incentives are in place for examiners to reaching the 60 VSC plateau. This new target is concurrent with our objective of increasing the number of vessel examiners by about 10%.

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

As in 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2013 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 2013.

Plan to expand the kayak VSC program District-wide. This program was hugely successful during 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. Paddlecraft VSC's will now be reported in my monthly reports to help examiners keep focus on this program.

4-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.

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 District website EXCLUSIVELY to aid the vessel examiner! The site includes; 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 other District RBS partners. Many handouts will be available 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 Division or flotilla VSC outings. The objective is not for the DSO to critique examiners or perform VSC's, but provide the DSO-VE the opportunity to understand local conditions. When appropriate, and along with the concurrence of the local team, the DSO-VE may participate in actual Vessel Safety Checks. These visits provide local examiners an opportunity for a one-on-one network period with the DSO-VE. 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.

11-Continue to promote the June 1st Inland Blitz Day

In addition to information provided in reports and direct email, provide a banner that will displayed at District event to keep the date in the mind of local leaders and vessel examiners.

Respectfully Submitted,
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