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## DSO-VE Goals for 2021

To: EXCOM and the District Board:

### Highlights

#### **1--Improve the quantity of VSC's performed for 2021**

Establish a goal of 5,000 VSC's for the year, to rebuild the program after the 2020 stand down due to the Covid 19 virus. National average is 20 VSC's per examiner, D11NR is 17 per examiner. 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 via AUXDATA2 and will be compared to 2019. Incentives are in place for examiners to reaching the 20 and 60 VSC plateaus. Hopefully a vaccine and water levels will cooperate.

#### **2-Continue to expand the Kayak VSC Program for 2021.**

Expand the kayak VSC program District-wide to include clubs and rental agencies thru the new updated program. This new program is starting to gain momentum as regular boating has declined due to economic reasons and low water levels. Paddlecraft VSC's will continue be reported on a separate line in my monthly reports to help examiners keep focus on this program. Billy Ray ADSO-VE will monitor this program.

#### **4-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.**

The report format will be packed with information and feature National and District news, stats, examiner test questions, and members who achieve plateaus. It will be similar as in years past.

#### **5-Continue to disseminate information on a timely basis to the vessel examiners.**

This will continue to 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 provided the member takes the time to read the email, it assures that important time sensitive information from National or District relevant to the VSC 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.

#### **6-Provide new Examiner training at the PCA Training Fair-twice a year.**

Continue to provide a training opportunity for members at the 2-day PCA Fair in January and September.. 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 225 ACTIVE examiners by YE 2021.

**7-Continue to maintain an ALL-inclusive District Vessel Examiner website.**

With the assistance of Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS who has creative control, I plan to continue to promote and maintain the District website EXCLUSIVELY to aid the vessel examiner! The one stop site includes; forms, job descriptions, reports, and many outside links that the examiner does NOT have to search for, and many other aids and materials. The site is updated WEEKLY with new information and continually kept fresh.

**8- Continue to maintain the District VSC Public website**

With the assistance of Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS, I plan to continue to promote, and maintain the District public VSC website. Jan keeps this fresh and updated and contains many various sources and contacts for the boater. As a side note, even with it's obscure address, it has MORE visits than most D11NR websites!

**9-Work with the DSO-PV to promote both programs**

Invite Mike Thompson DSO-PE to participate at presentation during D/Train and the PCA VE training class if in town.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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