



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. **AS OF THIS WRITING (11/2012) VSC PRODUCTION IS 93% OF OBJECTIVE, AHEAD OF 2011, AND VSC PRODUCTION IS ON TRACK TO SURPASS THE GOAL OF 12,000 VSC's.**

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. **IN SPITE OF POOR WEATHER AND SLOWER THAN USUAL BOATER TRAFFIC, OVER 330 VSC'S WERE PERFORMED AT THE SACRAMENTO AND STOCKTON DELTA BLITZ LOCATIONS BY 10 EXAMINERS WHICH IS AN AVERAGE OF OVER 30 VSC's PER EXAMINER. THE DISCOVERY BAY STATION WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF EXAMINER SUPPORT.**

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. **LED BY JOE HARRIS OF DIVISION 11 WITH OVER 400 PADDLECRAFT VSC's, OVER 1,3000 OR 13% OF D11NR TOTAL VSC's ARE NOW REPORTED AUXINFO.**

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. **THE DSO-VE REPORT TO THE DISTRICT BOARD CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE TO EVERY VESSEL EXAMINER ON A REGULAR MONTHLY BASIS. D11NR IS THE ONLY DISTRICT TO OFFER DIRECT COMMUNICATION FROM THE DSO-VE TO THE VESSEL EXAMINER/MEMBER. IN ADDITION, OTHER DSO's IN D11NR HAVE ALSO SIGNED ON TO A SIMILAR COMMUNICATION.**

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. **21 NEW MEMBER VSC KITS WHICH INCLUDE: (10) VSC DECALS, (5) PADDLECRAFT I.D. LABELS, (10) 7012 VSC FORMS, AND (5) 7012A PADDLECRAFT VSC FORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS NEW EXAMINERS BECOME QUALIFIED.**

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. **WHEN IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM EITHER NATIONAL OR THE DSO-VE NEEDS TO BE DISSEMINATED TO THE D11NR EXAMINER BASE, THE MONTHLY DSO-VE REPORT AND THE D11NR EMAIL SYSTEM BOTH CONTINUE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION TOOLS. THANKS TO JAN JEWELL ADSO-VE/CS, THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND ARCHIVED ON THE DISTRICT VE WEBSITE.**

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. **ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY VE CLASS WAS OFF AND FOR THE 1ST TIME EVER IN 10-YEARS, THE AUGUST CLASS WAS CANCELLED. I HAVE SEVERAL THEORIES ABOUT THIS THAT I'M PREPARED TO DISCUSS OFFLINE WITH QUALIFIED LEADERS.**

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 EXCLUSIVELY 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. **JAN JEWELL ADSO-VE/CS CONTINUES TO KEEP THE D11NR VESSEL EXAMINER WEBSITE UPDATED SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH AND FRESH. THE SITE HAS BEEN EMUNILATED SEVERAL TIMES BY OTHER DISTRICTS AND CONTINUES TO BE AT THE FORE FRONT. THE SITE CONTINUES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE D11NR VESSEL EXAMINERS AS IT RECENTLY PASSED OVER 20,000 VISITOR PLATEAU! IN SPITE OF BEING DIFFICULT FOR THE PUBLIC TO LOCATE, THE PUBLIC D11NR CONTINUES TO SHOW ACTIVITY AS IT PASSED OVER THE 3,000 VISITS.**

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. **ALONG WITH PHIL GROVE DSO-PV AND JIM GOFF ADSO-VE, 2/3 OF THE RBS TEAM MEMBERS HAD AN INFORMATION TABLE AT D/TRAIN. UNFORTUNATELY THE LOCATION DID NOT PROVIDE ADAQUATE EXPOSURE AND MEMBERSHIP INTERACTION WAS POOR.**

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. **IN SPITE OF LIMITED FUNDING, THERE WERE 3-VISITS THIS PAST YEAR. ONE OVER MEMORIAL DAY TO FLOTILLA 8-7 LAKE MENDINCO STATION, ANOTHER TO FLOTILLA'S 3-5 DISCOVERY PARK STATION IN SACRAMENTO, AND ANOTHER TO FOLSOM LAKE.**

Respectfully Submitted,
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