



## DSO-VE Goals for 2015

To: EXCOM and the District Board:

### Highlights

- 1-Integrate the ADSO-VE/DEP into the District VE program.**
- 2-Improve the quantity of VSC's performed for 2015.**
- 3-Support the Dockwalker Program for 2015.**
- 4-Continue to expand the Kayak VSC Program for 2015.**
- 5-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.**
- 6-Continue to provide a welcome letter to new examiners.**
- 7-Continue to disseminate information on a timely basis to the vessel examiners.**
- 8-Provide new Examiner training at the PCA Training Fair-twice a year.**
- 9-Continue to maintain an ALL-inclusive District Vessel Examiner website.**
- 10- Continue to maintain the District VSC Public website**

### Details

**1-Integrate the ADSO-VE/DEP into the District VE program.**

I have selected Bill Ray as an ADSO-VE/DEP and will work to integrate Billy into the DSO-VE position with the possibility of him assuming the position upon the end of my term.

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

Establish a goal of 9,000 VSC's for the year. 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 previous years, and other Divisions and Districts in the Pacific area. Incentives are in place for examiners to reaching the 60 VSC plateau. Hopefully water levels will cooperate.

**3- Support the Dockwalker Program for 2015.**

Vivian Matuk will be invited to offer a short presentations at the Vessel Examiner classes at the PCA Fair and her material will be included in my DSO-VE reports.

**4-Continue to expand the Kayak VSC Program for 2015.**

Plan to expand the kayak VSC program District-wide. This 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 separately in my monthly reports to help examiners keep focus on this program.

**5-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.**

The report format will be similar to previous years.

**6- As in recent years, continue to provide a welcome letter and an initial VSC 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 email new examiners a welcome letter and the member then is added to the District VSC report circulation. A small VSC starter kit is then mailed to the new examiner. In addition, their name is printed in the newsletter.

**7- 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 provided the member takes the time to read the email, 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.

**8- 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 January and August. The ADSO-VE's are invited to participate either as qualified instructors or guest speakers. 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 250+ ACTIVE examiners by YE 2015.

**9-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 EXCULSIVELY 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. The site is updated WEEKELY with new information and continually keep fresh.

**10- 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. This site is continually kept 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!

Respectfully Submitted,  
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