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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 11 Northern Region**
Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah



2024 DSO-VE Goals

To: EXCOM:

Highlights

1-Improve the quantity of VSC's performed.

Establish a goal of 3,000 VSC's for the year. The National average is 20 VSC's per examiner, D11NR is about the same, but would I'd like each examiner to consider at least 25 VSC's each. I plan to ask the SO-VE's and FSO-VE's to buy into this goal. Progress will be monitored in AUXDATA 2 and posted throughout the year in my monthly report and will be compared to 2023.

2-Provide new Examiner training at the PCA Training Fair and ZOOM classes-four times a year.

In the effort to help rebuild the D11NR VE database, and in conjunction with Laurence Boag ADSO-VE/DEP, I will continue to provide a training opportunity for members at the 2-day PCA Fair in January and September. In addition, I'd like to provide an on-line ZOOM training twice a year-30th-31st March and 8th-9th June. As in the past, I'll encourage ALL DCDR's and FC's to promote these classes/workshops. My intent is to develop more expertise in the VSC program than offered by just simply challenging the online exam. Ideally I'd like to see at least **ONE** new examiner per flotilla.

3-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.

The report format will continue as in the past and will be packed with information that features National and District news, stats, examiner test questions, and members who achieve plateaus. It will continue to be distributed to the Board and Staff as well as the entire D11NR VE base.

4-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 communication tool. 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 on a timely basis and not held up at one of the staff positions. In addition, the D11NR VE website will continue to be a one stop resource for ALL vessel examiners.

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

With the assistance of Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS who has had creative control for 16-years, 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.

6-Continue to expand the Kayak VSC Program.

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 past 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.

7- 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 to various yacht clubs and organizations. 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!

8-Continue to to promote RBS as JOB #1 for the Auxiliary.

I plan to use **EVERY** opportunity to remind the members that RBS is still our prime focus.

Respectfully Submitted,
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