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DSO-VE Goals for 2008

To: EXCOM and the District Board:

Highlights

- 1-Establish and maintain an ALL-inclusive District Vessel Examiner website.**
- 2-Improve on the number of VSC's performed for the year.**
- 3-Enhance effort to recruit Vessel Examiners.**
- 4-Improve incoming reports from the SO-VE's to DSO-VE.**
- 5-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.**
- 6-Continue to disseminate information on a timely basis to the flotillas through the SO-VE's.**
- 7-Continue to promote good will among the VE team**
- 8-Enhance use of instructional material**
- 9-As in past years, continue to provide a welcome letter and an initial VSC decal kit to new examiners.**

Details

1-Establish an ALL inclusive District Vessel Examiner website.

With the assistance of Irene Wetzel DSO-CS, I'm establishing the 1st of it's kind District website EXCULSIVELY to aid the vessel examiner! This site will be designed to aid the examiner. It will include: 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. This will site will be constantly updated.

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

Establish a goal of 7,500 VSC's for the year. This will be a 2% increase over 2007. 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 the previous year, and other Divisions and Districts in the Pacific area. I will continue to offer incentives for examiners to reach the 20 VSC plateau and 60 VSC plateau. Awards will be distributed at the District meetings to the DCP's to be forwarded to the local FC's at the Division meetings. 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 count throughout the District with the aim of having more examiners achieve 20 or more vessel safety checks in the year.

3-Enhance effort to recruit Vessel Examiners.

Provide an introductory Vessel Examiner letter to the new member that is in AP status. Continue to provide a training opportunity for members at the 2-day PCA Fair in February and August. Ideally I'd like the ADSO-VE to participate as a qualified instructor. 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 300 ACTIVE examiners by YE 2008.

4-Improve incoming reports from the SO-VE's to DSO-VE.

In early January 2008, I plan to communicate to the SO-VE team through the ADSO-VE, an outline of the program goals and objectives for the year, including reporting requirements and timeline. This should help further clarify our mission, plans, and roadmap for success. I plan to actively include the ADSO-VE in these communications, including regular reporting. All reports will be sent directly to the ADSO-VE.

5-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.

6-Continue to disseminate information on a timely basis to examiners in the flotillas through the SO-VE's.

This will be done on an as needed basis, following the channel of communication to the SO-VE's through the ADSO, on matters of marked urgency and/or importance, such as National or District news relevant to the VE program. In addition, the new VE site will be a source of communication for ALL vessel examiners.

7-Continue to promote good will among the VE team

I plan to occasionally attend, with the participation of the ADSO-VE, Division and flotilla meetings or VSC outings. This will help provide a better understanding of the program goals and objectives, through questions and answer sessions, illustrations, and open discussion. 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.

8-Enhance use of instructional material

Work with local teams to insure there is adequate supply of brochures, instructional aids, boating safety supplies, such as flags, pamphlets, etc. Consider creating an instructional video, e.g CD/DVD, outlining the process of conducting a vessel safety check. This could be used as a ready reference tool by VE's to further develop their examination skills.

9-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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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