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WEEK OF 17-FEB-2021

Monthly meeting via WEBEX This Sunday 21-FEB-2021 feel free to invite someone!

FSO's please submit your reports before Friday

Link and agenda to follow

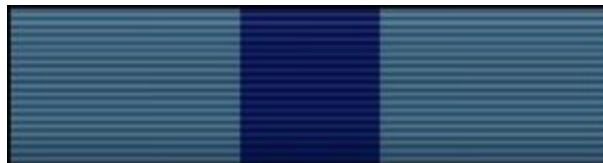
VSC Stickers are in! Send requests to FSO-VE Adams

Get a jump start on VE see attached for VE workshop

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=WORKSHOPS>

Any questions regarding the course please reach out to FSO-MT Fisch

Becoming a Vessel Examiner



Examiner Program Ribbon

This ribbon recognizes qualifications in various examiner program areas. Auxiliarists who qualify as a VE, RBSV, or a CFVE may wear the Examiner Program Ribbon. Auxiliarists show multiple qualifications by adding 3/16-inch bronze or silver stars.

"So how do I become a certified Vessel Examiner?" Excellent question and easy to answer!

The process of qualifying as a Vessel Examiner is quite simple;



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1st – You must locate all the materials that you will need. You should read and understand all the material! This should be done before you take the online Vessel Examiner Exam located at the National Testing Center (NTC). You might consider having a VE mentor to help you study and prepare you for the final VE exam.

Since these materials can be difficult to locate, we have developed a list and provided links for you to make it easier. These links will help guide you through the various reading material needed to successfully pass the online Vessel Examiner Exam:

Vessel Examiner Materials with LINKS

- The VSC Manual **M16796.8A** can be found at [this link](#). Change one can be found at [this link](#). Print the VSC manual to use as a study guide.
- You should also be familiar with **Forms ANSC-7003, ANSC-7008, ANSC-7012, and ANSC-7038**. They can be found on the forms page at [this link](#).
- Additional guidance is available using a PowerPoint presentation for performing **VSC's on PWC's** ([this link](#)) and **Paddle Craft Virtual VSC** ([this link](#)).
- Be familiar with the current VSC workshop ([this link](#)).

Vessel Examiner Practice Test

Once you have studied the above reference material we recommend you take the **Vessel Examiner Practice Test** ([this link](#)). This exam will test your skill level if you are ready to take the online exam. The VSC practice exam has 100 questions with true/false and multiple choice questions. It has a separate answer sheet "**Vessel Examiner Practice Test – Answer Sheet**" ([this link](#)) with reference material to each question. Your score is **not recorded**; however, you should get 90 questions correct. This practice examination has questions taken from the VSC manual, Forms and the paddle craft/PWC sections in the VSC manual.

Vessel Safety Check Exam/Requirements

Now, you should be ready to take the exam. Go to <http://ntc.cgaux.org/> and take the online Vessel Examiner Exam. This is an open book exam and you will get your results as soon as you complete the exam. You can retake this exam as many times as you need if you don't pass it the first time around. This online exam has 30 questions with a three hour time limit and the passing score is 90%. The exam has multiple choice questions with four possible answers; however, only one answer is the best answer.



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2nd - Once you successfully pass the online Vessel Examiner Exam, you will need to reach out to your flotilla Member Training or Vessel Examiner staff officers, to aid you in locating a current/qualified Vessel Examiner to assist you in the next step of the process. You then will need to complete five (5) supervised Vessel Safety Checks using the ANSC 7012 under the watchful eye of this current/qualified Vessel Examiner.

3rd - After you have completed your five (5) supervised Vessel Safety Checks, the supervising Vessel Examiner must properly report the VSC's on a ANSC 7038 form, listing you as a "TRAINEE", and themselves as the "LEAD". Once the 7038 form is completed and submitted to the flotilla Information Services staff officer, they will enter it into AUXDATA.

4th - Once it is shown in the AUXDATA/AUXINFO system as having completed both the online Vessel Examiner exam, and five (5) Vessel Safety Checks, as a TRAINEE, then your flotilla will need to follow your Districts procedures regarding entering your certification into AUXDATA.

The key to becoming a great Vessel Examiner is all in the training. It can be done by classroom instruction along with hands on training, or by self-study along with some hands-on training. For additional training aides, visit the V-Directorate web site using [this link](#).

We look forward to YOU becoming a part of the Vessel Examiner Team. One of our goals is to assist you in achieving this qualification. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.



Auxiliary Vessel Examination and RBS Visitation Program Service Performance Award

The VE/RBSVP Service award is awarded for completing a total of 60 or more vessel examinations, of any combination, including Auxiliary surface facilities, recreational boats, paddle craft, personal water craft, commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, and uninspected towing vessels (a total of 20 or more examinations, of any combination, of commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, and uninspected towing vessels will also earn the award). It may be awarded for conducting a total of 60 or more RBSVPs. It may also be awarded for conducting a total of 60 or more, of any combination, RBSVPs and vessel examinations identified above.



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Looking for Instructors (Rescheduled)

We are looking for instructors interested in conducting these courses, as well as members who are interested in qualifying for the Instructor Qualification. Exact schedule TBA. If interested, please contact AUX John McNamara VFC, FSO-PE at: cgauxjwm@gmail.com

Suddenly in Command (2 hours):

Personal Watercraft Course (1 hour):

Paddler's Guide to Safety (1 hour):

Waypoints (1 hour):

HAM Radio Course Continues Final WEEKS!

AUX John Kiernan continues HAM Radio Course every Wednesday at 8pm. If Interested email John at: ke2un@msn.com

If you want to find out more about Amateur radio go to ARRL.org which has a great detail of the subject. Amateur Radio has many facets. When they become a Ham, they can get involved in fast scan TV. Talking to Astronauts in the space station, use amateurs' satulates to communicate with other hams, work digital stations, build their own radios and so on. Amateur radio is a constant learning experience There would not have been cell phones if there were not hams who developed the service.

The course will culminate with an opportunity to garner an FCC license.

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Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Program

Welcome to the First Southern Region Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety and Operation Safe Catch program. The Commercial Fishing Industry is the most hazardous occupation resulting in the highest fatalities on the water. In support of Coast Guard efforts to improve Commercial Fishing Vessel (CFVS) Safety, the Auxiliary is offering specialized training within the CFV program educating members in becoming qualified CFV examiners (CFVE). Those qualified as CFV examiners will conduct CFV exams dockside, by inspecting both the vessel, and safety equipment carried on board. CFVE's provide local knowledge, and familiarization within the fishing areas and harbors. Just like the Auxiliary's VSC program dedicated to recreational boats, participation is voluntary and there is no penalty if a vessel fails the exam. CFVE's are seen as coaches, and educators not as law enforcement officers. Our primary objective is to ensure that the vessel we examine returns to their homeport safely.

A companion to the CFV safety check program is the "Dockwalker" program. Initially a pilot effort developed by us in the First Southern Region, this program provides members who may not have the time or interest to train for the specialized work of vessel inspectors the opportunity to act as dockside public affairs officers via the VSC/MDV programs. Dockwalkers provide critical information materials to fishing vessel crews. They are frequently the first point of contact with the fishermen and are able to encourage the voluntary dockside exam.

- [Links National M-Department](#)
- [Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Program](#)
- [Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner POS](#)