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FROM: Flotilla Staff Officer – Vessel Exam (VE)
TO: Flotilla Commander, SO-VE Division 25
COPY: VFC and FSO-CS
SUBJECT: **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT for August 2025**

1. Goals: Recreational Boating Safety -Visitation Program (PV), Vessel Exam (VE):

- Promote RBS in conjunction with PA, PE, PV and VE events
 - Work with public affairs, education, and vessel examination to promote entire RBS outreach. Integrate with HR for flotilla recruitment. Use PV to promote Flotilla and Division PE attendance and locations of VSC Events.
- Compile and expand list of current program partners and VSC locations
 - Have each certified member report to the local partners and pair them with a member RBS Visitor or VE.
 - Use Division Newsletter (PA) to identify all Flotilla VSC days and provide Division help.
- Recognize members
 - Recognize members for Service Performance Award - 60 RBS visits and/or Vessel exams in a year.
 - Promote RBS Device and multiple areas of RBS points that can achieve the 120 hours needed each year for (2) consecutive years to earn RBS device.

2. VSC conducted and other activities contributing to flotilla goals:

- Flotilla 06/Division 25 year-to-date numbers
 - 2025 VSC/Facility Inspections completed YTD: 341 for DIV25, 188 for 25-06.
 - Top flotilla for VE in Division, 4th in District
 - All VE have completed required VSC and training to stay in good standing
 - Great job this year to Carol Hostetter, Eric Roos, Sue Duke, Jerry Little, Brian Gritte, and Steve Minutolo. Including myself in those numbers, we have 7 very active VEs

3. Upcoming activities, projects, and events that contribute to accomplishment of goals:

- No larger planned VSC days.
- Members continue to do “I want a VSC” and other VEs

4. Information from District/National/Others: (See links following report for details)

5. Issues/Concerns: All VSC and Facility Inspections conducted within 30 feet of water require the wearing of a USCG Certified PFD, as covered by the 2025 VE Workshop. Boat ramp parking lots would be exempt, but all docks would fall under this rule. personal, and PFD for boat crew all qualify and if you want a USCG Auxiliary PFD please contact your RS officer or FC to have one issued.

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Additional National Resources:



Recreational Boating Safety Outreach: <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT>



Member Training for Vessel Examiner (VE)

Vessel Examiner Website: <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=vessel-examiner>

1. Review the [Vessel Safety Check Manual \(M16796.8A\)](#) Additional guidance is available for [checks on personal water craft \(PWCs\)](#) and [checks on paddle craft](#).
2. Take the [Vessel Examiner Exam \(VE\)](#) online at the National Testing Center. [A practice exam is available online](#) for review
3. Complete Annual Workshop and attestation (see below)
4. Conduct **5** supervised VSC by certified VE on **power vessels**
5. Certified VE will report those VSC as lead and name of trainee on [form ANSC 7038](#). When 5 are complete, the FSO-VE will send District 5R form to FC and DSO-IT for certification.

Maintaining Certification - To keep an active certification as a VE, you must conduct at least **5** VSCs per year **including your first year of certification**. Failure to do five VSCs means you must conduct two supervised VSCs in a year and then 5 additional VSC or certification will lapse after five years. A VE must also review the annual workshop, [now available for 2025](#). [The attestation for reviewing the annual workshop](#) is also available and must be submitted by June 30th to stay current.

Member Training for RBS Visitor (PV)

Partner Visitation link: <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=partner-visitation>

1. Review the [RBS Visitation Program Manual \(M16796.3C\)](#) for all directions to the PV program.
2. Complete the [Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor Exam \(MDV\)](#) online at the National Testing Center.
3. Conduct two program visits under the supervision of a certified PV. The two visits must be reported on [form ANSC 7046](#) by the supervising PV.

Maintaining certification – Conduct at least (4) partner visits per year. If in REYR, do (2) supervised visits in a year and 4 additional visits or certification will lapse after five years. A PV must also review the annual workshop, [now available for 2025](#). [The attestation for reviewing the annual workshop](#) is also available and must be submitted by June 30th to stay current.

PVs [can use this helpful brochure](#) to guide their discussions during program visits. Potential Program Visitation staff officers at the flotilla, division and district levels [can take advantage of these informative job descriptions](#). The annual [RBS Visitation Program Summary](#) is also available.

Recreational Boater Safety Member Recognition

Examiner Program Ribbon



The Examiner Program Ribbon recognizes qualification and service in the critical V-Directorate program areas. Auxiliarists may wear the ribbon who qualify as a Vessel Examiner (VE), Program Visitor (PV) or Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner. Auxiliarists who hold multiple certifications also add 3/16-inch bronze stars.

Service Performance Award



The VE/PV Service ribbon is awarded for outstanding annual service. Auxiliarists must complete 60 or more program visits, vessel safety checks (VSC), or combination of both each year. Auxiliarists may also qualify for a total of 20 exams of commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels and uninspected towing vessels.

Earn the RBS Safety Device



120 Points for (2) consecutive years (240) total

- 1 point for each Vessel Examination
- 1 point for each Paddle Craft Examination
- 1 point for each Program Visitation
- 1 point for each hour of Paddle Craft Operations under patrol
- 1 point for each hour of Public Affairs Activities (10J, 10B, 10C, and 10F)
- 1 point as Lead Instructor for Public Education and ½ point as Assistant Instructor
- 1 point for Legislative Outreach

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ixy2bE6LcKmGBXpLNO4BeYReqQbV88Kb/view>