

# WHY BECOME A VESSEL EXAMINER?

## You can:

- make a difference
- save a life
- contribute to safety on the water
- talk to boaters about safety
- answer boaters' questions
- help spread the word about the Auxiliary
- recruit new members



# WELCOME VESSEL EXAMINERS

## WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

- Offer guidance in conducting vessel safety checks
- Help achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state requirements
- Address Vessel Examiners concerns on current topics

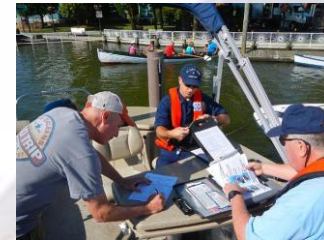
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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Uniforms COMDTINST M16790.1G

- Operation Dress Uniform (ODU)
  - Black boots or boat shoes
- Hot Weather (ODU) Uniform
- USCG Auxiliary Vessel Examiner Polo Shirt
  - ODU shorts, 1" above knee
  - Boat shoes



VESSEL EXAMINER POLO



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# NEW VE PRACTICE EXAM

- Historically, the on-line Vessel Examiner test has had a low first-time pass rate
- To improve the first-time pass rate, a practice exam has been added to the V-Directorate Job Aids Kit website under “How to Become a VE” tab
- This exam will test your skill level to see if you are ready to take the online exam
- The VSC practice exam has 100 questions (true/false and multiple choice) taken from the VSC manual and various forms. There is also a separate n Answer Sheet to see how you did.





# VE CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS

In the first year of VE qualification, the VE is **NOT** required to perform five additional VSCs in addition to supervised VSCs conducted during qualification.



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- A qualified VE who fails to perform the annual certification procedures, must complete two satisfactory VSC exams as a trainee, under the supervision of a certified VE using the ANSC Form 7012 to regain qualification
- In addition, another five VSCs are required to retain certification for the following year



# IMPORTANCE OF “ASSIGNMENT TO DUTY”

- Auxiliarists who are injured may be compensated
- Requirements for Assignment to Duty
  - Have a VE Qualification Certification
  - Activity scheduled with elected officer or FSO-VE



# GETTING STARTED

- The VE should emphasize the examination is voluntary and that deficiencies will not be reported to the Coast Guard or other law enforcement agencies
- The VSC is offered at no charge





# REVISED VSC FORM 7012

- The Vessel Safety Check Form 7012 has been updated.
- The new form is version (09-18); however, it does indicate previous editions may still be used.
- The major change allows space for “Remarks” on the first page
- An additional item has been added to the “Recommended and Discussion” section, VIII.k, Insurance Considerations



# AWARDING VSC DECAL

- The VE shall ensure the VSC decal is affixed immediately after the exam
- Attach decal to a visible, permanent piece of the vessel, e.g. lower forward corner of a portside window



# REPORTING ACTIVITY

- **Timely and accurate submission of the VE Activity Form (ANSC-7038) ensures get credit for your effort.**
- **It is encouraged that activity reporting be done after each mission. However, multiple missions may be combined on one form. A mission can include a mix of power/sail boats, paddle craft, and/or facilities.**
- **When a mission includes a trainee, you should submit a separate report for only that portion of the mission during which the trainee was involved. Indicate in the "Remarks" that a trainee was involved. Include the rest of your mission/activity on a separate report.**



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- If multiple trainees are involved, it is recommended that a separate report be submitted for each trainee, showing yourself as lead. Keep in mind that a vessel safety check can only include one trainee. The use of multiple trainees for a single VSC is not authorized.
- When VSC activity is reported on Form 7038, include all preparation and travel time on your monthly Form 7029 using category 99B
- When reporting activity for a mission, all blocks need to be filled in, even if “0”
- The 7038 has a max of 99 VSCs reported for any mission. If you are trying to report more than 99 VSCs, use two forms

