

ACCOMPLISHING VSCs

Multiple considerations influence when, where, and how many VSCs will be accomplished during a calendar year.

- Number of VEs are available in the Flotilla, and their potential activity level
- VSC location geography; close by, need to drive some distance, etc.
- Number of accessible boat launch ramps
- Marina numbers, locations and sizes
- Yacht Club numbers, locations, relationships, and sizes
- Commercial boat rental activities; numbers, locations, and sizes
- Ability to organized planned group activity field trips+
- Time of year

The FSO-VE should encourage, organize, be aware of, etc., the following:

- Each Flotilla VE must be currently certified and properly outfitted (uniform, clipboard, flashlight, forms, handouts, VSC stickers, etc.). When acting as a group, all VEs should be in the same uniform.
- Develop a working knowledge of local harbors, marinas, launch ramps, and any other location where boats congregate in the local area. If there is a local manager (e.g., at a boat launch ramp), call on that manager, and become familiar with their local restrictions concerning VSC operations.
- Call on Marina Managers and Yacht Club officials with the aim of developing a working relationship; advertising VSC services among the members, performing initial VSCs for new members, how many vessels are involved at each activity, etc.
- Organize planned group activities at launch ramps, Yacht Clubs, Marinas, etc.; advertise, get pre-event sign ups, be prepared for walk ups+. Target one group pre-planned activity per month January through March or April, and two activities per month April or May through Labor Day.
- Coordinate with close by Flotilla FSO-VEs to increase the number of VEs available for pre-planned group activities.
- Plan and accomplish concerted efforts to interest commercial vessel rental activities in participating in a VSC program. These activities can be difficult to initiate and sustain, but a successful program has many benefits . both directions. Specialized experience and training are available from the VE Chain of Leadership and are highly recommended.