

Viking Age Vessels
REQUIREMENTS TO ACHIEVE RANK
September 11, 2005

1. Mate

- 1.1. A Mate candidate must be a Contributing, Full, or Patron member of VAV.
- 1.2. A Mate candidate must hold a State of Ohio Boating Certificate, or an equivalent acceptable to the Board.
- 1.3. A Mate candidate must have sailing and command experience, gained one of two ways:
 - 1.3.a. Serving as a Mate-in-training on three days of VAV Expeditions. The Officer directly supervising the candidate must certify in writing that the candidate performed at an acceptable level. If a candidate fails to perform at an acceptable level, this shall be recorded and reported to Board when the Board makes its decision on the candidacy, but there is no specific limit on the number of failures. If insufficient activity occurs on a day to properly judge a candidate, the day need not be reported.
 - 1.3.b. Outside sailing experience acceptable to the Board and a demonstration to the Board or its designated representative(s) that he or she possesses adequate knowledge and skill to command a Small Boat.
- 1.4. If evidence has been presented to the Board that the foregoing requirements have been met, and the Board concurs that the candidate can safely advance the goals of VAV, it shall award the Rank of Mate to the candidate. The Board's decision is final.
- 1.5. The Board may, at its sole discretion, re-consider a candidate previously rejected if new evidence is presented.

2. Captain

- 2.1. A Captain candidate must be a Contributing, Full, or Patron member of VAV.
- 2.2. A Captain candidate must hold the Rank of Mate.
- 2.3. A Captain candidate must demonstrate sailing and command experience, as follows. The Hersir of the Expedition must certify in writing that the candidate performed at an

acceptable level. If a candidate fails to perform at an acceptable level, this shall be recorded and reported to Board when the Board makes its decision on the candidacy, but there is no specific limit on the number of failures. If insufficient activity occurs on a day to properly judge a candidate, the day need not be reported.

2.3.a. Serving a total of three days of VAV Expeditions as Captain-in-training. These three days must include either:

2.3.a.1. Serving one day as Captain-in-training of a multi-boat Expedition, or

2.3.a.2. All days of a multi-day Expedition.

2.3.a.3. These three days must include serving one day as Captain-in-training on a Large Boat.

2.4. If evidence has been presented to the Board that the foregoing requirements have been met, and the Board concurs that the candidate can safely advance the goals of VAV, it shall award the Rank of Captain to the candidate. The Board's decision is final.

2.5. The Board may, at its sole discretion, re-consider a candidate previously rejected if new evidence is presented.

3. Demo Leader

3.1. A Demo Leader candidate must be a Contributing, Full, or Patron member of VAV.

3.2. A Demo Leader candidate must demonstrate knowledge of Viking Age cultures and arts, teaching skills, and leadership. The Demo Leader must certify in writing that the candidate performed at an acceptable level. If a candidate fails to perform at an acceptable level, this shall be recorded and reported to Board when the Board makes its decision on the candidacy, but there is no specific limit on the number of failures. If insufficient activity occurs on a day to properly judge a candidate, the day need not be reported. To be considered for the Rank of Demo Leader, the candidate must:

3.2.a. Serve as a Costumed Interpreter at two VAV Demos, where the candidate's knowledge and teaching skills will be evaluated, and

3.2.b. Serve as a Demo-Leader-in-training at two VAV Demos, where the candidate's leadership skills, organizational skills, knowledge, and teaching skills will be evaluated.

3.3. If evidence has been presented to the Board that the foregoing requirements have been met, and the Board concurs that the candidate can safely advance the goals of

VAV, it shall award the Rank of Demo Leader to the candidate. The Board's decision is final.

- 3 . 4 . The Board may, at its sole discretion, re-consider a candidate previously rejected if new evidence is presented.