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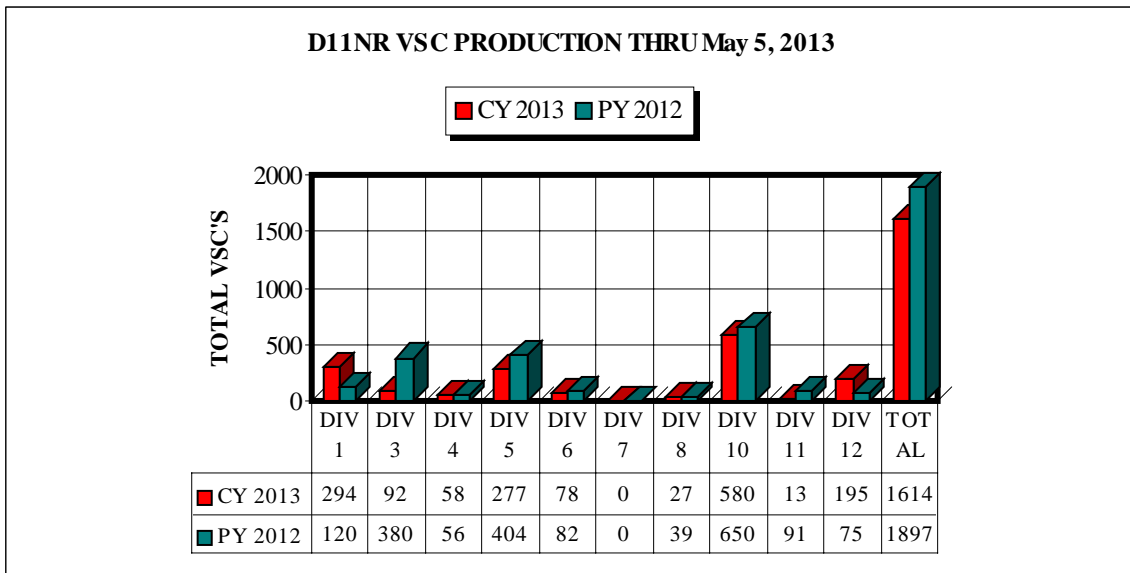


Vessel Safety Check Report May 2013

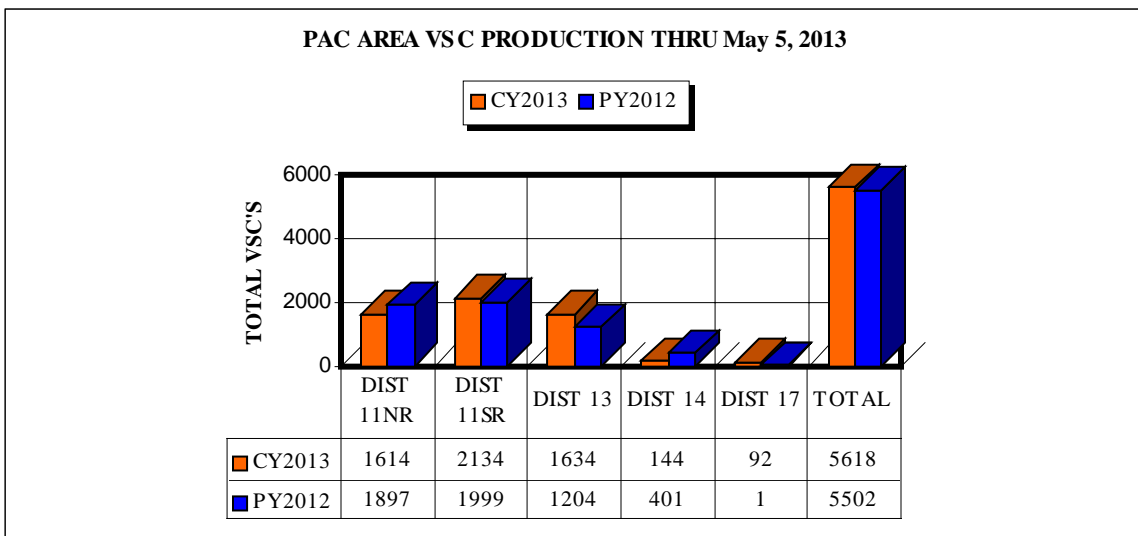


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D11NR Statistics*



PAC AREA Statistics*



The 2013 goal for D11NR is 12,500 VSC's. We are 13% of our goal and 102% of 2012 production. Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 81% or 1,302 have passed, 607 or 38% are First Time VSC's, and 575 or 36% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 185 or 12% are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO*.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru May 5, 2013

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the **20** or more VSC plateau during 2013:

Charles M. Duncan	03-09	Joes R. Periera	04-09
Steven M. Johnson	05-01	Norwood B. Maddry	05-01
Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05	Tracy R. Schultz	06-04
Steven W. Dicken	10-06	Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy	10-06
Duane L. Blackwell	12-01	James J. Duffy	12-01

This brings our total to **22** examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately **7%** the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had **21** examiners or **6%** at this time.

Please check the D11NR Vessel Examiner recognition site:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> for your name! It is also accessible from the D11NR Vessel Examiner site: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) from the PCA Training Fair who have recently completed the Vessel Examiner qualification. Please assist other members in completing their qualification at a local VSC outing.

Charlie Knapper	10-02	William Singleton	10-02
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Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

No new or re-certified members to report.

***Re-Certified**

With the addition of new examiners for 2013, our examiner base is now **302** active examiners! This represents about **19%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

VSC Calendar

National Safe Boating Week May 18th-24th 2013

Inland Lake Blitz-June 1st

Operation Dry Water-June 28th-30th

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have recently achieved the coveted **Recreational Boating Safety Device (RBS)**. These members are part of elite group-58 members or approximately **5%** of our D11NR membership who have dedicated 2-years to achieve this recognition! Check to see if your name is listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

No new members to report.

 **VSC Questions:** **Back by popular demand!** These are actual test questions from the 2007 VE Exam Version "F" Answers can be found in another location in the newsletter

1. The Vessel Safety Check Program has many admirable goals. Which of the following fits those goals?
 - a. Supplement the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Mission to minimize loss of life and property
 - b. Supplement the local/state fish and wildlife authorities in enforcing the boating laws
 - c. Supplement, as a force multiplier, the Coast Guard's interdiction policies
 - d. All of the above

2. If an owner or operator has consented to a VE performing a VSC on his/her vessel, what can be expected?
 - a. A guarantee against a boarding by the Coast Guard or local/state marine authorities, as long as the VSC decal is current
 - b. A one-on-one education about boating laws, safety equipment and operation of a vessel in a safe manner
 - c. A minimum of a 10% discount on the boat owner's marine insurance policy
 - d. A free survey of the boat, saving the owner a substantial amount of money by not having to hire a marine surveyor

National and District News

National News

-From a Recent National Report: "Updates to 2012 total vessel safety checks (VSC) given (facility, private boats, and paddle craft) continue to be made during 1Q2013 and are at currently at 138,712, up an additional 300 from my previous end-of-year report. This increase is due to reporting delays and corrections. At this time 2012 continues to run approximately 2% ahead of 2011. During 1Q2013, 12,255 VSC's were performed, or 1% ahead of the same period last year. In addition, we began 2013 with 5,959 Vessel Examiners, and by the end of 1Q2013 there are 6,096 Vessel Examiners current, a 2% increase."

D11NR VSC production finished 2012 at 107.4% of 2011, #1 in the PAC AREA, #5 in the nation, and #1 nationally with most VSC's per examiner! Great job by all!

Source: Perry Taylor DIR-VD

District News

- Operation Dry Water over the weekend of June 28th-30th is national effort sponsored by NASLBA to support the local law enforcement jurisdictions to combat drinking and boating under the influence on our local waterways. As you know, boating under the influence can ruin a great day on the water and 16% of boating fatalities are a result of alcohol use. In recent years, this program has also been supported by the Coast Guard and held in conjunction with the Delta Blitz events. This year, because of funding the Coast Guard will not participating in this important program. However, we

as Vessel Examiners (VE's) can man our local launch ramps and perform VSC's and help educate the boaters prior to launching. Please consider planning a local VSC station.

- Please remember prior to submitting **any** paperwork, whether to your FSO-IS or DIRAUX to **ALWAYS** keep a copy for your records. In addition, it is **your** responsibility to submit your 7038's and MT-2 forms on a timely basis-preferably ASAP after you've completed a recent activity. While I 'm always willing to help out with individual qualification and/or recognition issues, your 1st stop for assistance should be with your Flotilla Commander. The ultimate responsibility for **accurate and timely** reporting of VSC activities lies with **each** individual Examiner. Flotilla Staff officers can also assist members by providing AUXINFO reports during the flotilla meeting.

Question 1-"a" See page 1 of the VSC Manual

Question 2-"b" See page 1 of the VSC Manual

Let's work together for our safety and the safety of others by setting an example and wear our lifejacket while performing VSC's especially when working around docks and when climbing aboard large vessels!

