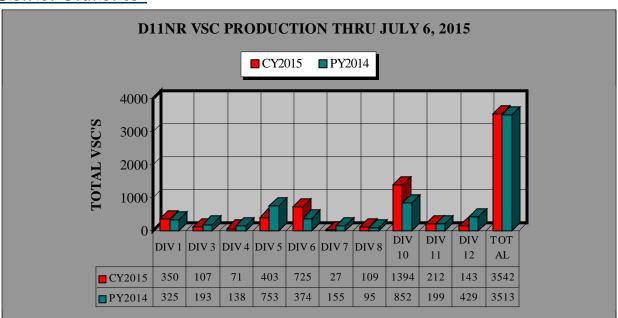


# Vessel Safety Check Report July 2015

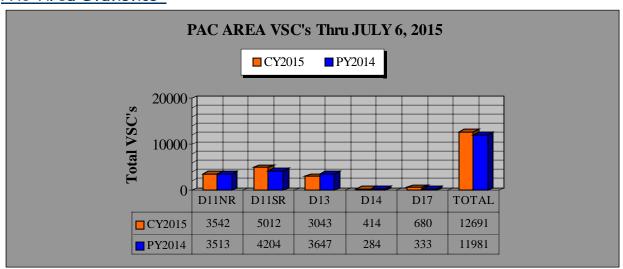
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## District Statistics\*



# PAC Area Statistics\*



The 2015 goal for D11NR is 9,000 VSC's. We are 28.3% of our goal for the year and 100.1% of 2014 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 3,147 or 89% have passed the VSC, 1,512 or 42% are First Time VSC's, 1,269 or 36% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 957 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 27% of our total VSC production.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru July 6, 2015

#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 30+ VSC plateau for 2015. With the addition of these 8 new members, this brings our total to 31 members and are part of an elite group-approximately 12% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership. These members will receive special recognition and their names will be listed on the member recognition page: <a href="http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html">http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html</a>.

Randel McCormick	05-03	Gary N. Murray	05-05
Michael A. Rafatti	10-02	Douglas T. Lazo	10-05
Victor Beelik	11-04	Dennis F. Hogan	11-04
James L. Snell	11-04	Chester R. Bartalini	12-01

# Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2015, our examiner base is now **201** active examiners. This represents about **12%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

\*recertified

Renne Feinberg 03-10 Andrew J. Manning 05-01

# **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-80 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: <a href="http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html">http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html</a>

Fred Saunders 04-03

<u>VSC Questions-</u>These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2014.

Answers can be found in another location in the report.

#### 1. Portable toilets

- a. Can be a Type I, II, or III MSD.
- b. May be dumped overboard in US waters.
- c. Are not considered installed devices.
- d. Must have a plaque showing it is Coast Guard approved.

## 2. A documented recreational vessel is required to:

- a. Display the name and hailing port on the stern in letters at least 4" high.
- b. Display the name and hailing port on both sides of the bow and stern in letters at least 4" high.
- c. Display the name and hailing port on some conspicuous part of the hull in letters at least 4" high.
- d. Have the official number and net tonnage painted on the main beam in letter at least 4" high.

## **Calendar**

-PCA Training Fair September 12th-13th CHANGED FROM 19th-20th

# National and District News

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## District News

- -For Coast Guard liability insurance purposes, PRIOR to leaving the house for ANY VSC activity other than to participate at an organized station, PLEASE remember to notify a member of the flotilla leadership (FC, VFC, FSO-VE) of your planned activity. The notification could be in the form of an email, text message or a phone call. In the unlikely event of an incident, be prepared to provide proof of the notification. In addition, for the same insurance coverage per the new VSC Manual please remember, you also need to be in uniform and if boarding a vessel you need to be wearing a lifejacket.
- -Please pass the word that once again the Vessel Examiner class is coming to PCA Fair over the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The 2-day class includes the final exam and many handouts will be provided. This class is a great bargain and an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved in the Auxiliary. The member is required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual and review the material prior to class. A copy of the VSC Manual is available for download on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <a href="http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html">http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html</a>. Additional arrangements can be made at the class to perform the 5 VSC's to complete the qualification. The release of the PCA flyer with more information is pending, however if there are any questions, please have the member contact me at <a href="mailto:sumfun@juno.com">sumfun@juno.com</a>.
- -PLEASE do NOT wear boots to climb aboard a vessel to perform a VSC. Our program allows for deck shoes, white or black tennis/walking with soft soles. If this is not an option, please consider purchasing disposal shoe/boot covers available in the paint or hardware dept. at Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc, a package of 6 for under \$10.
- -Just a reminder that if you have NOT completed the REQUIRED National Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop as required by June 30, 2014, as of December 31, 2014, you are now in REYR status. Your failure to complete the required workshop by December 31, 2014, means you will have to complete the required workshop and in addition perform 2 VSC's with a qualified examiner and then submit the MT-2 to DIRAUX to be reinstated. Please go to the D11NR website: <a href="http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html">http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html</a> where you can find an easy to follow link to AUXLMS for the 30-minute workshop, or a 1 1/2 hr power-point presentation shown at the 2014 D/Train that can be downloaded and presented locally by a qualified instructor. If you attempt the AUXLMS version, PLEASE make certain you take the FULL 30-minutes!
- -VSC's ON RENTALS-At the request of Commodore Collins, to maintain uniformity in the VSC program, moving forward, ALL VSC's for rental agencies that rent pwc's, fishing boats, houseboats, paddlecraft, etc. will now require a D11NR Rental Agreement with the

dealer. This program is relatively simple, straightforward, and is self-explanatory. You can find a copy of the instructions (ML-1), a sample introduction letter (ML-2), and a copy of the agreement (ML-3) on the D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website:

http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html under "VE FORMS". These are done in Microsoft "Word" and you can tailor them for your individual needs. Please note that to participate in this program, a Program Visitor (PV) is required. However, if you are a Vessel Examiner (VE) and a current Program Visitor (PV), you can fulfill that requirement. Please print (2) copies-one for you to keep after signed by the vendor, and one for the vendor to keep after you and the Program Visitor (PV) have signed it. You should maintain your copies for the calendar year.

-A special request from the Director's office; PLEASE have the qualifying members 7038 with the 5 VSC's entered into AUXDATA by the FSO/SO-IS <u>PRIOR</u> to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

## **W** Dockwalker News

A new link to the Dockwalker website has been added to D11NR VE website: <a href="http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html">http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html</a> under "Useful Links".

**VE Test Question Answers** 

- 1. "C" page 3-27 VSC Manual
- 2. "C" page 3-03 VSC Manual

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



