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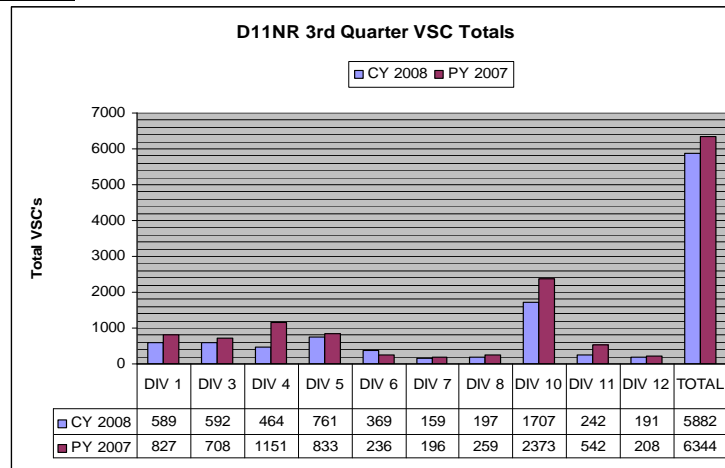


**Vessel Examinations Department  
Report for: October 2008**

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 All DCPs, All DSO's, ADSO-VE, and All SO-VE's  
**Subject:** DSO-VE Report



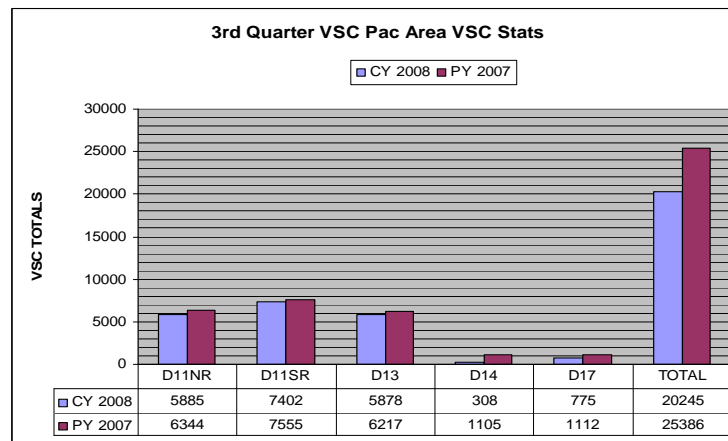
**Division Statistics\***



The goal for D11NR for 2008 is 7,500 VSC's. We are **78%** of our goal for the year and **93%** of 2007 production! The data source is AUXINFO.

Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **3674** or **62%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **3213** or **55%** are High Risk VSC's.

**PAC Area Statistics\***



\*As shown in AUX NFO thru September 30, 2008

## National/District News

Orion Safety Products, manufacturer of the Skyblazer hand-launched red aerial flare (“Skyblazer”), has received a report indicating the safety sleeve on the Skyblazer may become detached from the launch tube body during ignition (see diagram below for visual depiction of parts). A report from the field indicates that upon this occurrence, users experienced bruised knuckles, a punctured finger nail and a lacerated finger in at least one instance. A complete text of the Safety Notice can be found on the District Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>

**-In the continuing evolution to provide NEW information and improve YOUR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html> ALL past DSO-VE reports, VSC Newsletters, and important announcements have been archived. If you simply click on “HOTLINE MESSAGES” you will find them. Only the current DSO-VE report, Newsletter, and important announcements will be on the front page.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Michael J. Lauro DSO-VE**



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!

