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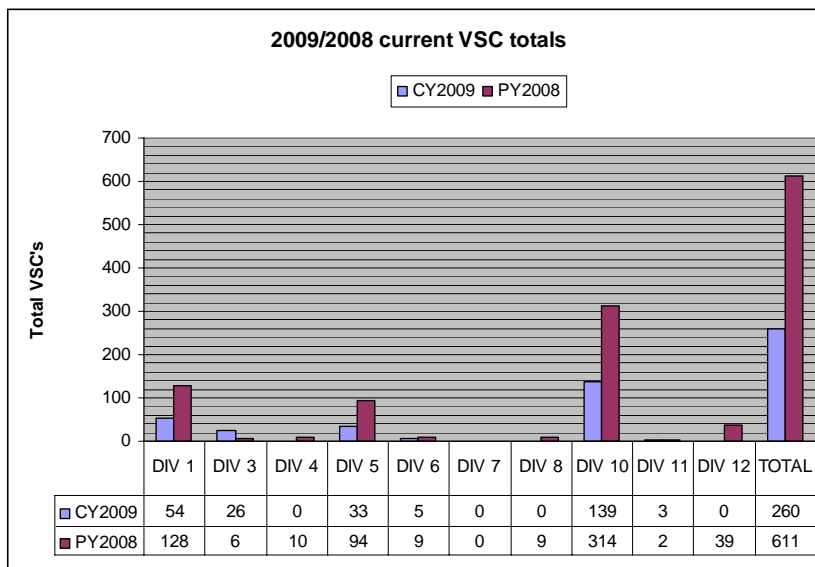


**Vessel Examinations Department
Report for: March 2009**

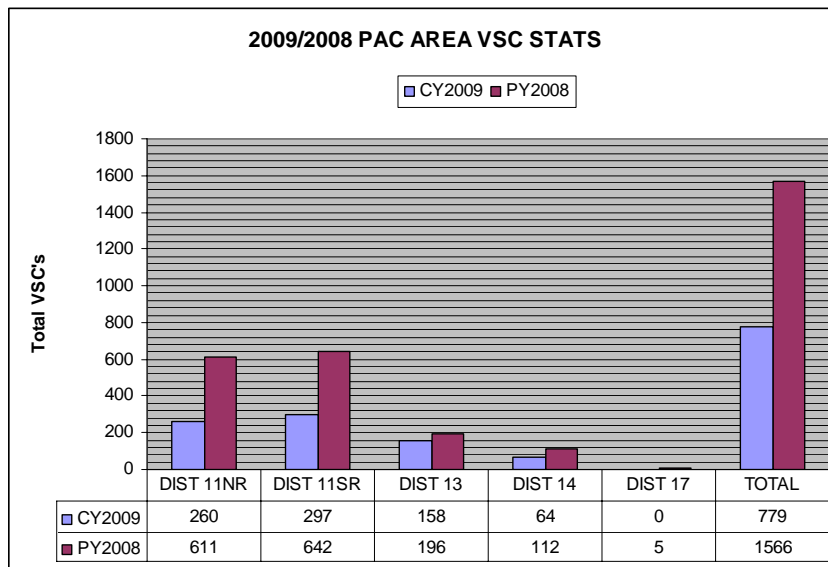
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All DCDRs, All DSO's, ADSO-VE's, SO-VE's
Subject: DSO-VE Report



Division Statistics*



PAC Area Statistics*



*As shown in AUXINFO thru 3/09

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The recommended changes for the upcoming revision of the VSC Manual have been posted on the D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. Several DSO-VE's including myself are re-working assigned areas. The target date for DSO suggested revisions is April 1st. At that time, the suggestions will be reviewed for accuracy and will be included in the revised manual. No date has been provided for the project completion.

The Vessel Examiner class held at Coast Guard Island at the PCA Training Fair had 21 students and ALL passed the written examination! Several are already working on completing their qualification. Please assist your local members in completing the qualification as soon as possible. Along with the Reno class graduates, all of their names will be listed in the April 1st edition of the VSC Newsletter. Thanks to all for supporting this effort. Another class is planned at the August PCA Training Fair.

CAL BOATING has advised me that the 2009 ABC's of Boating are in print and should be released by early April. Orders can be placed at: www.dbw.ca.gov. In addition, the promotional order form has also been released. Orders for promotional materials are planned to be distributed prior to NSBW. Finally, on a sad note Phaedra Bota, a 16 year employee of CAL BOATING and a good friend of the Auxiliary has left the Dept. Her presence will be missed. Currently her position has not been filled.

A Vessel Examiner workshop with a repeat afternoon session is planned for D/Train at Rohnert Park on Saturday March 21st. This workshop will be presented by Tony Budlong ADSO-VE and will focus on performing VSC's on kayaks and specifically for rentals. This is a huge market waiting to be tapped. You'll find there is more to performing a VSC than passing out a whistle and slapping on a decal. There is also time set aside for a general question and answer period.

As evident by the new logos, Nevada, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary have joined the "WEAR IT" campaign. A link to the National Safe Boating Council, the sponsor of the campaign can be found on the the D11NR vessel examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. As of this report, activities are still pending for the California campaign for 2009. As soon as information becomes available, it will be posted. At that point, several emails to Nevada and Utah regarding their program have gone unreturned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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!

