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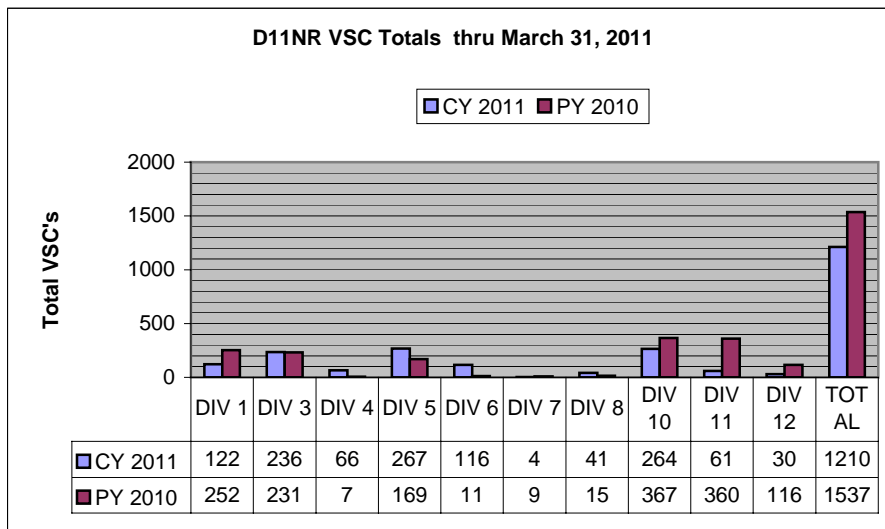


Vessel Safety Check Report April 2011

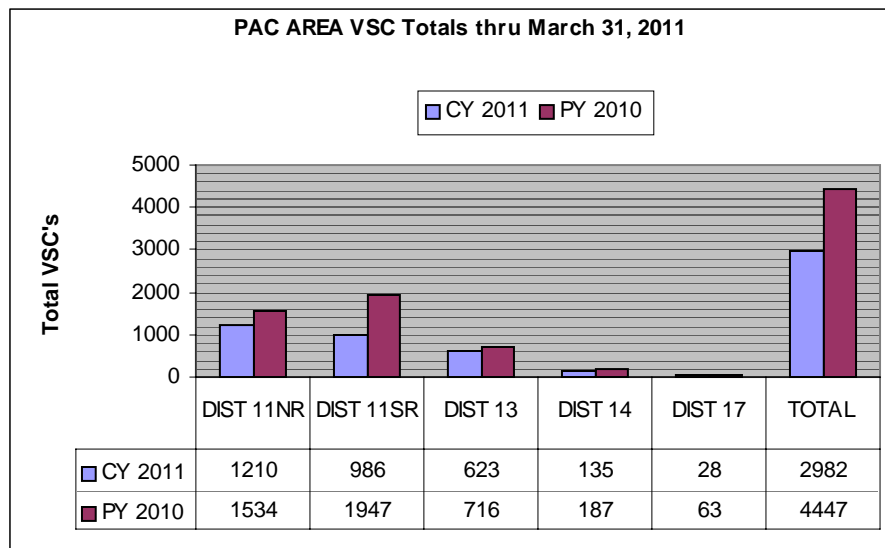


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D11NR 2011 Statistics*



PAC AREA 2011 Statistics*



The goal for D11NR is **11,000 VSC's**. We are **11%** of our goal for the year and **78%** of 2010 production at this time! The data source is AUXINFO*.

Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **626** or **52%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **668** or **55%** are High Risk VSC's.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 31, 2011

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have performed 20 or more VSC's during 2011:

Billy Ray 05-02

This brings our total to 20 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 6% of the total District examiner base. 2010 had 11 examiners or 2% at this time. Where's your name?

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 31, 2011

PLEASE be certain that all stats are reported MONTHLY using the CURRENT Form 7038 to your FSO-IS so you and your unit(s) will receive proper credit.

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

With the addition of new examiners for 2011, our examiner base is now 305 active examiners! This represents about 20% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

Roger M. Bazeley	01-07	Jose R. Moreno	04-09
Scott Bonomi*	05-07	Barry J. Campbell*	05-07
Paul K. Clauson*	05-07	Michael A. Baskett	12-01

*recertified

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following that were recognized at D/TRAIN March 26th in Rohnert Park for their contribution to the D11NR VSC program for 2010:

1st place Michael J. Lauro 1056 VSC's Flotilla 10-02

2nd place Gary N. Murray 717 VSC's Flotilla 05-05

3rd place Charles M. Duncan 488 VSC's Flotilla 03-09

In addition Flotilla 10-02 received the Outstanding VSC Flotilla Performance Award. Thanks these hard working examiners and all D11NR Examiners for a banner year!

VSC Calendar

National Safe Boating Week-May 21st-27th

VSC Mega-Weeks-June 1st-30th

D11NR Inland Lake VSC Blitz Day- June 4th

National Marina Day-June 11th

National and District News

Dockwalker News

Dear Boating Partners and Dockwalkers:

We are excited to announce a great upcoming event! **The California Department of Boating and Waterways** and the **California Coastal Commissions' Boating Clean and Green program** and the **Keep The Delta Clean Program** will be distributing and promoting clean boating information at the **Pacific Powerboat Expo and the Strictly Sail Pacific** (<http://www.ncma.com/ncmaPPEIntro.html>). We will be participating in this show

from **Friday, April 16 to Sunday, April 18**. This boat show will be in Jack London Square in Oakland (<http://www.ncma.com/ncmaPPEDirections.html>)

This is an amazing opportunity to reach a huge audience but... we can't do it without your help. Please consider volunteering with us for one (or more) of the following shifts below. It will be great if you could help us for two to four hours. Your assistance is really appreciated! Not only is it a rewarding experience, but the event is tons of fun--hundreds exhibits, the new 2011 boat models and marine accessory products, contests, hands-on features, and much more.

Please consider the following days and shifts

- **Friday, April 15th: 10 am -6 pm**
- **Saturday, April 16th: 10 am - 7 p.m.**
- **Sunday, April 17th: 10 am - 5 p.m.**

Parking and Public Transportation There is a new parking garage on that side of the show that will feed attendees right to that location. Please check the attached PDF. You may want to park in the blocks further out of the show area.

There are also some parking lots options found at

<http://www.jacklondonsquare.com/parking.html> *In this link you will also find the parking rates.*

Consider taking Public Transportation. This information is found at the bottom of the following link: <http://www.ncma.com/ncmaPPEDirections.html>

Thanks to the Boat show organizers, we will have a total of **8 passes per day**. Thus, your entrance will be Free to both shows! You can help us and then enjoy the boat show!

Booth Information: Our booth will be 866 found in the following map:

<http://www.strictlysailpacific.com/pdf/2011/2011SSPSiteMap.pdf> (Look for the FUN zone) to the right of the BOCANOVA RESTAURANT)

Please email or contact me (vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov) (415) 904-6905) if you are available to join us. **We will send out more details about volunteer logistics when you sign up.**

Many Thanks,

Vivian Matuk

Environmental Boating Program Coordinator

California Department of Boating & Waterways

District News

-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 PRIOR to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

-While 96.6% of D11NR VSC's in 2010 were performed at **INLAND WATERS**, and in keeping with ADM. Castillo's and CAPT. Stowe's request to promote boating safety on INLAND LAKES in D11NR for 2011, I have designated Saturday June 4th as D11NR INLAND LAKE VSC BLITZ DAY. This date immediately follows NSBW, the Memorial Day weekend, and is the start of National's VSC Mega-Weeks promotion. While I know that many Flotilla's have adopted ramps and scheduled VSC stations throughout the Delta area, San Francisco Bay, and off-shore, I'd like to ask that if possible, each Flotilla promote this specific VSC day at a lake in their geographic area.

Flotilla's that have not adopted a lake and Flotilla's that need to order supplies from ANSC and elsewhere have plenty of advance notice to establish the necessary contacts and obtain supplies. In addition to the VSC station, a PA and Information table should also be considered to supply boating safety information to the boater. Lastly, consider a potluck BBQ at the end of the day making this a true Flotilla effort.

After the event, I would ask each Vessel Examiner to contact their local FSO-VE's and report their day's VSC count and the name of the location where the VSC Blitz occurred so results can be forwarded to me ASAP for my District report.

By working together we can make this a successful event for 2011 and the future, and have an impact on boating safety on inland lakes here in D11NR.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

-From Cal Boating

To: All Boating Safety Partners,
Promotional Material-

"As part of continuing efforts to cut costs and tackle California's budget gap, Governor Jerry Brown directed all state agencies and departments to stop buying and distributing free giveaway and gift items - such as key chains, coffee mugs and squeeze toys.

The Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) apologizes for the inconvenience, as it knows that its promotional materials are used by partners, such as you, to provide clean, safe and convenient access to California's waterways. DBW welcomes you to continue carrying out this message by directing boaters to its Web site or by ordering publications. Should the order be lifted or exemptions be made, information will be posted on the materials ordering system web page.

Sorry for the inconvenience."

Thank you

Melissa Verduzco

California Dept. of Boating and Waterways
Safety and Education Unit

BTW-2011 ABC's are not yet available. However there is still a supply of 2010's in stock. Please order these and if necessary use a "**For More Information**" label over the year.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE

-Mussels Again-Just a reminder as the VSC season gets underway, the Coast Guard Auxiliary does **NOT** participate in enforcing any portion of local mussel inspection programs while in uniform and behalf of the Coast Guard or the Auxiliary. Please note that each local jurisdiction has different enforcement plans. Our participation in the invasive species program is limited to an awareness campaign through our one-on-one education with the boater and by distributing materials at our public education classes, at a public affairs booth, and while performing VSC's. There is **ONE** exception: a member of the Auxiliary may perform mussel inspections as a member of another agency and while **NOT** in uniform and while **NOT** performing any Coast Guard or Auxiliary function.

In the past, this position has been reviewed and reaffirmed at the National level. Please plan your scheduled VSC station locations accordingly.

-U. S. Power Squadron members have reported several issues when trying to use the oral manual inflator when demonstrating the MD 3003 "Wear It' pfd. In addition to having the instructions inside the left flap of the pfd next to the inflator, you can also find them on the District Vessel Examiner website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> and under "HOTLINE MESSAGES". You may want to print these for future reference. From Mustang Survival; "failure to follow the instructions could render the oral manual inflator inoperative."

- In keeping with the 2011 revised District 11NR Vessel Examiner communication process, there have been several email communications throughout the months of February and March. Some of the messages sent are included here: the Inland Lake VSC Blitz on June 4, 2011, DSC info, Cal Boating promotional supplies, and the oral inflator on the "Wear It' pfd. For more information on these topics and more, please refer to your D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

National News

-Make your own VE Business Cards

The V Department has released a template to allow members to create their own personalized business cards. The template set is comprised of three Microsoft Word files in a ZIP Archive file that you can download.

The "VSC VE Bus Card Vertical Instructions.doc" is the instructions and the "VSC VE Vertical Card 1 Auto.doc" is the front of the card and the "VSC VE Card Back.doc" is the back of the card.

You can download the ZIP file from this link: <http://safetyseal.net/downloads/VE-Business-Card.zip>
Source: Lillian M Haines DIR-V

-The new 7012A Kayak and Canoe 2-part VSC form is scheduled for release approximately April 15th. An "All Examiner" District email with ordering information will be sent out as soon as ANSC provides notice.

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!

