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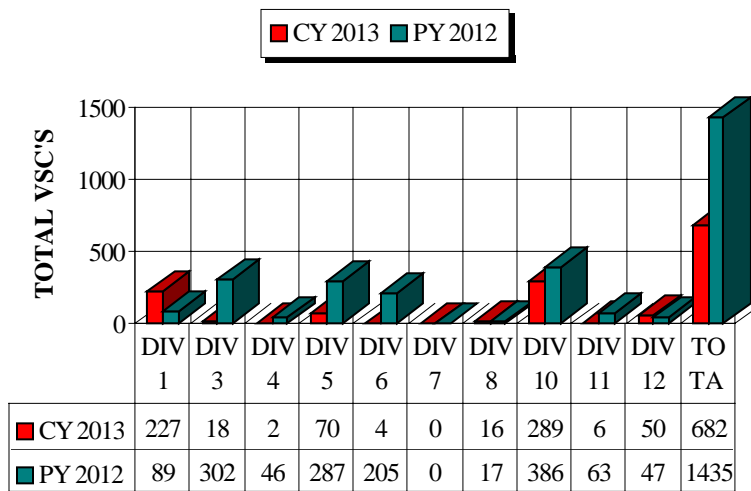
Vessel Safety Check Report April 2013



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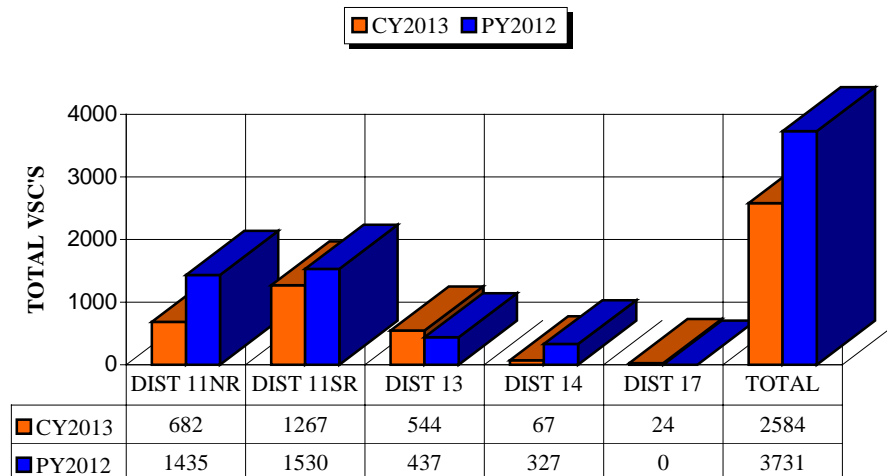
D11NR Statistics*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU MARCH 31, 2013



PAC AREA Statistics*

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The 2013 goal for D11NR is 12,500 VSC's. We are 5% of our goal and 47% of 2012 production. Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 78% or 535 have passed, 196 or 28% are First Time VSC's, and 321 or 47% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 65 VSC's or 9% are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO*.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 31, 2013

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members who were recognized at D/Train in Monterey for their outstanding contribution to the 2012 D11NR Vessel Safety Check:

William F. Dodson	1st place	1,046 VSC's
Joseph W. Harris	2nd place	653 VSC's
Lonny B. Singer	3rd place	467 VSC's

In addition, congratulations to **Flotilla 3-09** for receiving the 1st place award for most VSC's with all examiners maintaining their Vessel Examiner (VE) qualification.

Thanks to all D11NR Vessel Examiners for their contribution in making 2012 a banner year for 2012 and making our local waters a safer place to boat!

Congratulations!

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

Gwendolyn Hammer*	12-01		
Richard A. Saber	01-02	Robert J. Aston	01-04
Jerel Berkov	01-04	Dan S. Swett	01-05
Charles M. Duncan	03-09	Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03
Phillip E. Grove	10-05		

*2012

This brings our total to 16 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 5% the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had 13 examiners or 4% 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
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Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

No new or re-certified members.

***Re-Certified**

With the addition of new examiners for 2012, 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

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>

Richard L. Allen

06-07

 **-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-You are checking a 21' cuddy cabin boat with a 200 hp outboard. You are in a state that requires operator certificates for anyone born after September 30, 1970. From a conversation with the owner it is obvious that s/he is 22 years old and hasn't taken a course and does not have the certificate. If everything else is ok, can this boat be issued a VSC decal?

- a. No, under State Requirements the VE must check all State Requirements in addition to Federal Regulations. It is important the VE keep apprised of all state requirements.
- b. No, since you are a knowledgeable VE, you realize the danger of having an uneducated boater out on the waters and rightly withhold the decal.
- c. Yes, the VE is not law enforcement. But the VE should call the local marine authorities and get this unsafe boater off the water.
- d. Yes, since the VE is only responsible for checking equipment directly related to vessel safety or items on the VSC checklist. However, as part of the one-on-one exchange, recommend the owner take an approved course.

2-A VSC is being performed on a 16' boat equipped with a 150 hp outboard motor. The capacity plate shows a maximum horsepower rating of 90 hp. The VE should:

- a. Award the decal but advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe.
- b. Withhold the decal and advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe.
- c. Award the decal since boat horsepower and capacity plates are not VSC requirements.
- d. Withhold the decal and report the boater to the local marine law enforcement authorities for their own good.

National and District News

National News

The US Coast Guard has just issued two new safety alerts that all recreational boaters should heed.

The first alert describes the discovery of counterfeit fire extinguishers, and begins this way:

"The Coast Guard has recently become aware of counterfeits of U.S. Coast Guard approved portable fire extinguishers manufactured by Amerex Corporation and Buckeye Fire Equipment. Both companies are major producers of genuine approved fire extinguishing equipment and serve a worldwide market. These counterfeit extinguishers present a significant safety hazard. Their capability to extinguish a fire is unproven; they may be charged with a powdery substance that is not a fire extinguishing agent, the pressure cylinder is not DOT approved, and the pressure gauge may not function or give false readings..."

The second alert pertains to bow-riding in heavy weather:

"Several passengers standing in the bow pulpit of a 106' inspected whale watching vessel were injured while underway. The vessel struck a large wave, its bow rose and slammed down causing the passengers in the pulpit to lose their balance and fall to the deck. Injuries ranged from cuts and bruises to a broken patella (knee) and jaw. Although there were many other passengers on board at the time, only the passengers standing in the pulpit were injured..."

You can download and read copies of both alerts as a printable PDF here:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

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Articles in this Issue: Vessel Safety Check Starts With Coast Guard Commander's Personal Boat.; National V-Directorate "Recreational Boating Safety Alert Notice"; SafetySeal.Net Moves to a New Home.; Questions and Answers - The Q&A Tool on the National V Directorate Website; Electric Shock Drowning; "Ready, Set, Wear It!" - A New Name, A New Outlook; Vessel Examiner's Responsibility to the Boater.; Paddlecraft: the Newest Wave of Recreational Boating Vessels.; Paddle Craft Event; Valuable Information to Share With Boaters When Inspecting PWCs.; Recreational Boating Safety Committee in Action: Teamwork Promotes Successful Outcomes.; and A word from the Editor.

District News

The 06-11 version of **ANSC 7003** on the National forms website was somehow corrupted so that it could not be downloaded and saved to your desktop. Thanks to Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS, the document has been repaired and is available. You can find it listed under "Hotline Messages" on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

Question 1-"d" See page 26 of the VSC Manual

Question 2-"b" See page 27 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!

