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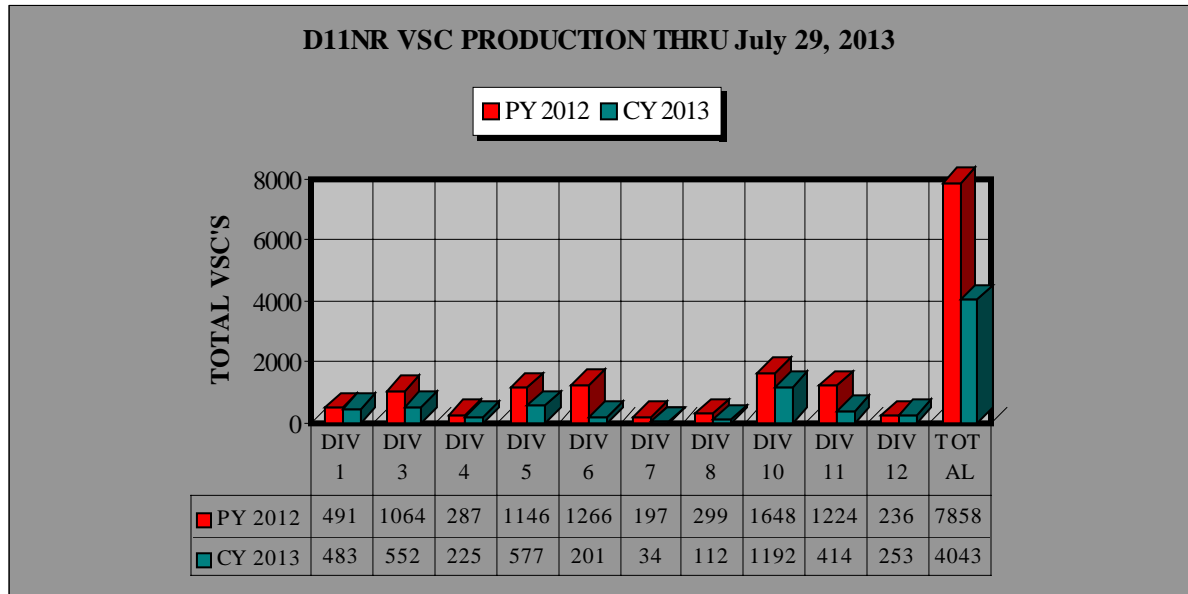


Vessel Safety Check Report August 2013

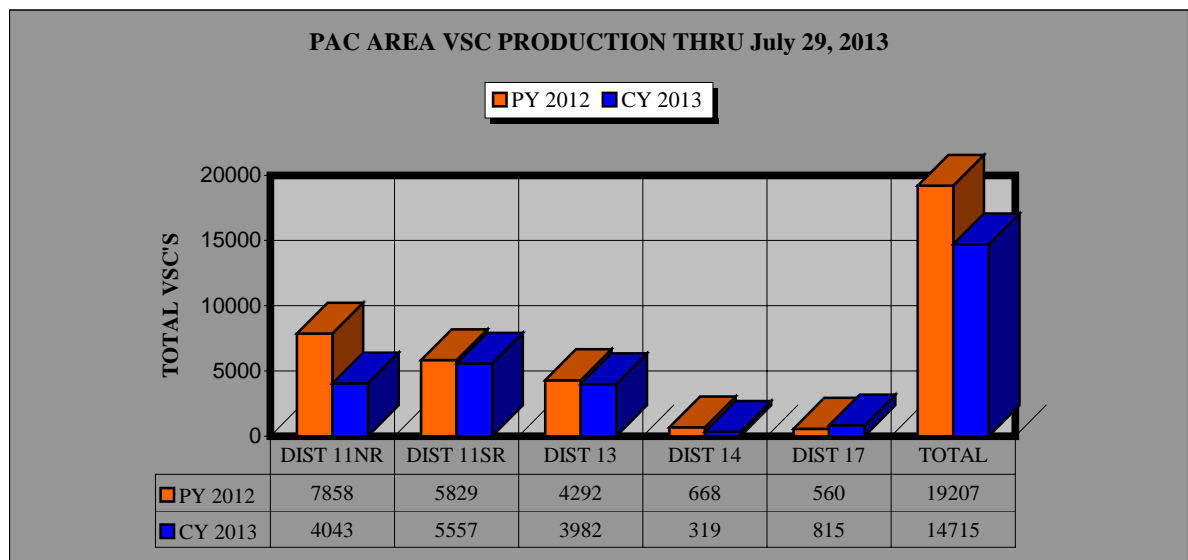


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D11NR Statistics*



PAC AREA Statistics*



Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that we are 34% of our goal and 51% of 2012 production. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 80% or 3,234 have passed the VSC, 46% or 1,859 are First Time VSC's, and 41% or 1,657 are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 513 or 13% are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO*. *Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru July 29th, 2013

Congratulations!

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

Steven W. Denedetti	04-01	Michael K. Fiamingo	04-01
Robert R. Whitehead	04-06	Robert G. Kay	06-04
Steven Bradon	10-02	John L. Paval	10-03
Thomas B. Henderson	11-01	Victor Beelik	11-04
Dennis F. Hogan	11-04	James L. Snell	11-04
James S. Van Fleet	12-91		

This brings our total to 45 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 16% the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had 61 examiners or 19% 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>.

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

No new Examiners to report

***Re-Certified**

With the addition of new examiner(s) for 2013, our examiner base is now 283 active examiners! This represents about 17% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

VSC Calendar

PCA Training Fair-September 7th-8th

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>

No new members to report.

 **-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're at a very busy boat ramp. You have an opportunity to conduct the VSC on a boat that's still on the trailer. Can you do it?

- No, how can you tell if the boat is seaworthy if it's still on the trailer?
- No, the *Vessel Safety Check Manual, COMDTINST 16796.8* (series) explicitly states that the boat must be in the water, safely afloat at normal trim with adequate freeboard.
- Yes, but before you can issue the VSC decal, you must see the boat in the water. This way you're sure it's seaworthy.
- Yes, as long as the owner or operator is present during the safety check.

2-Certain gear on a vessel must be Coast Guard, S.A.E. or U.L. approved to be eligible for a VSC decal. Which items are these?

- a. PFDs, VDSs, Fire Extinguishers, First Aid Kits, Anchors.
- b. PFDs, Fire Extinguishers, First Aid Kits, Navigation Lights, MSDs.
- c. VDSs, Fire Extinguishers, Backfire Flame Arresters, MSDs, Navigation Lights
- d. VDSs, PFDs, Fire Extinguishers, Backfire Flame Arresters, MSDs

National and District News

National News

Nothing new to Report

District News

-Please pass the word that the Vessel Examiner (VE) class is coming to the PCA Fair over the weekend of September 7th-8th. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved in the Auxiliary! The 2-day class will include many handouts and the final exam. Arrangements may be made at the class to perform the 5 VSC's to complete the qualification. The fee for the class is \$10.00 if postmarked by August 10th, and \$15.00 afterward. The member will be required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual, which is available for download on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. If there are any questions, please have the member contact me at: sumfun@juno.com.

-Boating and Waterways Merges as a Division Under Department of Parks and Recreation

SACRAMENTO, Calif.-The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is announced July 1, 2013 the official merger of Boating and Waterways as a new Division under State Parks. The merger was part of Governor Brown's 2012 Reorganization Plan to consolidate and simplify the State's organizational structure. The plan adds efficiencies by combining and streamlining duplicative functions, thereby reducing costs and saving taxpayer dollars.

"California State Parks and Boating and Waterways are both leaders in recreation, and this merger between State Parks and Boating and Waterways is a great synergy," said Director of State Parks, Major General Anthony T. Jackson, USMC (Ret.). "This is a very important constituency for State Parks, and the Division is continuing to serve California's boaters, stakeholders and supporters with the full support of State Parks, and will strive to improve and enhance programs and services."

Sylvia Ortega-Hunter was sworn in as Deputy Director of the Division of Boating and Waterways effective immediately by Director Jackson. She was Acting Director of DBW since March 2013.

The merger leaves intact the major organizational structure of DBW as a Division within State Parks, including principal mission, function and funding for boating constituencies across the state.

For more information, visit www.dbw.parks.ca.gov.

Source: Commodore Gail L. Ramsey

Question 1-"d" See page 8 of the VSC Manual

Question 2-"d" See page 11 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!

