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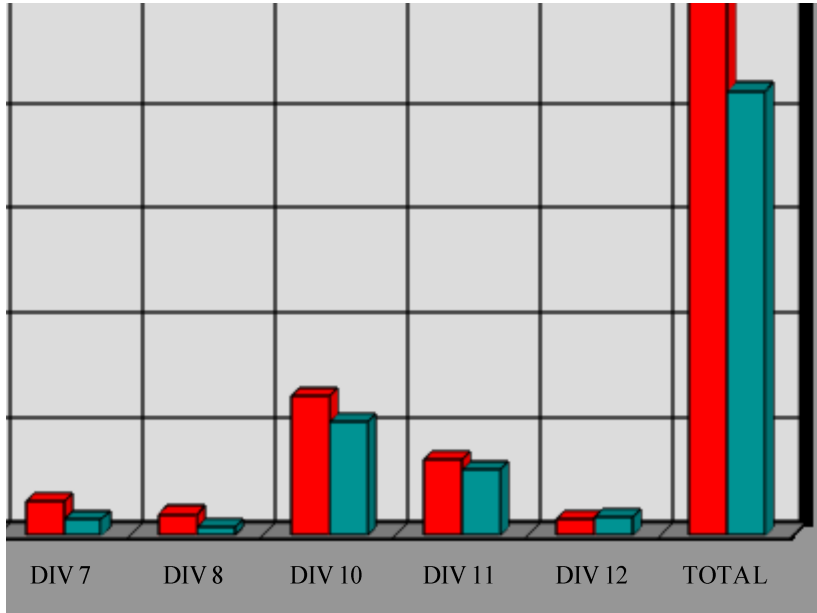
Vessel Safety Check Report January 2014



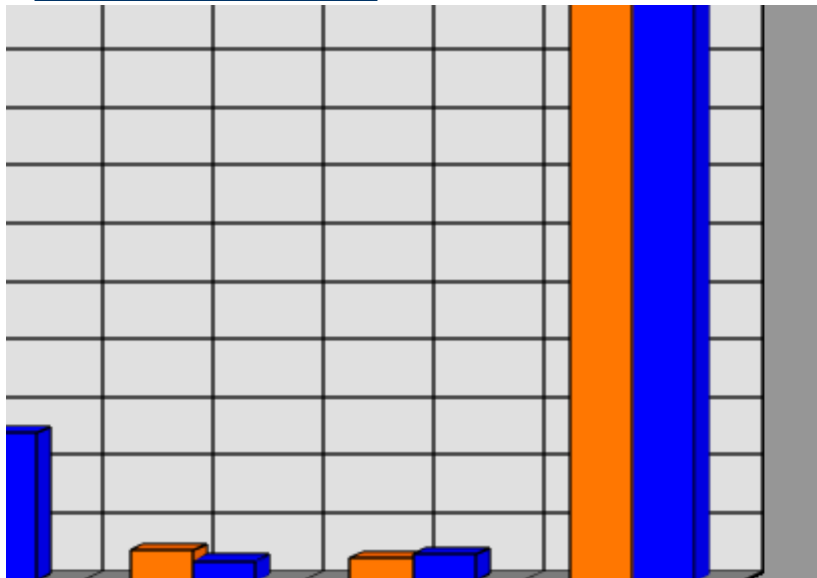
Mike Lauro DSO-VE

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D11NR Statistics*



PAC AREA Statistics*



Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that we are 67% of our goal and 67% of 2012 production. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 78% or 6,601 have passed the VSC, 47% or 3,978 are First Time VSC's, 39% or 3,322 are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 22% or 1,861 are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO*.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru December 31st, 2013

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the 60 or more VSC plateau during 2013:

Richard A. Saber	01-02	Robert J. Aston	01-04
Jerel Berkov	01-04	William W. Burns	01-07
James R. Goff	03-05	Charles M. Duncan	03-09
Michael K. Fiamingo	04-01	Jose R. Pereira	04-09
Steven M Johnson	05-01	Billy Ray	05-02
Jim D. Blackburn	05-07	Craig L. Johnson	06-04
Robert G. Kay*	06-04	Tracy R. Schultz	06-04
Paul P. Custance	07-02	Michael J. Lauro	10-02
Michael A. Rafatti	10-02	Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03
Douglas T. Lazo	10-05	Neil P. Sliva	10-05
Steven W. Dicken	10-06	Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy	10-06
Joseph W. Harris	11-01	Thomas B. Henderson	11-01
Steven M. Perez*	11-01	Duane L. Blackwell*	12-01

Correction: Tommy Holtzman was inadvertently left off the list 1/15/14

Congratulations!

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

Ernest R. Dunaway	01-02	Richard A. Saber	01-02
Robert J. Aston	01-04	Dan S. Swett	01-05
Simone H. Adair	01-07	William W. Burns	01-07
Richard I. Niemi	01-07	James R. Goff	03-05
Jaime R. Furnells Jr.	03-09	Annette F. Herring	03-09
Jeff D. Scarberry	03-09	Dennis T. Kerhukas	03-10
David R. Naumann	04-01	Michael K. Fiamingo	04-01
Steven W. Benedetti	04-01	Frederick J. Saunders Jr.	04-03
Robert R. Whitehead	04-06	Jose R. Pereira	04-09
Steven M. Johnson	05-01	Norwood B. Maddry	05-01
Cutris S. Han	05-02	Michael D. Mirata	05-02
Michael D. Mirata	05-02	Billy Ray	05-02
James A. Blaylock	05-03	Donald A. Kram	05-05
Shirley C. Maxson	05-05	Gary N. Murray	05-05
Paterick W. O'Reilly	05-05	Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05
Jim D. Blackburn	05-07	Paul J. Brighton	05-07
Robert M. Gallup	05-07	Craig L. Johnson	06-04
Thomas J. Stead	06-04	Walter S. Richert	06-10
Paul P. Custance	07-02	Riley A. Turpin	07-02
Margaret C. Herbelin	08-06	Linda G. Bradon	10-02
Steven Bradon	10-02	Charles M. Knapper	10-02

Michael J. Lauro	10-02	William R. Singleton	10-02
Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03	John L. Paval	10-03
William M. Walker	10-03	Phillip E. Grove	10-02
David R. Flum	10-05	Douglas T. Lazo	10-05
Steven T. Pitts	10-05	Arturo Alvarez Jr.	10-06
Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy	10-06	Jerry L. Gilmore	11-01
William J. Stoltz	11-01	Steven B. Perez	11-01
Victor Beelik	11-04	Dennis F. Hogan	11-04
James L. Snell	11-04	Duane L. Blackwell	12-01
James J. Duffy	12-01	James S. Van Fleet	12-91

Correction: Dennis T. Kerhulas last name was misspelled 1/15/14

This brings our total to **62** examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately **20%** the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had examiners **77** or **25%** 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!

Michael R. Mitchell	01-09	David T. Wright	03-05
Sean P. Malloy	05-02	Vern T. Maxson	05-05
Erik W. Abbott	06-04	Adam K. Greer	07-03
Valerie J. Van Dalsen	12-05		

*Re-Certified

Nancy Marion was inadvertently shown in Flotilla 01-05. She is actually in Flotilla 01-04. In addition, **Barbara Beall** is actually in Flotilla 08-11, not Flotilla 01-04. Sorry about the errors.

With the addition of new examiner(s) for 2013, our examiner base is now **299** 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-February 8th-9th 2014

D/Train-Sacramento-March 15th-16th 2014

NSBW-May 14th-23rd 2014

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-**65** members or approximately **4%** 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>

 **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-A documented recreational vessel is required to:

- a. Display the name and hailing port on the stern in letters at least 4" high.
- b. Display the name and hailing port on some conspicuous part of the hull in letters at least 4" high.
- c. Display the name and hailing port on both sides of the bow and stern in letters at least 4" high.
- d. Have the official number and net tonnage painted on the main beam in letters at least 4" high.

2-You're checking a PWC. When you ask the owners where they operate the PWC on coastal waters, they say, "no". Then, when you ask them if they have flares or other Visual Distress Signals aboard, they reply, "no." If everything else is okay, can you issue a VSC decal to this PWC?

- a. No, the VSC program is designed for real powerboats and sailboats. We can look at PWCs, but no matter how well equipped, we cannot give these thrill craft a decal.
- b. No, all vessels must have flares that are not expired when operating in coastal waters and PWC operators are no exceptions.
- c. Yes, if the PWC is less than 16 feet and operating during the day, then no VDS are required. However, suggest to the owners that they carry a distress signal flag and explain how to properly use their arms in the universally understood distress signal. Some states may require VDS's.
- d. Yes, but make the owners promise to only operate on inland waters since inland waters have different and much less stringent VDS requirements.

 **National and District News**

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In late December, the 2014 VSC decals were distributed to each Flotilla Commander. In addition, the Division Commanders should have their back up supply by mid-January. The distribution system has changed from previous years and you can find a copy of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the decal distribution on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>, under "HOT LINE MESSAGES". Please take a minute to review this important material. In addition, the 2014 VSC Material order form is also posted.

 **District News**

Please pass the word that the Vessel Examiner (VE) class is coming to the PCA Fair over the weekend of February 8th-9th. 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 January

25th 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 (VE) website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. If there are any questions, please have the member contact me at: sumfun@juno.com.

Question 1-"B" See page 13 of the VSC Manual

Question 2-"C" See page 16 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!

