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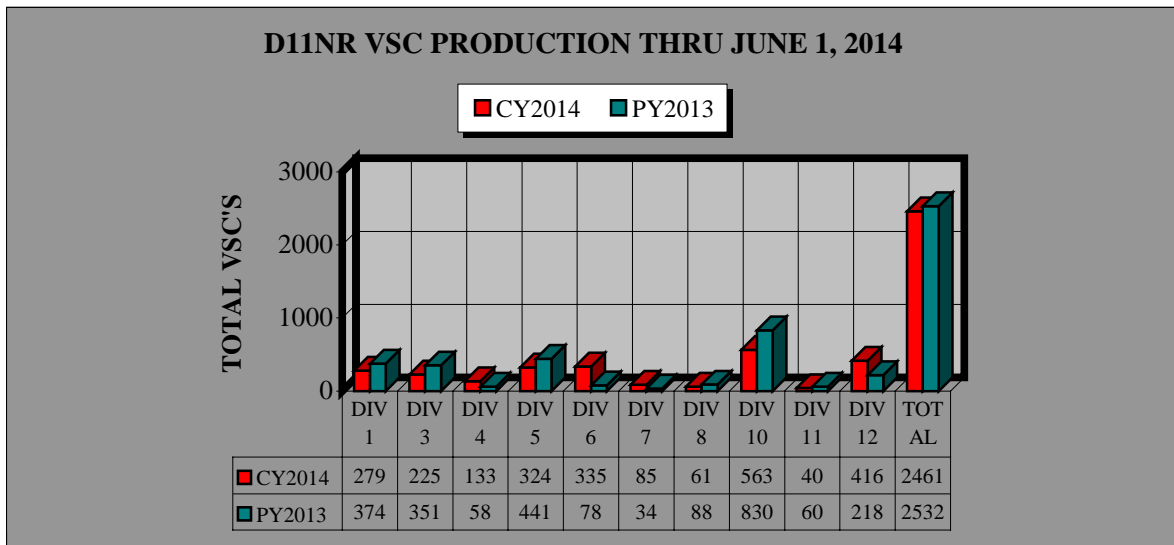


Vessel Safety Check Report June 2014

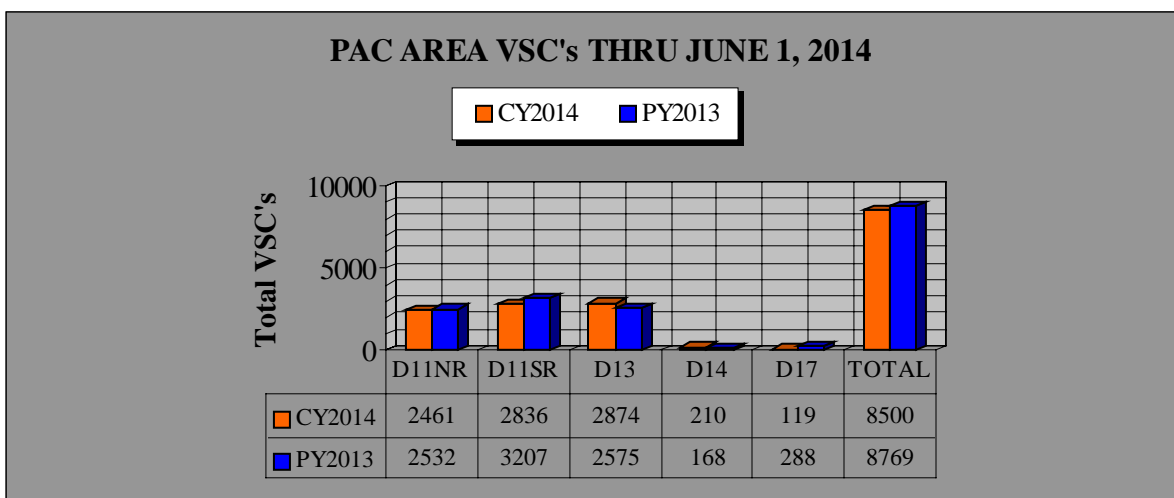


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D11NR 2014 Statistics*



PAC AREA 2014 Statistics*



The goal for D11NR is **12,500 VSC's**. We are **20 %** of our goal for the year and **97%** of 2013 production at this time! The data source is **AUXINFO***. Additional stats from **AUXINFO*** indicates that **1,969** or **77%** have passed the VSC. In addition, **1,049 VSC's** or **43%** are First Time VSC's, and **698** or **28%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **770** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **31%** of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in **AUXINFO** thru **June 1, 2014**

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2014, our examiner base is now approaching 300 active examiners! This represents about 18% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

Barry F. Duke	07-03	Douglas J. Manifold	07-06
Ann Zocchi	07-06	James B. Rogerson*	08-08
Robert J. Davis	10-02	Joseph R. Chavoen	10-03
Ryan P. Renard	10-03		

*Re-certified

Calendar

National Marina Day June 14th
Operation Dry Water June 27th-29th
PCA Training Fair August 16th-17th

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-73 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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the 20 or more VSC plateau during 2014:

Michael K. Fiamingo	04-01	Ronald A. Kram	05-05
Jim D. Blackburn	05-07	Cecil L. Claspell	06-04
David W. Raymond	06-04	Craig L. Johnson	06-04
Richard L Allen	06-07	Steven W. Dicken	10-06
Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy	10-06		

This brings our total to 27 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 10% the total District vessel examiner base. 2013 had examiners 29 or 11% 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>.



VSC Questions- These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2007. Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1-You are checking a brand-new 19' open fisherman with two 90 horsepower outboard motors. The owner has purchased the "Coast Guard Kit" from the dealer. When you check the batteries you see that they are in their own enclosed compartment along with the battery switch. Can you issue the decal?

- a. Yes, since the owner has the Coast Guard Kit it is obvious that they have serious concern for the safety of the boat and passengers.
- b. Yes, as long as the batteries are secured and the terminals are covered.
- c. No, having batteries in an enclosed compartment is dangerous since batteries need to vent excess hydrogen.
- d. No, a Coast Guard Kit has nothing to do with batteries and therefore is the owner's way of directing the VE away from this dangerous condition.

2. An owner asks you if it is true that a boater must help another boater in danger at sea. Your proper response would be:

- a. No, while it would certainly be nice to do under the Golden Rule, it certainly is not necessary.
- b. No, most recreational boaters are not properly trained and equipped to help other boaters on the water. Leave that to the professionals.
- c. Yes, you must help anyone or anything on the water that is in danger. The "me" generation is passed and new laws are now in place that all boaters must save other boaters in danger regardless of the circumstances.
- d. Yes, an owner or operator must render assistance to another boater in danger at sea as long as this can be safely done. The Good Samaritan Law even protects the owner or operator.



National and District News



National News

-A National website has been set up to capture VSC failure information from VSC activity. Please take a minute to go to: <http://www.usbi.org/vsc.php> and fill in the survey of your 2013 and 2014 VSC failures. This is a very simple process and takes about 15-seconds per 7012/7012a. Please make certain that you pay attention to the date and the state where the VSC was performed.



District News

-At the morning session of the Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop at D/Train in March in Sacramento, there was a question about whether a battery cable hold down with a wing nut was acceptable to pass a VSC and if there was a change in the CFR's. After extensive research, it was determined that this was an informal recommendation from the ABYC, not a change in the CFR's and does not effect the VSC.

-VSC's ON RENTALS-At the request of Commodore Collins, to maintain uniformity in the VSC program, moving forward, **ALL** VSC's for rental agencies that rent pwc's, fishing boats, houseboats, paddlecraft, etc. will now require a D11NR Rental Agreement with the dealer. This program is relatively simple, straightforward, and is self-explanatory. You can find a copy of the instructions (ML-1), a sample introduction letter (ML-2), and a copy of the agreement (ML-3) on the D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "**VE FORMS**". These are done in Microsoft "Word" and you can tailor them for your individual needs. Please note that to participate in this program, a Program Visitor (PV) is required. However, if you are a Vessel Examiner (VE) and a current Program Visitor (PV), you can fulfill that requirement. Please print (2) copies-one for you to keep after signed by the vendor, and one for the vendor to keep after you and the Program Visitor (PV) have signed it. You should maintain your copies for the calendar year.

-Just a reminder that failure to complete the REQUIRED National Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop by June 30, 2014 (approx 45-days) will result you being placed in REWK status. Any VSC activity after this date will not be able to be entered into AUX DATA until the workshop has been completed. Failure to complete the required workshop by December 31, 2014, will place you in REYR status which means you will have to complete the required workshop and in addition perform 2 VSC's with a qualified examiner and then submit the MT-2 to DIRAUX to be reinstated. Currently, there are 134 D11NR examiners that completed the workshop with approx 125 examiners that have not. Please go to the D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> where you can find an easy to follow link to AUXLMS for the 30-minute workshop, or a 1 1/2 hr power-point presentation shown at D/Train that can be downloaded and presented by a qualified instructor locally. **If you attempt the AUXLMS version, PLEASE make certain you take the FULL 30-minutes!** Please don't wait until the last minute!

-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.



Dockwalker News

Dockwalking at The San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor. The San Francisco Department of the Environment, the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program have teamed up on a Waterfront Pollution Prevention Campaign to engage boaters on clean and safe boating practices. During weekends from June through July, please volunteer to Dockwalk to encourage boaters to adopt practices that help protect our beautiful waterfront.

Where: SF Marina Small Craft Harbor, 3950 Scott St @ Marina Blvd.

When: Saturday June 14, 2014 National Marina Day (Times are flexible, volunteer anytime between 10am-2pm)

Other potential dates will be:

- o Saturday, June 28
- o Saturday, July 12
- o Saturday, July 19

To sign up for Dockwalking, contact Cynthia Knowles at Cynthia.knowles@sfgov.org or (415)355-3760.

On behalf of **California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean & Green Program and The Bay Foundation (funded by DBW's Clean Vessel Act Education Program)**, we want to welcome you to your **May 2014** electronic newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter Please see: http://www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/PDF/CleanGreen/Dockwalker_Newsletter_May_14.pdf and enjoy this newsletter.

In addition, please see the most recent clean boating newsletter.

http://www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/PDF/CleanGreen/ct-spring_2014.pdf. I think this publication is a great fit for your VSC efforts.

Source: **Vivian Matuk**

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California State Parks Division of Boating & Waterways

California Coastal Commission

VE Test Question Answers

1. "B" page 27 VSC Manual
2. "D" page 31 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!

