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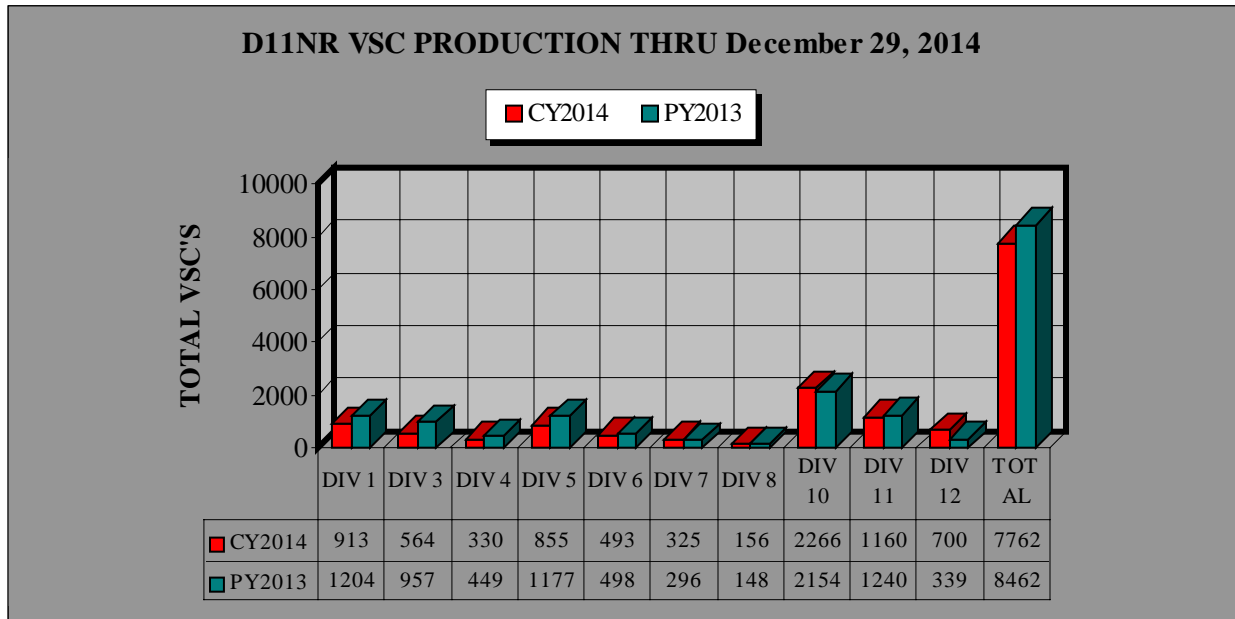
Vessel Safety Check Report January 2015

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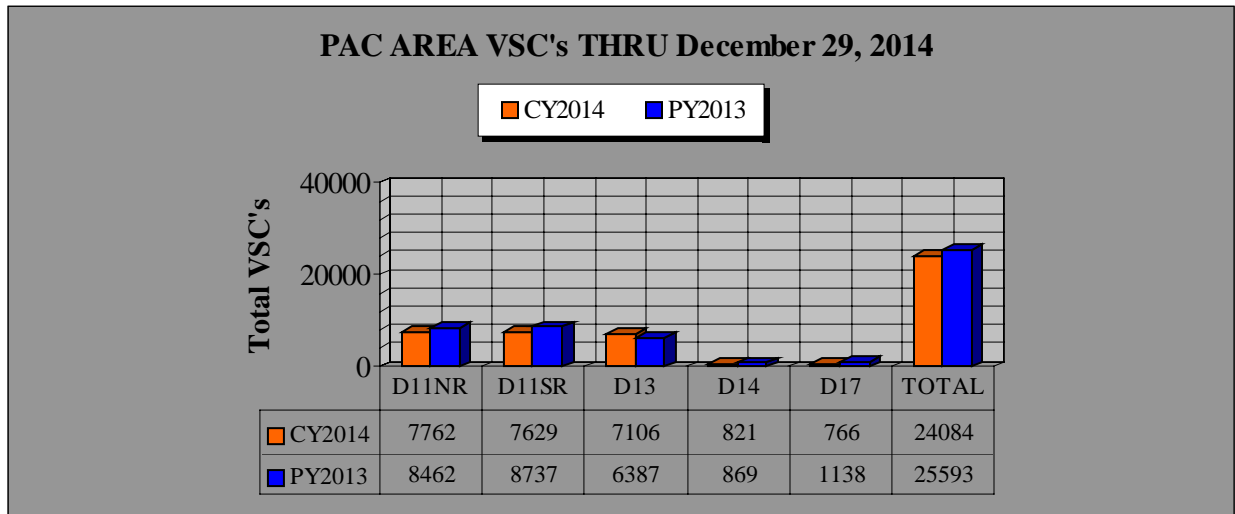
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District Statistics*



PAC Area Statistics*



The 2014 goal for D11NR was **12,500 VSC's**. We are **62%** of our goal for the year and **91%** of 2013 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **6,181** or **83%** have passed the VSC, **3,330** or **43%** are First Time VSC's, **2,719** or **35%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **2,261** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **29%** of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **December 29, 2014**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2014. These 57 members are an elite group-approximately 24% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership who have performed over 83% or over 6,300 VSC's of the D11NR 7,762 VSC total! These names will be listed on the member recognition page:

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

Richard A. Saber	01-02	Jerel Berkov	01-04
Robert J. Aston	01-04	Dan S. Swett	01-05
Simone H. Adair	01-07	William W. Burns	01-07
Charles M. Duncan	03-09	Michael K. Fiamingo	04-01
Andrew E. Lai	04-03	Frederick G. Saunders	04-03
Paul S. Verveniotis	04-03	Robert R. Whitehead	04-06
Jose R. Pereira	04-06	Steven M. Johnson	05-01
Norwood B. Maddry	05-01	James R. Minkel Jr.	05-01
Michael D. Mirata	05-02	Curtis S. Han	05-02
Randy Mc Cormick	05-03	Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05
Ronald A. Kram	05-05	Gary N. Murray	05-05
Patrick W. O' Reilly	05-05	Jim D. Blackburn	05-07
Robert W. Gallup	05-07	David W. Raymond	06-04
Robert G. Kay	06-04	Craig L. Johnson	06-04
Richard L. Allen	06-07	Michael C. Thompson	07-02
Christopher E. Krogh	07-02	Paul P. Custance	07-03
Tony J. Zocchi	07-06	Margaret C. Hebelin	08-06
Michael J. Lauro	10-02	Brian W. Babcock	10-02
Michael A. Rafatti	10-02	William R. Singleton	10-02
Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03	Billy Ray	10-03
John L. Paval	10-03	Joseph R. Chavoan	10-03
Phillip E. Grove	10-05	Douglas T. Lazo	10-05
Steven T. Pitts	10-05	Neil P. Sliva	10-05
Steven W. Dicken	10-06	Kenneth L. McSheehy	10-06
Roderick M. Rollins	10-06	Thomas B. Henderson	11-01
Steven B. Perez	11-01	Dennis F. Hogan	11-04
James L. Snell	12-04	James J. Duffley	12-01
Chester R. Bartalini	12-01	Duane L. Blackwell	12-01
Ryan P. Renard	12-91		

Calendar

-PCA Fair January 17th-18th

-D/TRAIN March 14th-15th San Jose

-National Safe Boating Week May 16th-22nd

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2014, our examiner base is now **225** active examiners. This represents about **14%** of our total District membership-down from **287** or **18%** of our membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

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NO NEW MEMBERS TO REPORT

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>

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VSC Questions- These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2014.

Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1. The Oily Waste Discharge Placard must be posted in the machinery space or at the bilge pump control station of all vessels:

- a. 39.4 feet and longer.
- b. 26 feet and longer.
- c. Registered or documented in the United States.
- d. With oil in the bilge.

2 When there is a permanent fuel tank compartment without an electrical source of ignition in the compartment and everything else has passed, can you issue the VSC decal?

- a. Yes, as long as the ducting is connected to the blower intake and extends only into the top third of the compartment.
- b. No, permanent fuel tanks can rust and puncture. They should not be contained in special compartments.
- c. Yes, as long as the fuel tank is vented to the outside of the boat.
- d. No, since the compartment doesn't have enough room to contain the exhaust ducting and cowls required by the Coast Guard.

National and District News

National News

-The new 5x8 MARPOL placard is now in stock in LIMITED quantities at ANSC. The ANSC stock# is: 4064. Your FC/FSO-MA can place orders for limited quantities.

Source: Randy Ernst ANSC Mgr.

District News

-Please pass the word that the Vessel Examiner (VE) class is coming to the PCA Fair over the weekend of January 17th-18th. 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 \$15.00. The member will be required to bring a copy of the new 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.

-Just a reminder that if you have NOT completed the REQUIRED National Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop as required by June 30, 2014, as of December 31, 2014, you are now in REYR status. Your failure to complete the required workshop by December 31, 2014, 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. 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 do NOT wear boots when performing a VSC on a vessel that you need to climb aboard. Our program allows for deck shoes, white or black tennis/walking with soft soles. If this is not an option, please consider purchasing disposal shoe/boot covers available at Walmart, etc, a package of 10 for under \$10.

-In recent weeks, ANSC began shipping the 2015 VSC decals. So everyone is on the same page, the distribution process is identical as last year. Please see your FC or FSO-VE for your allotment and final distribution. SO-VE's also need to contact their DCDR's for the Division backup supply.

Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE

-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.

-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

Nothing new to report.

VE Test Question Answers

1. "B" page 3-24 VSC Manual
2. "C" page 3-24 VSC Manual

Let's work together for our safety and the safety of others by setting an example and wear our lifejackets while performing VSC's especially when working around docks and when climbing aboard large vessels!

