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### Vessel Examinations Department

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Cc: DCO Victor J. Connell, IPDCO Eric Jacobson, DIRAUX, All RCO's, All DCPs,  
All DSO's, ADSO-VE, and All SO-VE's  
Subject: DSO-VE Report



**YTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 6482\* PYTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 6790\***

We are **88%** of the District goal of 7,350 VSC's and **95%** of 2006 production.

Stats from AUXINFO\* indicate that **3863** or **61%** of our VSC's are **First Time VSC's**. In addition **3053** or **48%** are **High Risk VSC's**.

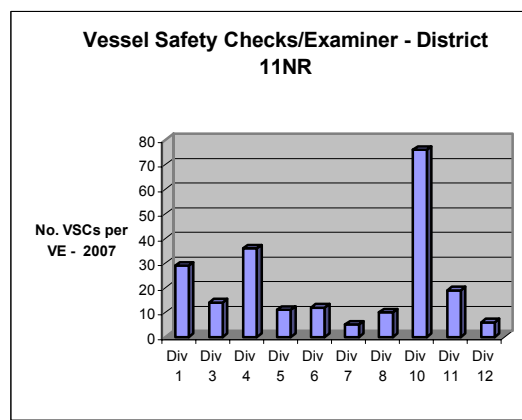
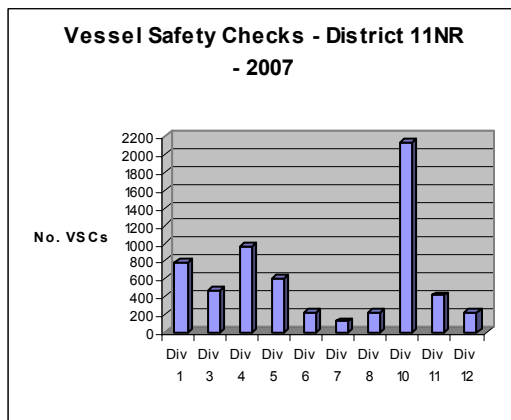
\*As shown in AUXINFO thru October 2007.

### **-DISTRICT/ NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **District News**

I've been told that except for Division 1, that there has been little VSC activity throughout the District. With that in mind, I contacted the SO-VE's and suggested that Division reports be suspended until January. However, 62 Examiners have reached the 20+ VSC plateau, which is a 10% increase over the 56 examiners at this time last year. In addition, 25 examiners have reached the 60+ VSC plateau for 2007 a 33% increase from 18 examiners in 2006-the MOST since the program's inception! I'm certain that these numbers will increase as 7038's continue to be submitted. All names for both categories will be published in the January VSC Newsletter.

### **2007 District 11NR Performance**



The above graphs have been prepared by Joaquin Duran ADSO-VE to aid me in illustrating VSC/VE performance in District 11NR for 2008. The District VSC average per Division is 648 VSC's while the National average is 616 VSC's per Division. The District average of VSC's per examiners is 22 VSC's while the National average is 18 VSC's per examiner. This compares to 23 VSC's per examiner in the District at this time last year.

Nationally 116,379 VSC's have been reported, about a 5% drop from 122,974 VSC's for 2006. D11NR shows the same 5% drop from 2006. However, Divisions 1 and 4 have both shown major improvement in both areas. Division 10 continues to be a strong performer both locally and nationally. This year, it places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the PAC AREA behind Division 12 from 11S. It also places 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally behind Division 1 in District 7 and Division 12 in 11S. As you can see, while not reaching our production goal for 2007, the District continues to perform well when compared to the National averages.

## **National News**

### **For Safety's Sake, Volume IV - 2007 Released**

The newest edition of For Safety's Sake, Volume IV - 2007 has been released. This new issue was released on November 10th and is available for downloading from the V Departments Newsletter page at: <http://safetyseal.net/Newsletters/>.

In this issue is: We Need Your Help, State Farm Renews Vessel Safety Check Partnership, Waived Items On ANSC 7003, Mustang Survival Rescue Stick, Prevention: Getting the Job Done, Best Flotilla Awards for 2006 and much more!

## **2 FULL MONTHS TO GO!**

### **Vessel Safety Check Program 60th Anniversary Motivational Contest**

1. Eligible participants: All USCG Auxiliary currently certified vessel examiners.
2. Contest qualification: For every twenty (20) VSC checks performed and recorded in AUXDATA by 31 December 2007, the eligible vessel examiners will receive one chance at the prizes detailed below.
3. Winners will be randomly selected at a drawing to be held at N-Train 2008.
4. Grand prize:
  - a. A berth on the USCGC Eagle.
  - b. USCG Auxiliary winner to receive up to a \$500 stipend to cover travel, food and up to one nights lodging.
5. Other prizes to be determined.

Source: Pete Urgola DC-V

The long awaited RBS device has arrived at ANSC and can be ordered by the DIRAUX office. Unfortunately the Certificate to accompany the device has not been finalized. I understand that the device can be awarded and the certificate presentation will be at a later date.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary National V Department has released the 2008 VE and PV Workshops. The workshops for 2008 are not mandatory, but units are encouraged to hold the workshops to better the knowledge of their Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors. You can download them from: <http://safetysealnet/workshops>

They are also available on CD from ANSC, the V Department 2008 Workshop CD is ANSC 2001A.

Source: [Pete Urgola, DC- V]

**Please share this report with your FSO-VE's and local examiners. As always, if I can be of ANY assistance to any DCP or SO-VE, I hope there will be no hesitation to contact me. Working together we can once again make D11NR one of the top VSC performers nationwide for 2007!**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Michael J. Lauro DSO-VE**

