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 All DCPs, All DSO's, ADSO-VE, and All SO-VE's
Subject: DSO-VE Report



-DIVISION 1 SAN FRANCISCO NORTH (Richard Saber SO-VE)

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 1-2 Reports 21 VSCs

Flotilla 1-4 Reports 24 VSCs

Flotilla 1-5 No report

Flotilla 1-7 Reports 11 VSCs

Flotilla 1-9 Reports 0 VSCs

Summary of activities conducted in this period :

Flotilla 1-4 performed 16 VSCs at Marin Yatch Club on February 23rd, and 1 Facility inspection.

Activities planned for the next 30 days :

Boating Safety Day scheduled for April 30 at Marin Yatch Club, and San Francisco Y.C. on May 18.

VSC COUNT YTD: 129

VSC COUNT PYTD: 88

-DIVISION 3 CENTRAL VALLEY (James Goff SO-VE)

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 3-1 No report

Flotilla 3-3 No report

Flotilla 3-5 Reports 5 VSCs

Flotilla 3-9 No report

Flotilla 3-10 Reports 6 VSCs

Summary of activities conducted in this period :

Marla Moura and Jim Goff examined boats from U. S. Geological Survey in Sacramento. Flotilla 3-10 Conducted VSCs with Mike Lauro at Tower Park Marina in Lodi. Steve Allen performed 6 VSCs.

Activities planned for next 30 days :

Flotilla 3-5 plans VE event at Discovery Park on March 29th. All VEs are invited to attend.

VSC COUNT YTD: 17

VSC COUNT PYTD: 69

-DIVISION 4 SAN FRANCISCO SOUTH BAY (Joaquin Duran SO-VE)

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 4-1 No report

Flotilla 4-3 No report

Flotilla 4-6 Reports 0 VSCs

Flotilla 4-8 Reports 0 VSCs

Flotilla 4-9 Reports 39 VSCs

Summary of activities conducted in this period :

Flotilla 4-9 has a new VE, Jim Higuchi, who passed the VE exam at the recent PCA Fair, and has now completed his initial 5 exams with J. Duran. Congratulations Jim !!!.

VSC effort has started at Anderson, Calero, and Coyote lakes in Santa Clara County.

Activities planned for the next 30 days:

A training day has been scheduled for all VEs on 4/5/08. Preparing a set of guidelines for general operations at these locations. Flotilla 4-6 is planning a VSC event on March 30th 2008 in the Redwood City area.

VSC COUNT YTD: 119

VSC COUNT PYTD: 87

-DIVISION 5 SUISUN BAY: (Robert Smith SO-VE)

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 5-1 Reports 3 VSCs

Flotilla 5-2 Reports 0 VSCs

Flotilla 5-3 Reports 8 VSCs

Flotilla 5-5 Reports 2 VSCs, 2 UPVs

Flotilla 5-7 Reports 16 VSCs

Summary of activities conducted in this period: Continued VSC effort as reported.

Activities planned for next 30 days:

Scheduled VSC events at Vallejo City Ramp on 4/5; Delta Marina Rio Vista on 4/19.

Other events being attended include Santa Rosa Boat Show on 4/5 and 4/6; as well as

Blessing of the Fleet at Bodega Bay on 4/12, and 4/13.

VSC COUNT YTD: 59

VSC COUNT PYTD: 87

-DIVISION 6 MONTEREY BAY (Stan Wolfberg SO-VE)

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 6-1 Reports 0 VSC's

Flotilla 6-4 Reports 4 VSC's

Flotilla 6-7 Reports 5 VSC's

Flotilla 6-10 Reports 0 VSC's

First Saturday in April is supposed to be the opening of fishing season. Could be a busy day at Morro Bay and Avila launch ramps. (Note: today, Sunday April 6th "yours truly" visited San Cruz Yacht Harbor prepared to perform VSC's saw nothing-no boats or boaters.) DSO and ADSO-VE are planning a visit to the April 19th Division meeting being held in Morro Bay.

VSC COUNT YTD:11

VSC COUNT PYTD: 41

-DIVISION 7 UTAH (Riley Turpin SO-VE)

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 7-2 Reports 11 VSCs

Flotilla 7-3 Reports 0 VSCs

Flotilla 7-6 Reports 0 VSCs

Flotilla 7-8 Reports 0 VSCs

Summary of activities conducted in this period:

Conducted VSCs as reported. Following up with people who have expressed interest in inspection once their boats are out of winter storage.

Activities planned for the next 30 days: Flotilla 7-3 hosting Optrex at Jordanelle State Park in April.

VSC COUNT YTD: 14

VSC COUNT PYTD: 0

-DIVISION 8 NORTH COAST (Douglas R. Pohlson SO-VE)

Vessel Safety Checks -

Flotilla 8-6 Reports 0 VSC's

Flotilla 8-8 Reports 7 VSC's

Flotilla 8-7 Reports 4 VSC's

Flotilla 8-11 Reports 2 VSC's

Summary of activities conducted in this period:

The salmon is in doubt! All 3 Flotilla's on the North Coast have said their VSC numbers will be affected. VSC activity at Clear Lake will however be the star for the Division this year.

Activities planned for the next 30 days:

NSBW plans continue at all Flotilla's

VSC COUNT YTD: 13

VSC COUNT PYTD: 4

-DIVISION 10 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY (Mike Lauro SO-VE)

Vessel Safety checks:

Flotilla 10-2 reports 82 VSC's

Flotilla 10-3 Reports noVSC activity

Flotilla 10-5 No Report Submitted

Flotilla 10-6 No report submitted

Activities planned for next 30 days: Flotilla 10-02 reports VSC stations are planned at Lake Camanche on April 5th, and April 12th and Don Pedro April 12th. Buckley Cove planned April 26th.

Flotilla 10-03 plans May 3rd – Boat Festival VE/PA Booth @ Delta Marine Services, Stockton, May 10 - Paradise

Pont, May 17th – Hogan and May 18th – B& W. Marina & Resort. Flotilla 10-06 reports still in the planning stage for scheduling stations at our lakes.

VSC COUNT YTD: 309

VSC COUNT PYTD: 406

DIVISION 11 SIERRA (*Ray Ellen Wise SO-VE*)

NO VSC Activity to report. Vessel Exams - Although it is too early here at the Lake, other flotillas are getting started for this boating season - FSO-VE's - PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT YOUR ACTIVITIES TO ME FOR INCLUSION IN MY MONTHLY REPORT. Flotilla 11-01 - See information regarding RBS Week and Meeks Bay Marina VE Day. Flotilla 11-03 - Keith White FSO-VE has their program underway and is meeting with NDOW and others to discuss VE Station and other matters on the road to Pyramid Lake. Flotilla 11-04 - Plans for VE program to get underway in the latter part of May - HOPEFULLY WITH A COORDINATED EFFORT WITH 11-01 AT MEEKS BAY. Flotilla 11-05 - No Report.

VSC COUNT YTD: 0

VSC COUNT PYTD: 33

-DIVISION 12 EAST BAY (*Richard Scheuerman SO-VE*) **NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 12-2

Flotilla 12-3

Flotilla 12-21

Flotilla 12-91

VSC COUNT YTD: 31

VSC COUNT PYTD: 48

-VSC Calendar

-NSBW-National Safe Boating Week-May 17th to May 24th

-VSC Mega-Weeks- ENTIRE month of June

-National Marina Day-August 8th

-Vessel examiner Class at the PCA Fair August 16th and 17th-Coast Guard Island

-District Statistics*

YTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 657*

PYTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 878*

We are **9%** of the District goal of 7,500 VSC's and **75%** of 2007 production. Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that **292** or **44%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **245** or **37%** are High Risk VSC's.

*As shown in AUXINFO thru March 2008.

-District/National News

From National: The throwable type IV being required for OPERATIONAL PWC's was brought up to the surface STAN Team on two separate occasions over the last year. Both times it was agreed that the type IV SHOULD NOT be required equipment but that info never made it to the field.

The two changes to the Required Facility Equipment listed in Appendix C of the PWC Operator Qual Guide and listed again in task PWC-03-05-AUX (4.g and 4.r) are- 1. One throwable PFD is no longer required.

2. Spare spark plugs are only required for 2 stroke engines. They are no longer required for 4 stroke engines.

These changes are effective immediately.

A question recently surfaced about: *As vessel examiners are we able to participate in the Zebra/Quagga mussel inspection program?* The answer is...it depends. If you are simply educating the public on the Quagga and Zebra issues while acting as an Auxiliarist and doing a vessel safety check, no problem. Any type of "inspection" that would support a law enforcement type of activity is out of the question. If an Auxiliarist is in uniform (or Polo Shirt) and wants to be trained to perform some kind of "official inspection" on a citizen's boat, that would **not** be authorized. ***In addition, PASS or FAIL, the mussel inspection program is NOT part of the Vessel Safety Check. The VSC is a check of specific equipment that is required by federal, state and possibly local law.*** This opinion is also shared by Pete Urgola DC-V. If there are any questions regarding the policy, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In the continuing evolution to provide information to assist both the new and experienced vessel examiners, there have several NEW additions and updates on YOUR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>.

Please share this report with your FSO-VE's and local examiners. In addition to other important information, you can always find a copy on the District website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>.

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 2008!

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joaquin Duran ADSO-VE

