



Homeland Security

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 11 Northern Region**
Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah



**Vessel Examinations Department
Report for: May 2008**



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

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM: April 2008

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

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 1-2 Reports 31 VSCs

Flotilla 1-4 Reports 4 VSCs

Flotilla 1-5 Reports 14 VSCs

Flotilla 1-7 Reports 29 VSCs

Flotilla 1-9 Reports 3 VSCs

Summary of activities conducted in this period:

VSC event held at Emeriville on April 13th. Three Facilities examined this period.

Activities planned for the next 30 days:

Boating Safety Day scheduled at San Francisco Y.C. on May 18th.

VSC COUNT YTD: 233

VSC COUNT PYTD: 182

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

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 3-1 **NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

Flotilla 3-3 **NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

Flotilla 3-5 Reports 5 VSC's

Flotilla 3-9 **NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

Flotilla 3-10 Reports 4 VSC's

Summary of activities conducted in this period:

Conducted VSCs as listed above. During VSC event held on April 19th at West Marine in Sacramento, by Jim Goff and Don Wyman, 2 people committed to join the Auxiliary.

Activities planned for next 30 days:

Flotilla 3-5 plans VE event at Discovery Park on April 26th, at Cope and McPheters on May 3rd, and at Sacramento Radio One on May 17th by Division 3.

VSC COUNT YTD: 21

VSC COUNT PYTD: 81

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

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 4-1 **NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

Flotilla 4-3 **NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

Flotilla 4-6 Reports 13 VSC's

Flotilla 4-8 Reports 0 VSC's

Flotilla 4-9 Reports 43 VSC's

Summary of activities conducted in this period:

Training Day held on April 12th at Anderson Lake, with 5 VEs attending.

Activities planned for the next 30 days:

Flotilla 4-1 plans a VSC event at Coyote on May 3rd. As part of NSBW, VSC events are planned at Anderson, as well as Calero lakes on week of May 17th through May 25th.

VSC COUNT YTD: 160

VSC COUNT PYTD: 147

-DIVISION 5 SUISIN BAY (*Robert Smith SO-VE*)

Vessel safety checks:

Flotilla 5-1 Reports 12 VSC's

Flotilla 5-2 Reports 4 VSC's

Flotilla 5-3 Reports 17 VSC's

Flotilla 5-5 Reports 1 VSC

Flotilla 5-7 Reports 15 VSC's

Summary of activities conducted in this period:

Conducted reported VSC's mainly at Chevron Marina in Richmond.

Activities planned for next 30 days:

As part of NSBW, plan to hold VSC events at Vallejo City ramp, and an open house at USCG Station in Bodega Bay. Other effort in May include events at Lake Berryessa and Doran Park.

VSC COUNT YTD: 107

VSC COUNT PYTD: 178

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

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

-DIVISION 7 UTAH (*Riley Turpin SO-VE*)

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 7-2 Reports 7 VSC's

Flotilla 7-3 Reports 9 VSC's

Flotilla 7-6 Reports 0 VSC's

Flotilla 7-8 Reports 0 VSC's

Summary of activities conducted in this period:

Conducted VSC's as reported which included 2 facilities, and 1 Utah State Patrol vessel.

Activities planned for the next 30 days:

Plan VSC event at Jordanelle State Park in conjunction with On Water Boat Show, for May 15th through May 18th.

VSC COUNT YTD: 24

VSC COUNT PYTD: 17

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

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

-DIVISION 10 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: (*none on record*)

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 10-2 Reports 200 VSC's

Flotilla 10-3 Reports 53 VSC's

Flotilla 10-5 **NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

Flotilla 10-6 **NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

Summary of activities conducted in this period: Flotilla 10-02 reports VSC's performed at N/S Camanche 4/5 and S/S Camanche and Don Pedro April 12TH. An additional station was at Buckley Cove on 4/23. In addition, approx. 35 VSC's were conducted thru the Forever Resort program set-up by the DSO-VE.

Activities planned for the next 30 days:

Flotilla 10-02 plans stations 5/3 at N/S Camanche, 5/11 at S/S Camanche and 5/24 at Don Pedro for NSBW. Flotilla 10-03 planned activities include: 5/3 Boatfest'08 at Delta Marine Services, 5/10 at Paradise Point, 5/17 for NSBW at New Melones and 5/24 New Hogan.

VSC COUNT YTD: 619

VSC COUNT PYTD: 599

NOTE: Above information supplied by FSO-VE 10-3 and DSO-VE. No reports received from FSO-VE 10-02, 10-05 and 10-06.

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

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

-DIVISION 12 EAST BAY: (*Richard Scheuerman SO-VE*)

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

-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: 1384* PYTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 1465*

We are **18%** of the District goal of 7,500 VSC's and **95%** of 2007 production. Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 761 or 56% of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition 642 or 46% are High Risk VSC's.

*As shown in AUXINFO thru April 2008.

-District/National News

“Inflatable life jackets that are to be used by qualified Auxiliary VE's and RBS-PV's are expected to arrive at ANSC per the following schedule: 3500 pfd's in June, and 3600 pfd's in July, for a Total of 7100 PFDs.

ANSC will distribute them to DCP's based on AUXDATA's Division-level counts of qualified Auxiliary VE's and RBS-PV's, for further distribution to FCs for appropriate program use at field level.

These life jackets have been purchased with Coast Guard funds and therefore have to be treated and tracked like Coast Guard property that is provided to Auxiliary units. Further, there is an additional element of program accountability that requires annual reporting to the Program Operations Branch of the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-54222) for three years.

As ANSC completes the distribution of each of these shipments, it will notify all regions of such on a Division-by-Division basis. Upon receipt at the Flotilla level, the life jackets shall be tracked and reported in accordance with regional guidelines for the reporting of Coast Guard property in the custody of Auxiliary units. In December of 2008, 2009, and 2010, the DCP shall also be responsible for reporting the distribution status of the life jackets directly to CG-54222”.

Source: LCDR Kathryn Dunbar USCG

For years the Coast Guard had been operating the Boating Safety Hotline 800 number. That number was placed on our ANSC 7012 forms and many other pieces of literature that has been distributed to the boating public.

About a year ago the Coast Guard decided to drop the service. The phone company has reassigned the number to another customer.

Please ask the deck plate to strike out the hot line 800 number on ALL their forms and literature. ANSC is working to have the inventory corrected before additional literature is shipped out. We will also be changing reference in our manuals. This is a big job and thanks for your help.

Source: Pete Urgola DC-V

As part of a National program, several Flotillas' within Divisions 3, 5, and 10 Flotilla's have been contacted to perform VSC's for 6 Forever Resorts rental fleet. Each flotilla could net between 50 to 75 VSC's each and could boost the District totals by 300+ VSC's.

In Division 6, Tony Budlong has agreed to start a pilot program to perform VSC's on Kayak and canoe rentals in Monterey. Currently he is about 50% thru the rental fleet. Once he's completed the program, we will sit down to analyze his work and to see if other examiners can utilize the program.

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 Joaquin or I can be of ANY assistance to any DCP or SO-VE, I hope there will be no hesitation to contact us. Working together we can once again make D11NR one of the top VSC performers nationwide for 2008!

Respectfully Submitted,

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