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**Vessel Examinations Department  
Report for: February 2009**



**To: DCO Michael L. Williams D11NR**  
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**All DCDRs, All DSO's, ADSO-VE's, SO-VE's**  
**Subject: DSO-VE Report**

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 **Division Statistics\***

No information to report.

 **PAC Area Statistics\***

No information to report

 **National/District News**

The recommended changes for the upcoming revision of the VSC Manual have been posted on the D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>

Thanks to all examiners who took the time to send me their suggestions. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that any will make it past the review committee.

As part of the RBS Road Show, a Vessel Examiner workshop and new examiner class was held at the IGT Training facility in Reno NV over the weekend of Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. This well attended hugely successful event was planned by Dee Dee Kincaid DCDR 11 and sponsored by DIRAUX. A total of 25 members attended the VSC review on Saturday and had the opportunity to ask questions. In addition, 9 members took the exam on Sunday and all passed!

A Vessel Examiner workshop is planned for D/Train at Rohnert Park on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. This workshop will be presented by Tony Budlong ADSO-VE and will focus on performing VSC's on kayaks and specifically for rentals. This is a huge market waiting to be tapped. You'll find there is more to performing a VSC than passing out a whistle and slapping on a decal. There is also time set aside for a general question and answer period.

There have been two changes to the requirements for inspection of a PWC as an OPFAC.  
ANSC 7008, Section VII

- 1- item 12: A type IV throwable PFD is no longer required
- 2- item 20: A spare spark plug is only required for a 2 cycle engine.

These changes have been authorized for immediate implementation.

This information has been supplied by :

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Additional information is available on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website:

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

As evident by the new logos, Nevada, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary have joined the “WEAR IT” campaign. A link to the National Safe Boating Council, the sponsor of the campaign can be found on the the D11NR vessel examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. As of this report, activities are still pending for the California campaign for 2009. As soon as information becomes available, it will be posted. At that point, several emails to Nevada and Utah regarding their program have gone un-retuned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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!

