



Vessel Safety Check Report

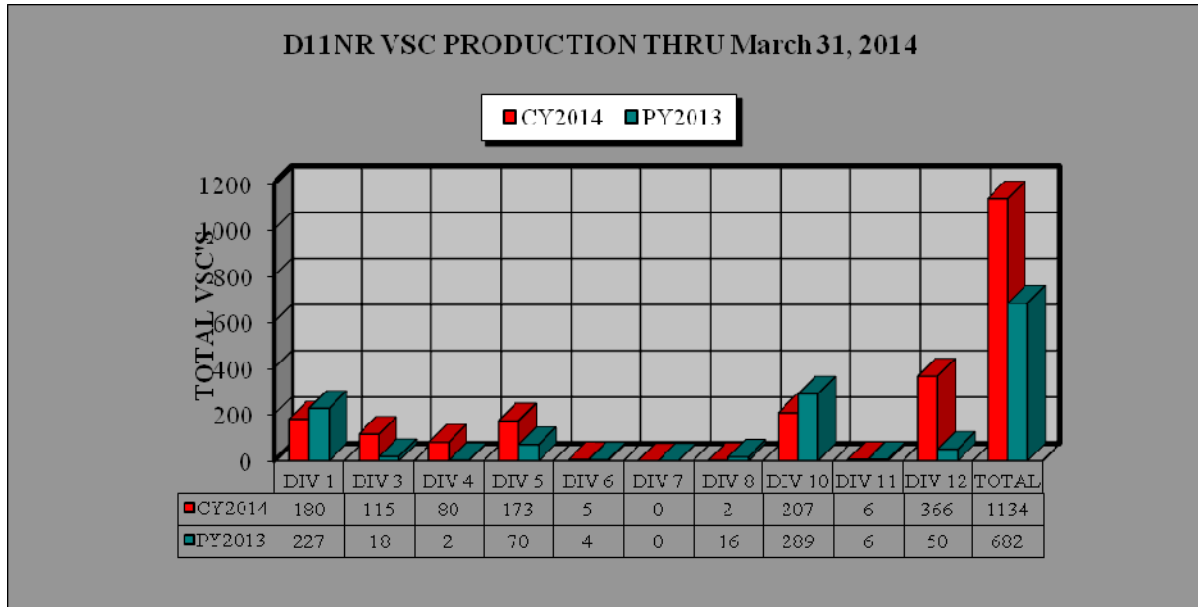
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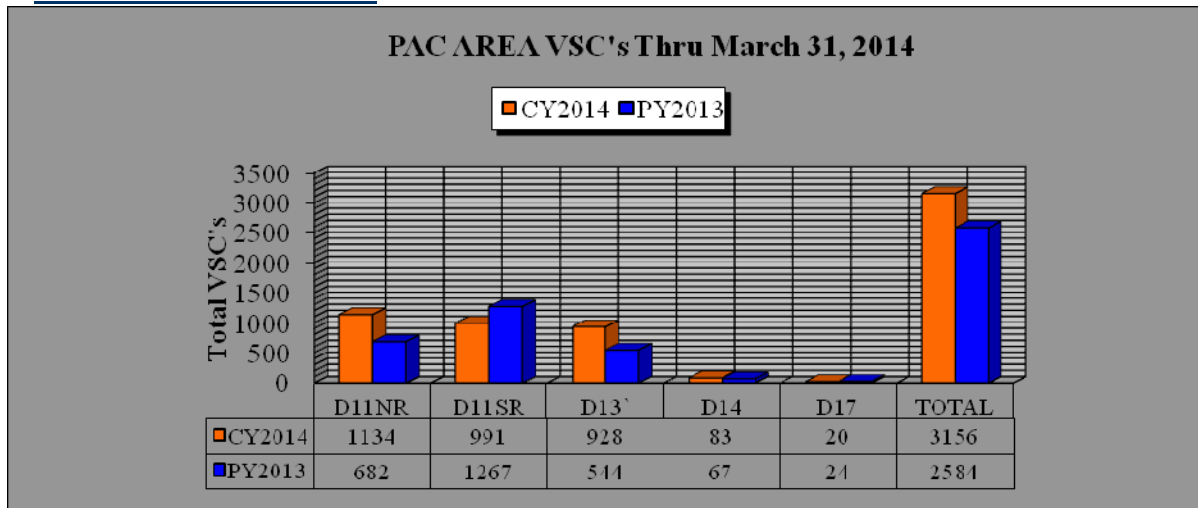
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D11NR Statistics*



PAC AREA Statistics*



Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that we are 9% of our 2014 goal and 166% of 2013 production. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 95% or 951 have passed the VSC, 35% or 396 are First Time VSC's, 27% or 302 are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 31% or 357 are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO*.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 31, 2014

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who were recently recognized at the D/Train awards banquet in Sacramento on March 15th for their contribution to the 2013 D11NR VSC program:

William W. Burns	01-07	531	1 st place
Charles M. Duncan	03-09	401	2 nd place
Neil P. Sliva	10-05	261	3 rd place

-SPECIAL congratulations to Steven B. Perez from 11-01! Steve is the 1st recipient of a new D11NR award for the most Paddlecraft VSC's with 741 VSC's.

-In addition, congratulations to Flotilla 10-02 for receiving the 1st place award for most VSC's performed with 1,023. In addition, all examiners maintained their qualification.

-Finally, thank you and congratulations to all D11NR Vessel Examiners for their hard work during 2013 under adverse conditions.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the 20 or more VSC plateau for 2014:

Richard A. Saber	01-02	Lonny B. Singer	03-09
Gary N. Murray	05-05	Neil P. Sliva	10-05

This brings our total to 14 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately **5%** the total District vessel examiner base. 2013 had **16** examiners or **5%** at this time. Please check the D11NR Vessel Examiner recognition site: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> for your name! It is also accessible from the D11NR Vessel Examiner site: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

No new examiners to report.

***Re-Certified**

With the addition of new examiner(s) for 2013, our examiner base is now **299** active examiners! This represents about **17%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

VSC Calendar

NSBW-May 14th-23rd 2014

Operation Dry Water June 27th-29th

VSC Questions: These are actual test questions from the 2007 VE Exam Version "F"

Answers can be found in another location in the newsletter

- 1- **Operational Facilities 12 meters (39.4 feet) or more in length must own and Maintain:**

- a. A Quick Reference Navigation Rules card.
- b. Navigation Rules publications, COMDTINST M16672.2
- c. Quick Reference & Navigation Rules publications COMDTINST M16672.2
- d. Coxswains are not required to own Navigation Rules Publications

2-Inflatable Life Jackets (PFDs) are becoming more and more popular. You are examining a 22' stern drive vessel with two adults and two pre-teen children aboard. They proudly show you their four new inflatable PFDs, out of the manufacturer's original packaging. If everything else is okay, can you issue a VSC decal?

- a. No. Inflatable Life Jackets (PFDs) are not yet Coast Guard Approved so they don't count as acceptable for carriage
- b. No, inflatable Life Jackets (PFDs) are not approved for children under 16 years of age. The VE should remind the boat owners to remove Life Jackets (PFD's) from the manufacturer's packaging.
- c. Yes, but be sure to recommend that they remove them from the packaging since Life Jackets (PFDs) in plastic are not readily accessible.
- d. Yes, but you need to remove them from the packaging, examine the firing device by removing the CO2 cartridge to determine it has not been used.

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-**65** members or approximately **4%** 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>
No new members to report.

National and District News

National News

-A National website has been set up to capture failure information from VSC activity. Please take a minute to go to: <http://www.usbi.org/vsc.php> and fill in the survey of your 2013 and 2014 VSC failures. This is a very simple process and takes about 15-seconds per 7012/7012a. Please make certain that you pay attention to the date and the state where the VSC was performed.

District News

-**YOUR** D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website recently passed over the **25,000** hit mark and is being utilized as a one stop resource for which it was designed in 2009 by Irene Wetzel DSO-CS and me. This is still the **ONLY** site of its kind in the Auxiliary, however many portions of it are being used by other Districts. Thank you to Irene for helping me bring this important asset to fruition and especially to Jan Jewel ADSO-VE/CS for maintaining it at least a weekly and sometimes daily basis for the past several years! Jan is a huge asset to the D11NR VSC program and works very hard to keep both the VE and public website fresh and current!

-VSC's ON RENTALS-At the request of Commodore Collins, to maintain uniformity in the program, moving forward, ALL VSC's for rental agencies that rent pwc's, fishing boats, house boats, paddle craft, etc., will now require a D11NR Rental Agreement with the dealer. This program is relatively simple, straight forward, and is self-explanatory. You can find a copy of the agreement (ML-3) along with a sample introduction letter (if necessary) (ML-2), and basic instructions (ML-1) on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "VE FORMS". Please note that to participate in this program, a Program Visitor is required. However, if you are a Vessel Examiner and a current Program Visitor, you can fulfill that requirement. Please print (2) copies-one for you to keep after signed by the vendor, and one for the vendor after you and/or the Program Visitor have signed it. You should maintain the vendor signed copy for the calendar year.

-Mythbusters- Visual Distress Signals Edition-provided as a courtesy and reprinted with COMO Gail Ramsey's permission

From OTO CWO2 Matthew J. James

"Are you required to carry flares on your facility? The short answer is "Maybe". In order for your vessel to be approved as a facility, you must have the required number of Visual Distress Signals (VDS) onboard based on your vessel's size and where you operate it. 33CFR175.110 addresses the VDS requirements for recreational vessels (which AUXFAC's legally fall under for the purposes of Boating Safety Regulations). The federal regulation allows for different combinations of VDS to be carried onboard a vessel operating on waters where the USCG has jurisdiction. One of the accepted combinations is a Day Non-pyrotechnic VDS, such as the Orange emergency flag and one Night Non-Pyrotechnic VDS, such as the emergency strobe I issue to you in your SAR vest. Here's it gets tricky: The emergency strobe light is only acceptable as a Night non-pyrotechnic VDS shoreward of the COLREGS demarcation line. This means that if you patrol in inland waters only, as defined by the COLREGS, you are night required to have pyrotechnics onboard. A visual distress flag and your SAR Vest strobe will satisfy the requirements. Now, if you patrol beyond the COLREGS demarcation line in the offshore approaches, the only Night Non-pyrotechnic VDS accepted is an electronic "SOS" light, which is only made by a handful of manufacturers. In this case, I would recommend you purchase Day/Night combination pyrotechnics to meet the requirements. Those of you that patrol inland lakes exclusively will need to refer to the state requirements for VDS."

If you have questions or require addition information, please contact CWO2 James.

Dockwalker News

Dear Boating Partners and Dockwalkers:

We are excited to announce a great upcoming outreach event: The **Strictly Sail Pacific** (<http://strictlysailpacific.com/>) in Jack London Square, Oakland.

Thanks to the **San Francisco Estuary Partnership** (DBW Clean Vessel Act Program), there will be a great opportunity to attend this show and distribute the **2014**

Recreational Boater Kits (<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/images/boaterkit-2012.jpg>) including the **San Francisco Bay Area and the Delta clean boating and sewage pumpout maps** and promote clean and safe boating.

This is an amazing opportunity to reach a huge audience but... we can't do it without your help. Please consider volunteering with us for one (or more) of the following shifts below. It will be great if you could help us for three to four hours. Your assistance is really appreciated! Not only is it a rewarding experience, but the event is tons of fun--hundreds exhibits, the new 2014 boat models and marine accessory products, contests, hands-on features, and much more.

Your help is requested from **Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13**

Please consider the following days and shifts

- **Friday, April 11th: 10 am - 6 pm**
- **Saturday, April 12th: 10 am - 7 p.m.**
- **Sunday, April 13th: 10 am - 5 p.m.**

MAP: <http://g.co/maps/um24p>

Parking and Public Transportation Please check

<http://www.strictlysailpacific.com/shows/directions.asp>. You may want to park in the blocks further out of the show area. There are also some parking lots options found at <http://www.jacklondonsquare.com/parking.html> *In this link you will also find the parking rates.*

Consider taking Public Transportation. This information is found at <http://www.strictlysailpacific.com/shows/directions.asp>

Your entrance will be **Free** to the show! Please come and help us and then the show using one of the booth's badges.

Please email or contact me vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov (415) 904-6905) if you are available to join us. **We will send out more details about volunteer logistics when you sign up.**

Question 1 "B" See 7003 form Section VI #18

Question 2 "B" See page 15 of the VSC Manual

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

