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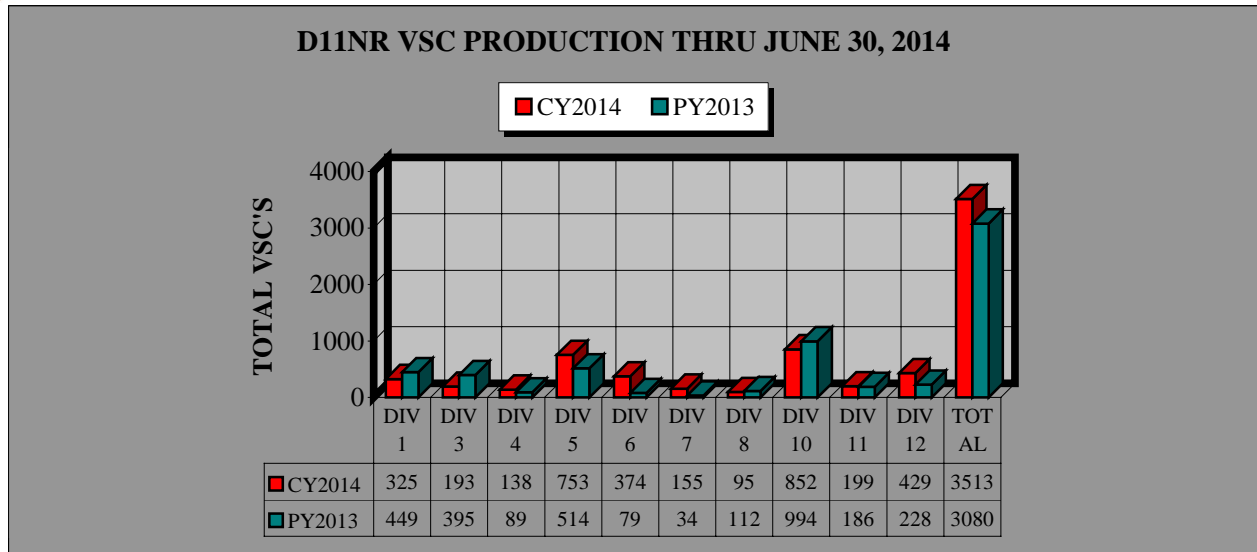


Vessel Safety Check Report July 2014

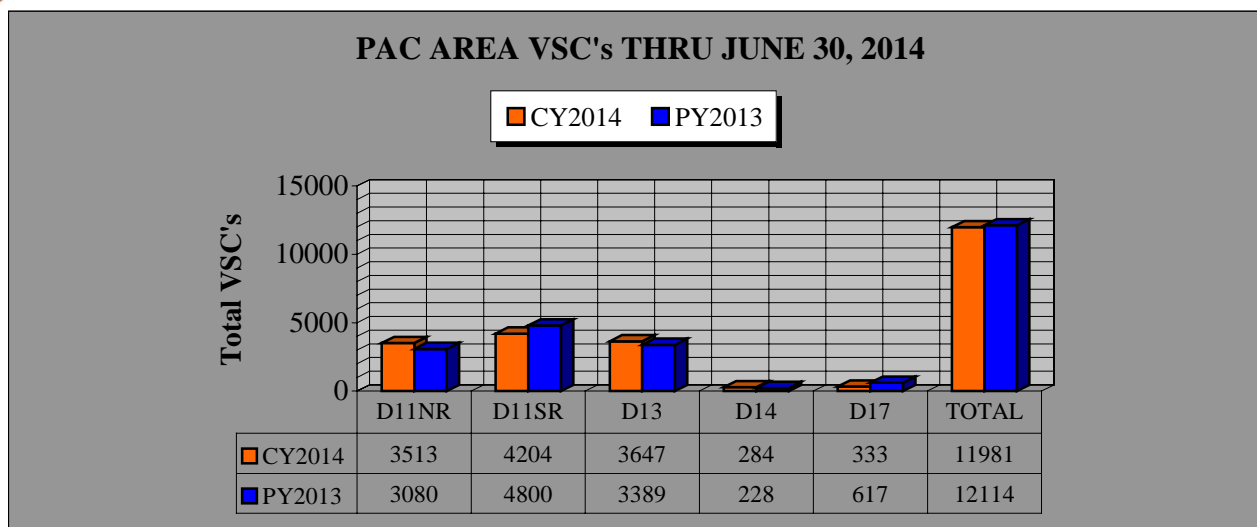


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District Statistics*



PAC Area Statistics*



The goal for D11NR is **12,500 VSC's**. We are **28%** of our goal for the year and **114%** of 2013 production at this time! The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicate that **2,814** or **80%**, have passed the VSC, **1,472** or **42%** are First Time VSC's, and **1,327** or **38%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **874** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **25%** of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **June 30, 2014**

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2014, our examiner base is now 270 approaching active examiners. This represents about 17% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

NO NEW MEMBERS TO REPORT

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-73 members or approximately 5% 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


Congratulations

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

James R. Minkel Jr.	05-01	Randel Mc Cormick	05-03
Patrick W. O' Reilly	05-05	Christopher E. Krogh	07-03
Tony J. Zocchi	07-06	John L. Paval	10-03
Phillip E. Grove	10-05	Steven T. Pitts	10-05
Dennis F. Hogan	11-04	James L. Snell	11-04

This brings our total to 35 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 10% the total District vessel examiner base. 2013 had examiners 34 or 10% 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>.

 **VSC Questions-** These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2007. Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1- You're at a very busy boat ramp. You have an opportunity to conduct the VSC on a boat that's still on the trailer. Can you do it?

- a. No, how can you tell if the boat is seaworthy if it's still on the trailer?
- b. No, the *Vessel Safety Check Manual, COMDTINST 16796.8 (series)* explicitly states that the boat must be in the water, safely afloat at normal trim with adequate freeboard.
- c. Yes, but before you can issue the VSC decal, you must see the boat in the water. This way you're sure it's seaworthy.
- d. Yes, as long as the owner or operator is present during the safety check the boat may be examined on a trailer.

2-A VE inspecting a PWC as an Operational Facility:

- a. Does not need to check for fire extinguisher, as it is not a federal requirement.
- b. Must do satisfactory radio check on required frequencies.
- c. Does not need to check for a flashlight, since it can't operate at night.
- d. Only needs to check items in Section VI of ANSC 7008.

Calendar

PCA Training Fair August 16th-17th

National and District News

National News

NOTHING TO REPORT

District News

-VSC's ON RENTALS-At the request of Commodore Collins, to maintain uniformity in the VSC program, moving forward, **ALL** VSC's for rental agencies that rent pwc's, fishing boats, houseboats, paddlecraft, etc. will now require a D11NR Rental Agreement with the dealer. This program is relatively simple, straightforward, and is self-explanatory. You can find a copy of the instructions (ML-1), a sample introduction letter (ML-2), and a copy of the agreement (ML-3) on the D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "**VE FORMS**". These are done in Microsoft "Word" and you can tailor them for your individual needs. Please note that to participate in this program, a Program Visitor (PV) is required. However, if you are a Vessel Examiner (VE) and a current Program Visitor (PV), you can fulfill that requirement. Please print (2) copies-one for you to keep after signed by the vendor, and one for the vendor to keep after you and the Program Visitor (PV) have signed it. You should maintain your copies for the calendar year.

-Just a reminder that if you have NOT completed the **REQUIRED** National Vessel Examiner (VE)workshop as required by June 30, 2014, you are now in **REWK** status. Any VSC activity after this date will not be able to be entered into AUX DATA until the workshop has been completed. Failure to complete the required workshop by December 31, 2014, will place you in **REYR** status, which means you will have to complete the required workshop and in addition perform 2 VSC's with a qualified examiner and then submit the MT-2 to DIRAUX to be reinstated. Please go to the D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> where you can find an easy to follow link to AUXLMS for the 30-minute workshop, or a 1 1/2 hr power-point presentation shown at D/Train that can be downloaded and presented by a qualified instructor locally. If you attempt the AUXLMS version, PLEASE make certain you take the **FULL** 30-minutes!

-Please pass the word that once again the Vessel Examiner class is coming to PCA Fair over the weekend of August 16th and 17th. The 2-day class includes the final exam and a VSC demo on a vessel. Many handouts will be provided. This class is a great bargain at \$10 for early registration if postmarked by July 20th (\$15 afterward) and an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved in the Auxiliary. The member is required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual and review the material prior to class. A copy of the VSC Manual is available for download on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. Additional arrangements can be made at the class to perform the 5 VSC's to complete the qualification. If there are any questions, please have the member contact me at sumfun@juno.com.

-A National website has been set up to capture VSC 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.

-A special request from the Director's office; PLEASE have the qualifying members 7038 with the 5 VSC's entered into AUXDATA by the FSO/SO-IS **PRIOR** to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

Dockwalker News

Dockwalking at The San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor. The San Francisco Department of the Environment, the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program have teamed up on a Waterfront Pollution Prevention Campaign to engage boaters on clean and safe boating practices. During weekends from June through July, please volunteer to Dockwalk to encourage boaters to adopt practices that help protect our beautiful waterfront.

Other potential dates will be:

Saturday , July 12

Saturday, July 19

To sign up for Dockwalking, contact Cynthia Knowles at Cynthia.knowles@sfgov.org or (415)355-3760.

On behalf of California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean & Green Program and The Bay Foundation (funded by DBW's Clean Vessel Act Education Program), we want to welcome you to your May 2014 electronic newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter Please see: http://www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/PDF/CleanGreen/Dockwalker_Newsletter_May_14.pdf and enjoy this newsletter.

In addition, please the most most recent clean boating newsletter.

http://www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/PDF/CleanGreen/ct-spring_2014.pdf. I think this publication is a great fit for your VSC efforts.

Source: Vivian Matuk

VE Test Question Answers

1. "D" page 8 VSC Manual
2. "B" See Form 2008

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!

