

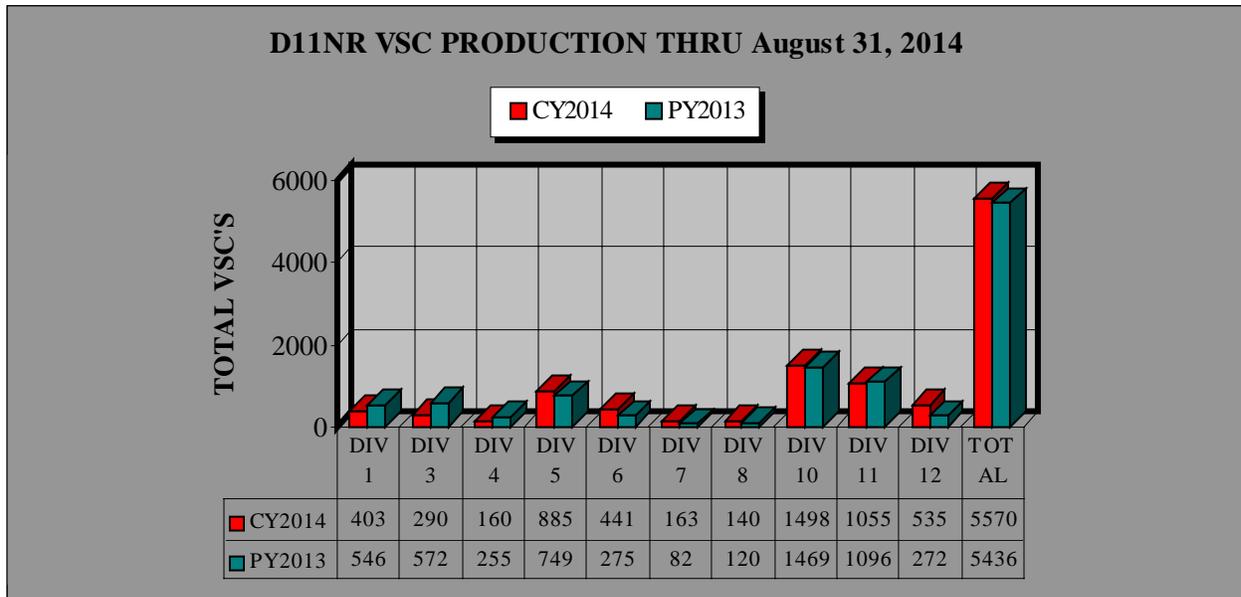


## Vessel Safety Check Report September 2014

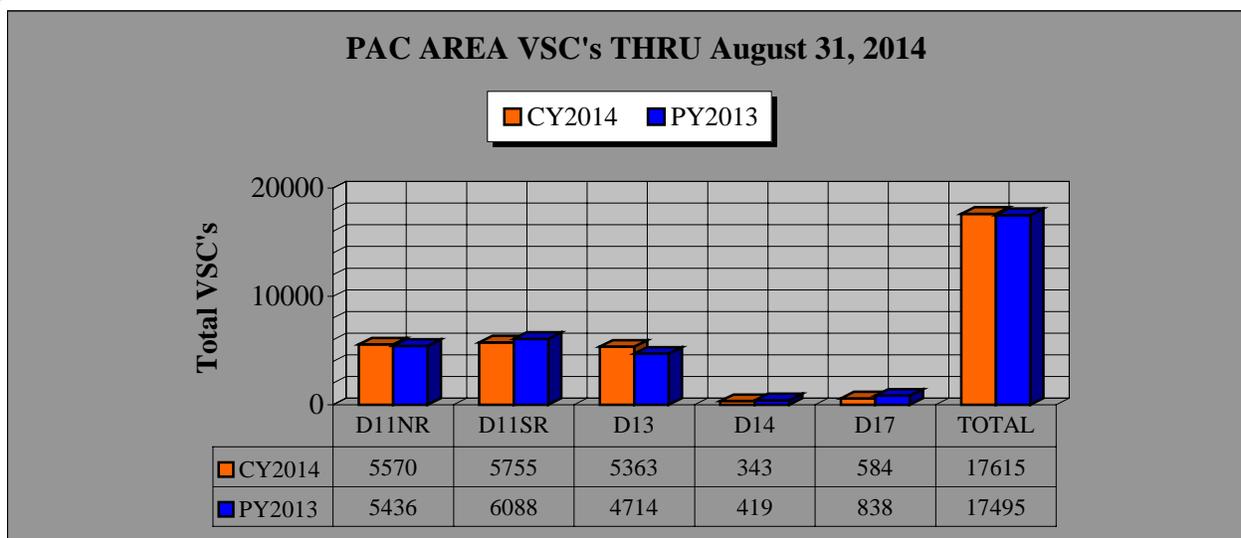


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### District Statistics\*



### PAC Area Statistics\*



The goal for D11NR is **12,500 VSC's**. We are **44%** of our goal for the year and **102%** of 2013 production at this time! The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **81%** have passed the VSC, **2,347** or **42%** are First Time VSC's, **2,043** and or **37%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **1,675** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **30%** of our total VSC production.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **August 31, 2014**

### Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2014, our examiner base is now 287 active examiners. This represents about 19% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

\*recertified

**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:

Norwood B. Maddry	05-01	Riley A. Turpin	07-02
William R. Singleton	10-02	Victor Beelik	11-04
Ryan P. Renard	12-91		

This brings our total to **58** examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 19% the total District vessel examiner base. 2013 had examiners 51 or 18% 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>.

### Calendar

-National Safe Boating Week May 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2015

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the following members who have passed part 1 of their vessel examiner qualification at Past Commanders Assoc. Training Fair over the weekend of August 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Please offer assistance to help one of your flotilla members complete their qualification ASAP!

Ted Cohen	01-04	Renee Cristler	03-10
Edwin Alers	04-03	Bryon Barr	04-06
Nancy Forrest	05-03	Tim Meroney	06-04
Linn Weaver	11-03		



**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 checking a PWC. When you ask the owners where they operate the PWC on coastal waters, they say, "no". Then, when you ask them if they have flares or other Visual Distress Signals aboard, they reply, "no." If everything else is okay, can you issue a VSC decal to this PWC?**

- a. No, the VSC program is designed for real powerboats and sailboats. We can look at PWCs, but no matter how well equipped, we cannot give these thrill craft a decal.
- b. No, all vessels must have flares that are not expired when operating in coastal waters and PWC operators are no exceptions.
- c. Yes, if the PWC is less than 16 feet and operating during the day, then no VDS are required. However, suggest to the owners that they carry a distress signal flag and explain how to properly use their arms in the universally understood distress signal. Some states may require VDS's.
- d. Yes, but make the owners promise to only operate on inland waters since inland waters have different and much less stringent VDS requirements.

**2- When there is a permanent fuel tank compartment without an electrical source of ignition in the compartment and everything else has passed, can you issue the VSC decal?**

- a. Yes, as long as the ducting is connected to the blower intake and extends only into the top third of the compartment.
- b. Yes, as long as the fuel tank is vented to the outside of the boat.
- c. No, permanent fuel tanks can rust and puncture. They should not be contained in special compartments.
- d. No, since the compartment doesn't have enough room to contain the exhaust ducting and cowls required by the Coast Guard



### **National and District News**



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NOTHING NEW 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!

-**The National website** that was set up to capture VSC failure information from VSC activity has been closed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this effort

-**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**

#### **NOTHING NEW TO REPORT**

VE Test Question Answers

1. "C" page 16 VSC Manual
2. "B" page 20 VSC Manual

**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!**

