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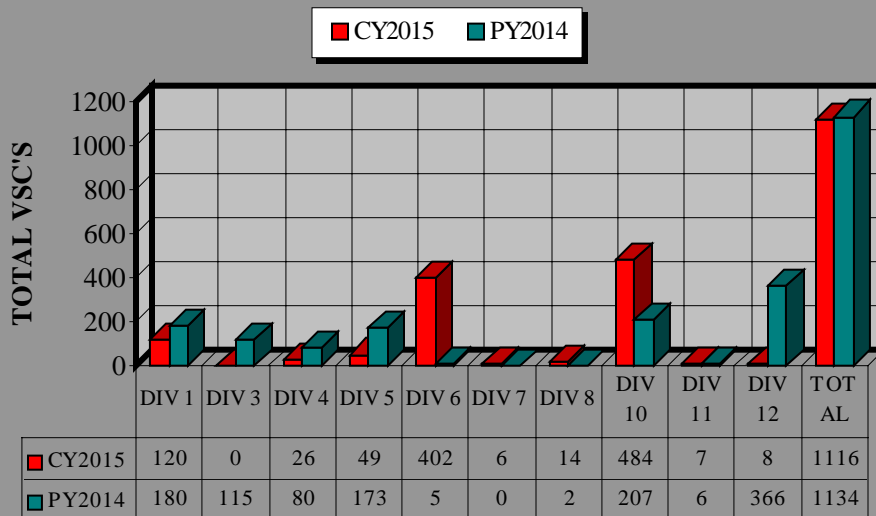
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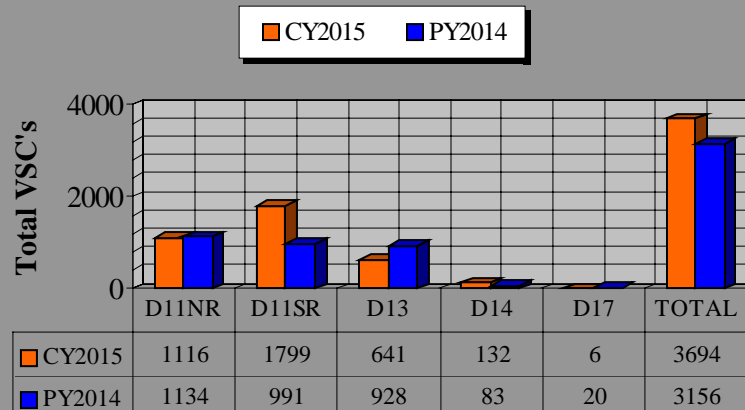
District Statistics*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU MARCH 29, 2015



PAC Area Statistics*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru MARCH 29, 2015



The 2015 goal for D11NR is **9,000 VSC's**. We are **9%** of our goal for the year and **98%** of 2014 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **1,041** or **93%** have passed the VSC, **379** or **34%** are First Time VSC's, **253** or **23%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **459** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **41%** of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **March 29, 2015**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **30+ VSC** plateau for **2015**. With the addition of these **4** new members, this brings our total to **10** members and are part of an elite group-approximately **5%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership. These members have preformed over **73%** or **815** of the D11NR VSC total! These members will receive special recognition and their names will be listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>.

David L. Beach	01-04	Jerry B. Edelen	06-04
Robert G. Kay	06-04	Phillip E. Grove	10-05

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who were recognized at D/TRAIN in San Jose for their 2014 VSC performance:

Billy Ray	10-03	1st Place	484 VSC's
William W. Burns	01-07	2nd Place	352 VSC's
Charles M. Duncan	03-09	3rd Place	266 VSC's
Steven B. Perez	11-01	Paddlecraft	713 VSC's

In addition, special congratulations to Flotilla **10-06** for receiving the top VSC Flotilla award for 2014!

Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2014, our examiner base is now **201** active examiners. This represents about **12%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

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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-**79** 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>

Larry L. Seeger	01-02	Simone H. Adair	01-07
Robert G. Kay	06-04	Steven B. Perez	11-01

VSC Questions- These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2014. Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1. **Approved distress signals as authorized by federal regulations**
 - a. Must be properly stowed and readily accessible.
 - b. Must be in serviceable condition and with a current date.
 - c. Are required to be carried by all vessels 16 feet or over operating on the high seas and coastal waters of the U.S.
 - a. All of these choices.

2. If there are multiple member owners of a facility being offered for use, the 7-digit member ID entered on the 7003/7008 is:

- a. The member who will be designated coxswain.
- b. Any member who is a part owner.
- c. The member holding the largest percentage of ownership.
- d. The member holding the highest elected/appointed office.

Calendar

- National Safe Boating Week May 16th-22nd
- PCA Training Fair August 15th-16th

National and District News

National News

Nothing new to report.

District News

-Thanks to Russ Kaiser FSO-VE 03-05 for researching the information and David Wright for providing a nice simple one page handout that you can distribute while performing VSC's or use as a discussion item for the Kidde fire extinguisher recall. You will find it on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "Hotline Messages".

-PLEASE do NOT wear boots to climb aboard a vessel to perform a VSC. Our program allows for deck shoes, white or black tennis/walking with soft soles. If this is not an option, please consider purchasing disposal shoe/boot covers available in the paint or hardware dept. at Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc, a package of 6 for under \$10.

-Just a reminder that if you have NOT completed the REQUIRED National Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop as required by June 30, 2014, as of December 31, 2014, you are now in REYR status. Your failure to complete the required workshop by December 31, 2014, 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 the 2014 D/Train that can be downloaded and presented locally by a qualified instructor. If you attempt the AUXLMS version, PLEASE make certain you take the FULL 30-minutes!

-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.

-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

A new link to the Dockwalker website has been added to D11NR VE website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "Useful Links".

VE Test Question Answers

1. "D" page 3-13 VSC Manual
2. "C" 7003 form pg 3

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!

