



Vessel Safety Check Report May 2016

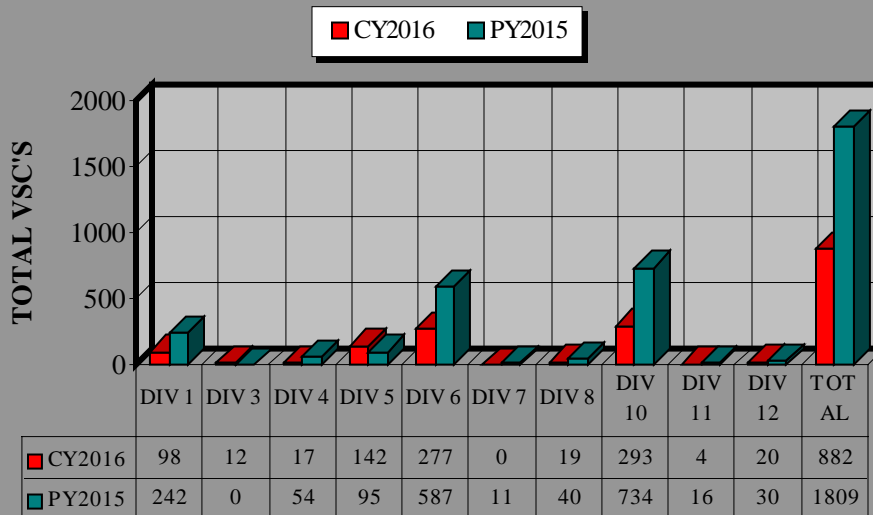


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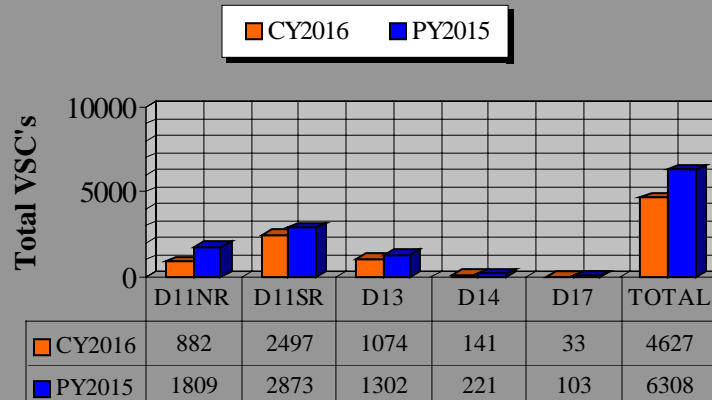
District Statistics*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU May 1, 2016



PAC Area Statistics*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru May 1, 2016



The 2016 goal for D11NR is **9,000** VSC's. We are **10%** of our goal for the year and **49%** of 2015 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **796** or **90%** have passed the VSC, **231** or **26%** are First Time VSC's, **247** or **28%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **279** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **31%** of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **May 1, 2016**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2016**. With the addition of these new members, this brings our total to **7** members and are part of an elite group-approximately **2.5%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership. These members will receive special recognition and their names will be listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Richard A. Saber	01-02	Robert J. Aston	01-04
Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05	Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy	10-06

Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2016, our examiner base is now 225 active examiners. This represents about **15%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.


No new members reported

*recertified

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-**80** 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 reported

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

1. Vessels eligible for a Vessel Safety Check include:

- a. Canoes, kayaks, Jon boats and PWC's.
- b. Recreational vessels registered in Canada as long as they are in US waters
- c. Work boats and tugboats if they are also used for recreational boating.
- d. Experimental design vessels to enhance their customer appeal and acceptance.

2. When awarding a VSC decal on a paddle craft, which statement regarding placement of the decal is NOT true?

- a. It should be placed near the HIN.
- b. Place decal where it can easily be seen.
- c. Make sure it is affixed in the presence of the VE.
- d. Should be placed on port side, forward of amidships.

Calendar

-National Safe Boating Week(NSBW) May 21st-27th
-Operation Dry Water June 24th-26th
-PCA Training Fair September 17th-18th

National and District News

National News

-**Change in Vessel Examiner Reporting Forms:** Beginning 01 April 2016, Recreational Vessel Examiners will continue to record and submit both Recreational Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and Facility Examinations on Form 7038, while Commercial Vessel Examinations will now be recorded on the new Form 7066. The new form, ANSC-7066, will be used to report Uninspected Commercial Vessel (UCV) exams, including Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPV), Uninspected Towing Vessels (UTV), and Commercial Fishing Vessels (CFV). Only personnel holding the appropriate examiner qualification are permitted to report these exams.

-**The latest issue of "RBS-Job #1"** (featuring news on Recreational Boating Safety for Instructors, Vessel Examiners, Program Visitors and all Coast Guard Auxiliaries interested in recreational boating safety) is now available [here http://bdept.cgaux.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Job-1-RBS-Spring2016.pdf](http://bdept.cgaux.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Job-1-RBS-Spring2016.pdf). This issue offers our largest variety of Recreational Boating Safety articles to date.

District News

-**The Vessel Examiner Class** planned for the September PCA Training Fair will be a two-day class over the weekend of September 17th-18th. As in the past, the class starts PROMPTLY at 0730 each day and should be completed by 1600. The class will include the final exam.

-**For** Coast Guard liability insurance purposes, **PRIOR** to leaving the house for ANY VSC activity other than to participate at an organized station, **PLEASE** remember to notify a member of the flotilla leadership (FC, VFC, FSO-VE) of your planned activity. The notification could be in the form of an email, text message or a phone call. In the unlikely event of an incident, be prepared to provide proof of the notification. In addition, for the same insurance coverage per the new VSC Manual please remember, you also need to be in uniform and if boarding a vessel you need to be wearing a lifejacket.

-**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.**

-**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 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. "A" Pg 4-3,4 VSC Manual
2. "A" Pg 5-2 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!

