



Vessel Safety Check Report

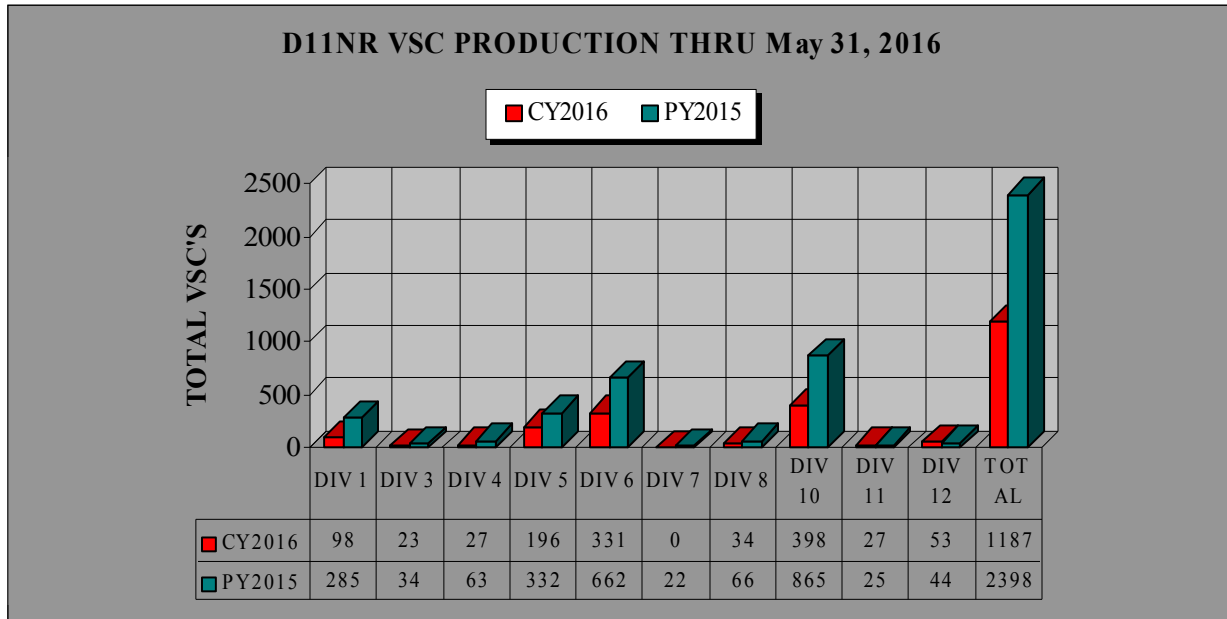
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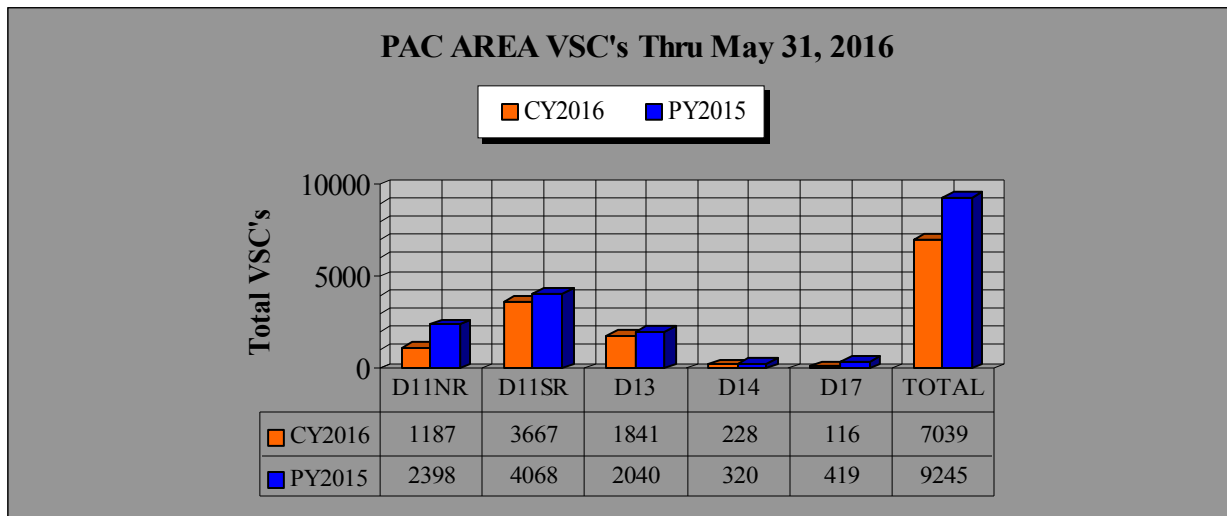
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District Statistics*



PAC Area Statistics*



The 2016 goal for D11NR is **9,000 VSC's**. We are **13%** 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 **1,063** or **89%** have passed the VSC, **366** or **31%** are First Time VSC's, **382** or **32%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **323** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **27%** of our total VSC production.

🏆 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 **15** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **3.5%** 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.dlnuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05	Jim D. Blackburn	05-07
Joseph R. Chavoen	10-03	Virginia Luchetti	12-91

🏆 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.dlnuscgaux.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. The Oily Waste Discharge Placard must be posted in the machinery space or at the bilge pump control station of all vessels:

- a. 39.4 feet and longer.
- b. 26 feet and longer.
- c. Registered or documented in the United States.
- d. With oil in the bilge.

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. No, permanent fuel tanks can rust and puncture. They should not be contained in special compartments.
- c. Yes, as long as the fuel tank is vented to the outside of the boat.

- d. No, since the compartment doesn't have enough room to contain the exhaust ducting and cowls required by the Coast Guard.

Calendar

- Operation Dry Water June 24th-26th
- PCA Training Fair September 17th-18th

National and District News

National News

-**There has been confusion** surrounding the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA10 provision dealing with the 12 year fire extinguisher expiration requirement) and the Vessel Safety Check. The information in the Vessel Safety Check Manual COMDTINST M16796.8A regarding fire extinguisher inspection is the current, most accurate guidance. This information is the only reference that should be used by Vessel Examiners conducting Vessel Safety Checks, and providing instruction. Vessel Examiners may encounter some fire extinguishers that have a 12 year expiration date on the device during a Vessel Safety Check. Extinguishers found beyond this 12 year date should not be considered unserviceable, and should not fail a Vessel Safety Check because of this fact. These extinguishers should be inspected to ensure they are Coast Guard approved, and in compliance with the manual in terms of serviceability. Further details may be found at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=dir-v-says>

-**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 Auxiliarists 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

-**I was invited** by Jan Jewell ADSO-VE and Glenn Funk FC from Flot 8-7 to visit a planned VSC station on Saturday 28th at Lake Mendocino in Mendocino County. While there, I observed Jan and Glenn working in the high 80' temperatures from 0900-1300 performing

over 50 VSC's! In addition, these members drove over 2.5 hours to perform this service to a grateful boating community.

-**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. "B" Pg 3-24 VSC Manual
2. "C" Pg 3-24 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!

