



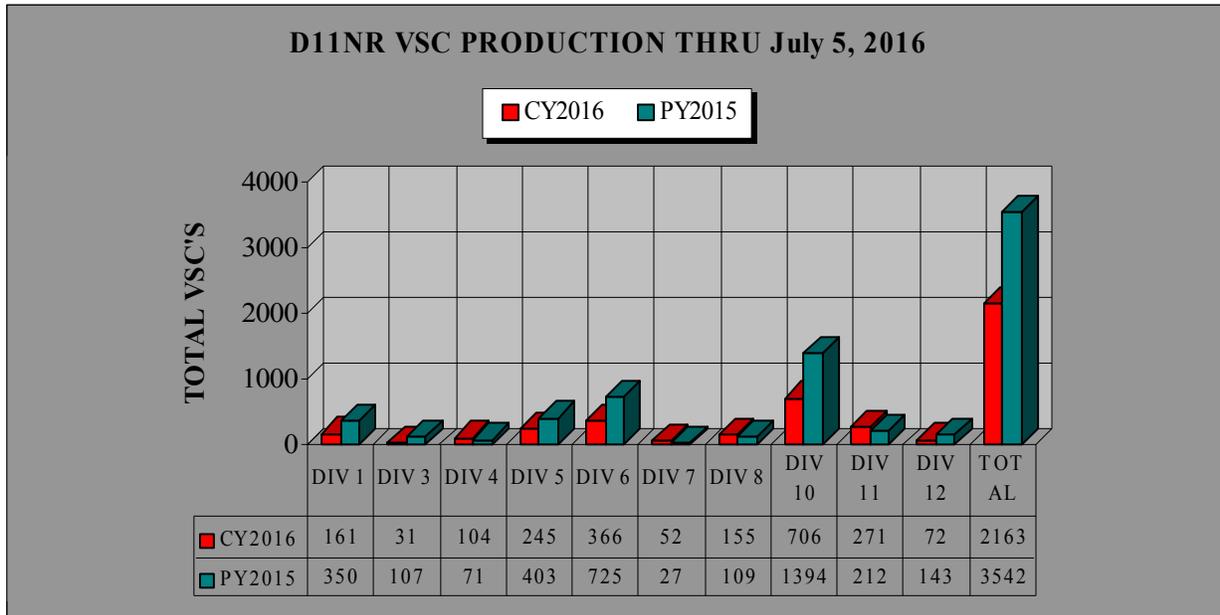
# Vessel Safety Check Report July 2016



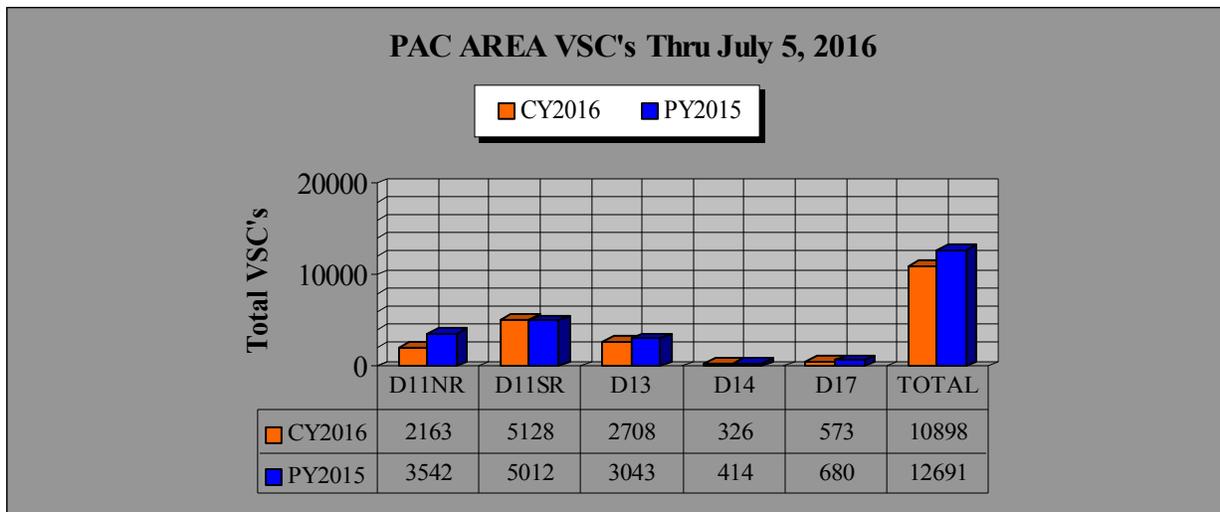
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## **District Statistics\***



## **PAC Area Statistics\***



The 2016 goal for D11NR is **9,000 VSC's**. We are **24%** of our goal for the year and **61%** of 2015 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **1,859** or **85%** have passed the VSC, **788** or **36%** are First Time VSC's, **913** or **42%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **452** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **21%** 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 **27** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **10%** 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>

<b>Michael A. Brown</b>	<b>01-04</b>	<b>Paul S. Vereniotis</b>	<b>04-01</b>
<b>Gary N. Murray</b>	<b>05-05</b>	<b>Jerry B. Edelen</b>	<b>06-04</b>
<b>Carl J. Pierce</b>	<b>08-39</b>	<b>Michael A. Rafatti</b>	<b>10-02</b>

### **Welcome Back!**

With the addition of these new examiners for 2016, our examiner base is now 225 active examiners. This represents about **12%** 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. The Vessel Safety Check Program has many admirable goals. Which of the following fits those goals?**

- a. Supplement the local/state fish and wildlife authorities in enforcing the boating laws
- b. Supplement the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Mission to minimize loss of life and property
- c. Supplement, as a force multiplier, the Coast Guard's interdiction policies
- a. All of the choices

**2. You are performing a VSC in a state that requires all vessels to carry an anchor and anchor line. The 13' Jon boat you're checking doesn't have one on board. Can you issue a VSC decal since anchors are on the "right" side of the Form 7012?**

- a. No, if you signed off on a boat without an anchor when the state requires one, the fine is transferred to you instead of the offending boat owner.
  
- b. Yes, anchors and anchor lines are just good ideas and recommended by the VSC program. However, the VE is not law enforcement so you should issue the decal.
- c. Yes, some states have initiated laws that are impractical. Since a small 13' Jon boat couldn't carry enough anchor line to reach to the bottom of a deep lake anyway, issue the decal.
- d. No, regardless of which side of the Form 7012 the item is on, item 14 on the left side of the form requires compliance with state and/or local laws.

### **Calendar**

-PCA Training Fair September 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

### **National and District News**

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#### **District News**

-**The Vessel Examiner Class** planned for the September PCA Training Fair will be a two-day class over the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. 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:

"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. "D" Pg 3-27 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!**

