



# Vessel Safety Check Report November 2016

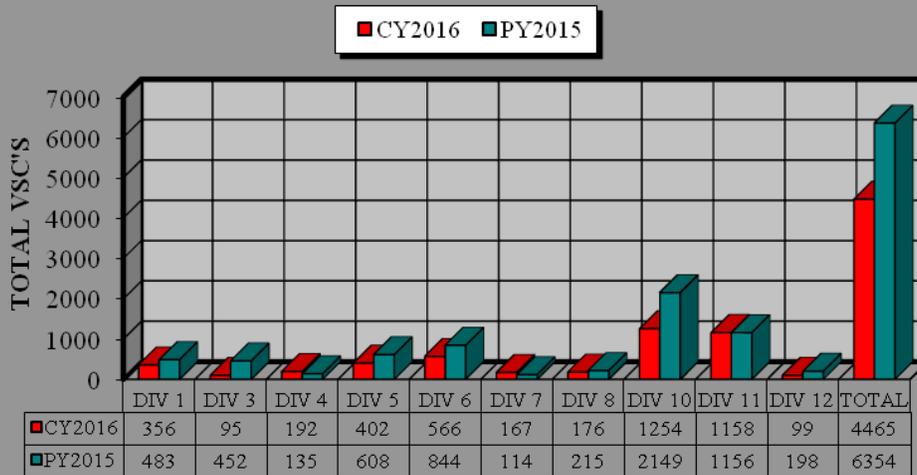


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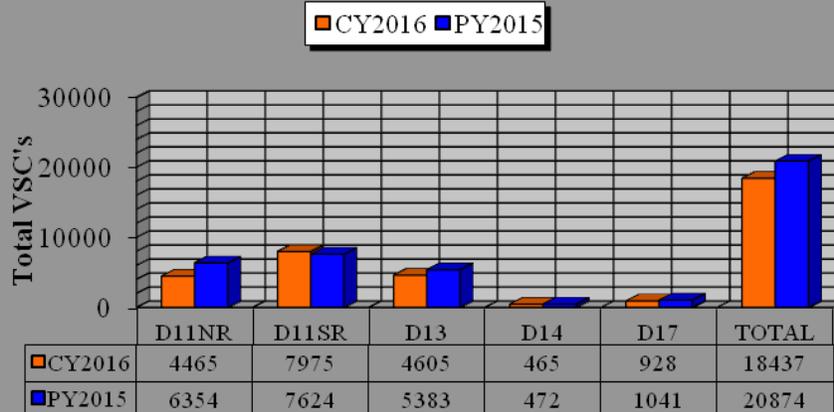
## **District Statistics\***

**D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU November 7, 2016**



## **PAC Area Statistics\***

**PAC AREA VSC's Thru November 7, 2016**



The 2016 goal for D11NR is **9,000 VSC's**. We are **49%** of our goal for the year and **70%** of 2015 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **3,851** or **86%** have passed the VSC, **1,562** or **34%** are First Time VSC's, **1,720** or **38%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **1,265** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **28%** of our total VSC production.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **November 7, 2016**

 **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **60+ VSC** plateau for **2016**. With the addition of these new members, this brings our total to **18** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **10%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership. These members will receive special recognition at their upcoming Division Change of Watch and their names will be listed on the member recognition page:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Robert J. Aston	01-04	Jerel Berkov	01-04
Michael A. Brown	04-01	Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05
Robert G. Kay	06-04	Keith L. Simmons	06-04
Michael L. Badano	06-07	Paul P. Custance	07-03
Joseph R. Chavoen	01-03	Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03
Billy Ray	10-03	Douglas T. Lazo	10-05
Steven T. Pitts	10-05	Steven W. Dicken	10-06
Steven B. Perez	11-01	George G. Williams	11-01
Dennis F. Hogan	11-03	James L. Snell	11-03

 **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 **54** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **22%** 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>Russell C. Kaiser</b>	<b>03-05</b>	<b>Paul P. Custance</b>	<b>07-03</b>
<b>Linda R. Haynes</b>	<b>11-03</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-**67** 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. **When checking a 27' stern drive boat, the owner cannot produce the pole for the combined stern and masthead light. Is the boat eligible for the VSC decal?**

- a. No, it doesn't matter where the pole is, that lighting configuration isn't legal on a boat longer than 26'.
- b. Yes, if the owner advises you that the boat only gets underway during daylight.
- c. No, even though it is daylight, the VE must ensure that the boat is able to display the proper navigation lights.
- d. Yes, but the owner needs to promise the VE that the pole will always be onboard in the future.

2. **When examining a backfire flame control device, ensure:**

- a. Control grid and housing are securely attached to inner housing.
- b. The necessary approval markings are present.
- c. No damaged element or cracked housing.
- d. All of the choices.

### **Calendar**

-D/TRAIN March 23-26 Reno, Nv.

### **National and District News**

#### **National News**

Nothing new to Report.

#### **District News**

-**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.

VE Test Question Answers

1. "C" Pg 3-24 VSC Manual
2. "D" Pg 3-23 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!**

