



# Vessel Safety Check Report June 2017

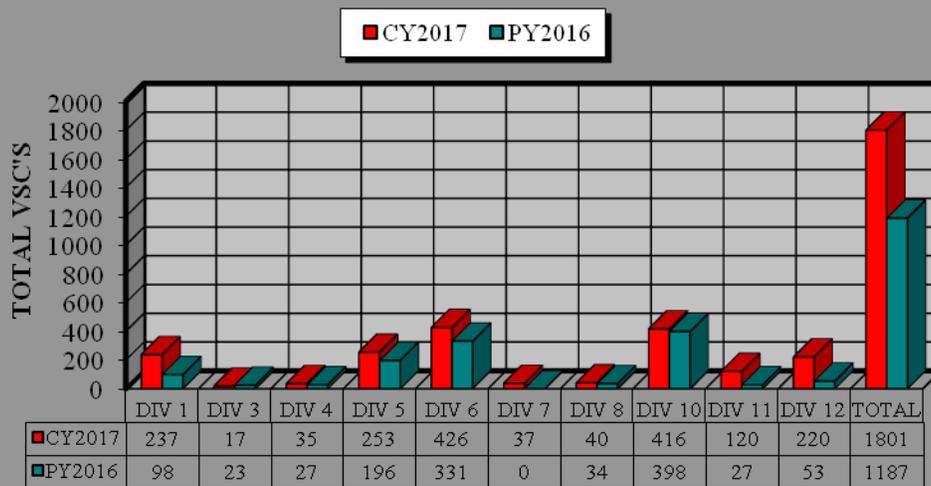


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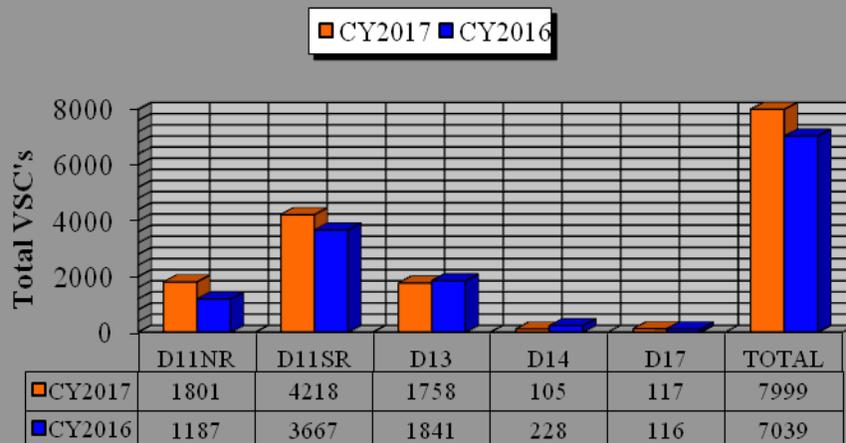
## District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU May 30, 2017



## PAC Area Statistics\*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru May 30, 2017



The 2017 goal for D11NR is 6,000 VSC's. We are 30% of our goal for the year and 113% of 2016 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 1451 or 80% have passed the VSC, 621 or 34% are First Time VSC's, 611 or 33% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 597 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 33% of our total VSC production.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru May 30, 2017

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2017**. With the addition of these new members, this brings our total to **23** 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>Jerel Berkov</b>	<b>01-04</b>	<b>Bill D. Bermudez</b>	<b>01-07</b>
<b>William W. Burns</b>	<b>01-07</b>	<b>Patrick W. O'Reilly</b>	<b>05-05</b>
<b>Wilfred A Sumner</b>	<b>05-05</b>	<b>Jima D. Blackburn</b>	<b>05-07</b>
<b>Karl G. Keller</b>	<b>10-03</b>	<b>Steven W. Dicken</b>	<b>10-06</b>
<b>Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy</b>	<b>10-06</b>	<b>Thomas B. Henderson</b>	<b>11-01</b>
<b>James L. Snell</b>	<b>11-04</b>	<b>Robert D. Issacoulian</b>	<b>12-01</b>
<b>James G. Losi</b>	<b>12-91</b>		

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

**1. Although NOT a Federal Requirement for issuing a VSC Decal, which of the following are TRUE regarding anchors and anchor line?**

- Ensure the boat is equipped with the proper type anchor.
- A three to six foot length of galvanized chain should be attached to the anchor.
- Discuss with the boater the general rule regarding the length of anchor line needs to be 5-7 times the depth of the water.
- All of the choices.

**2. On ANSC 7003, if the boat is not trailerable, do all owners have to initial?**

- Yes
- No
- No, only one owner
- Initials are not required

### Calendar

-Past Captains Training Fair (PCA)                      September 9-10

Additional events may be found by clicking on the calendar link on the D11NR VE website:  
<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

### National and District News

#### National News

**-Just a reminder that the initial 100% VSC decal allocation period for the following year ends June 30. Any VSC activity performed after June 30, does NOT count in the following years initial allocation. Please remember to submit all 7038's on a timely basis.**

**Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE**

-The Coast Guard recently issued **Marine Safety Alert 04-17** regarding working and playing on shared waterways. You can find it on your D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under **HOTLINE MESSAGES**. Please take a minute to read it for possible discussion while performing VSC's.

**Source: Randy Wesson DCV-VE**

-I recently placed an inquiry to ANSC and found that there is still a limited supply of "If Found" paddlecraft stickers. Only the Flotilla Commander or the FSO-MA is authorized to place a maximum order of **200** per fiscal quarter. It is recommended that a paddlecraft VSC be the primary means to distribute the sticker, **NOT** boat shows or PE classes. With the owner's permission, Vessel Examiners (VE's) or the owner should fill out the required information with a permanent marker and apply the sticker directly to the paddlecraft at a location where it will not be removed as a result of paddling activities. In addition, the sticker should **NOT** be affixed to any personal gear (i.e. coolers, tool boxes, radios, etc.)

**Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE**

### District News

**-PLEASE CHANGE MY EMAIL ADDRESS FROM: [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com) TO: [dso-ve11n@usa.com](mailto:dso-ve11n@usa.com). The juno address went out of service on May 19, 2017.**

**-Correction-**For 2017, there will be a new special incentive for 20+ VSC's. A bit different than in the past, this will be mailed once a month to the FC for presentation at an upcoming Flotilla meeting. In addition, the 60+ incentive will continue, and as in the past, to qualify **ALL** 7038's **MUST** be submitted and entered into AUXDATA prior to October 1, 2017.

-Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS continues to make new updates and additions to **YOUR** VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. In addition to important VSC Manual updates, an important second page has been added to ML-1 for VSC's performed on rentals. Please take a minute to review the many new links and information. If you think something is missing or should be there, be let me know. As in the past, this site is updated weekly and is meant for **YOU** to be a one stop resource for **ALL** of your VSC needs.

-**Just** a reminder, per the 2015 Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop, paddlecraft VSC's **DO NOT** count toward the initial VE qualification or requalification. The VSC may be a sailboat, powerboat or PWC .

-**Please** submit **action, not posed shots**, of VSC activity to me to be posted on the photo page of the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. **PLEASE** make certain that the examiner is in the proper uniform and performing an authorized activity.

-**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, and 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, 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 Wal-Mart, 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 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. "D" Pg 4-3 VSC Manual
2. "A" 7003 Pg 1

**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!**

