



# Vessel Safety Check Report August 2017

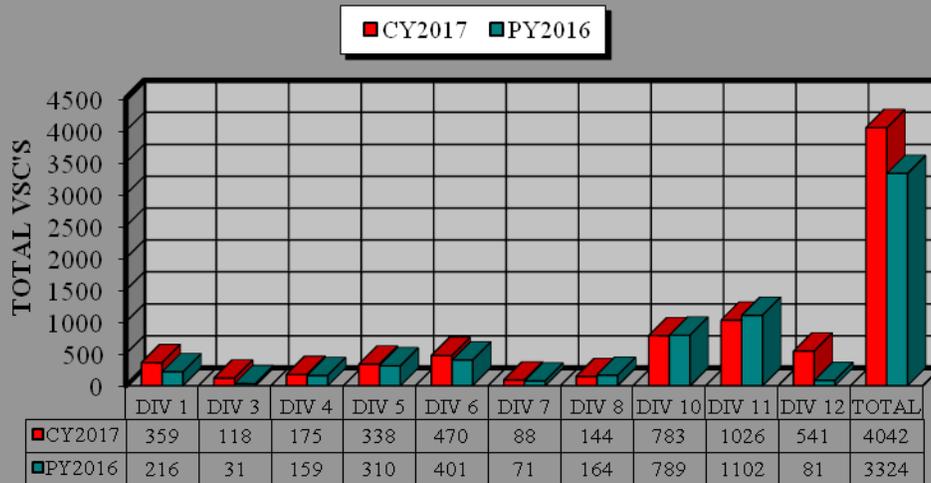


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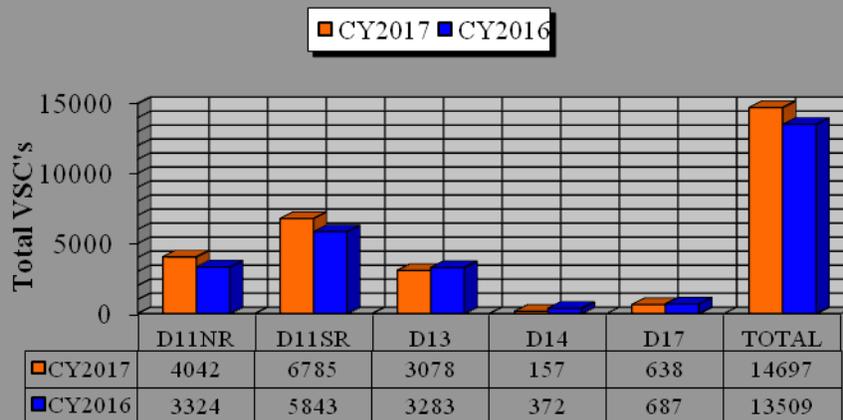
## District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU July 31, 2017



## PAC Area Statistics\*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru July 31, 2017



The 2017 goal for D11NR is 6,000 VSC's. We are 67% of our goal for the year and 121% of 2016 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 3,319 or 82% have passed the VSC, 1,539 or 38% are First Time VSC's, 1,659 and or 41% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 1,303 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 32% of our total VSC production.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru July 31, 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 **39** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **18%** 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>04-01</b>	<b>Margaret C. Herbelin</b>	<b>08-06</b>
<b>Douglas T. Lazo</b>	<b>10-05</b>	<b>Steven B. Perez</b>	<b>11-01</b>
<b>Ross M. Johnson</b>	<b>11-01</b>	<b>George G. Williams</b>	<b>11-01</b>
<b>Stephen C. Busch</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. A 20' sailboat without auxiliary power:**

- a. Needs to install a motor.
- b. Must meet federal registration requirements.
- c. Is exempt from numbering by federal regulations, although some states may require it to be numbered.
- d. Is exempt from federal regulations, so doesn't have to follow any state requirements.

#### **2. Operational Facilities (other than PWC facilities) must own and maintain:**

- a. An inflatable lifeboat.
- b. Navigation Rules publications, COMDTINST M16672.2.
- c. A full radar suite.
- d. A Quick Reference Navigation Rules card.

### Calendar

-Past Captains Training Fair (PCA)                      September 9th  
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

-A recently placed an inquiry to ANSC and found that there are **NO** "If Found" paddlecraft stickers. There is no ETA when they will receive an additional supply. I will try to keep you posted. Please consider "ML-5" as an alternative found on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>

**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.**

**-NEW** Phil Grove ADSO-VE will putting together a flare disposal site list by county where flotilla's are located. It is anticipated that it will be completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. If you know where flares are disposed of in your locality, please send Phil an email at:[imn2boats@gmail.com](mailto:imn2boats@gmail.com) with the information.

**-NEW** Please pass the word that once again the Vessel Examiner class is coming to PCA Fair on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>. This class will provide an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved with the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program in the Auxiliary. Because of a scheduling conflict, this will be a 1-day class that includes a video, power-points, and complete text review for the member to take the on-line exam. The member is required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual and review the material prior to class. A copy of the VSC Manual is available for download on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. The PCA flyer at: <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/calendar/district.html> has more information. If there are any questions, please have the member contact me at [dsove-11n@usa.com](mailto:dsove-11n@usa.com).

**-NEW!** Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS continues to make new updates and additions to **YOUR** VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. After the recent AUXINFO update, she updated the link to the District VSC totals and it now separates paddlecraft VSC's from boats. Please take a minute to check it out. 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.

**-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. "C" pg 3-4
2. "B" 7003 p2

**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!**

