



Vessel Safety Check Report October 2017

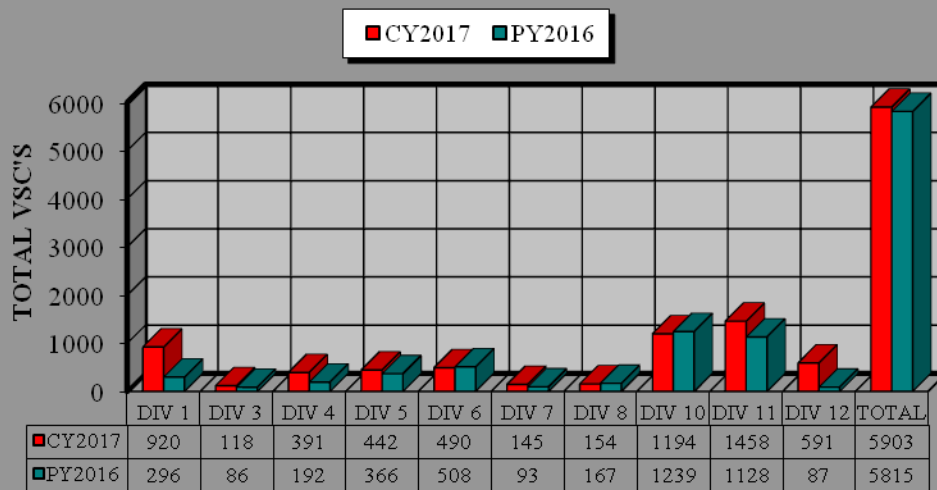


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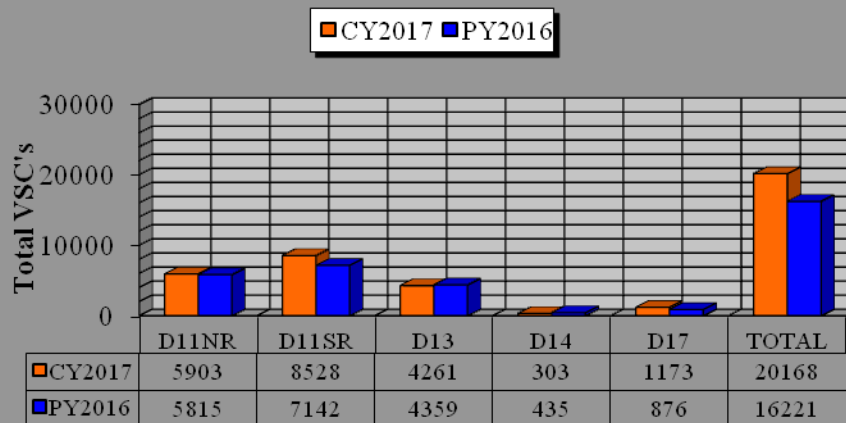
District Statistics*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU October 2, 2017



PAC Area Statistics*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru October 2, 2017



The 2017 goal for D11NR is 6,000 VSC's. We are 98% of our goal for the year and 101% of 2016 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that 4,816 or 81% have passed the VSC, 2,327 or 39% are First Time VSC's, and 2,259 or 38% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 2,038 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 34% of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru October 2, 2017

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the coveted Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) device for **2017**. With the addition of these new members, this brings our total to **70 members** and are part of an elite group-approximately **5%** of our D11NR membership. In addition to this special recognition, their names will be listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> .


Zacary F. Wilson-Fetrow*	04-09	Heather R. Porterfield*	05-01
John R. Guaraglia*	05-05	Michael L. Badano	06-10

*Other than VSC activities

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 **50** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **25%** 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>

Jimmin Chang	04-08	Gary N. Murray	05-05
John L. Paval	10-03	Linda R. Haynes	11-03
Roger D. Haynes	11-03		

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

1. **Federal regulations require a copy of the Navigation Rules to be carried on board and maintained for ready reference on:**
 - a. All vessels 39.4 feet and longer.
 - b. All vessels operating on bodies of water wider than 3 miles at the mouth of the river or harbor.
 - c. All vessels 26' and longer.
 - d. All sailboats 16' and longer.
2. **When would a boater call a MAYDAY on channel 16?**
 - a. When in dire distress.
 - b. When having engine problems.
 - c. When out of fuel.
 - d. When a boater finds an obstruction to navigation.

Calendar

D/Train Reno March 23rd-25th

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

-NEW! I recently placed an inquiry to ANSC found that ANSC# 3004 "If Found" paddlecraft stickers **ARE NOW IN STOCK** and may be ordered with 50 ea limit per flotilla. Please place orders thru your FSO-MA.

Source: Randy Ernst ANSC/Mike Lauro DSO-VE

District News

-NEW-JUST a reminder that in order to qualify for special District recognition for 60+ VSC's, the activity **MUST** be shown in AUXINFO prior to October 30, 2017.

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

-NEW-Phil Grove ADSO-VE reports that in his investigation for marine flare disposal information, a national contact phone number has been established. You need to call 1-800-728-6942 and follow the instructions and leave a message. Your call should be returned within 3-5 days. As of this report, I have not received a return call. In addition here is a link to the Small Craft Advisory publication regarding flares: <http://sca.nasbla.org/2016/06/16/disposing-of-an-old-flare/> Finally, here is a cut and paste pdf link to the California Coastal Commission regarding flare disposal: https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/.../Marine_Flares_Disposal_Factsheet_Revised_2017.pdf

-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. I hope you got to view her special Labor Day message!

-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. "A" pg 3-27
2. "A" pg 4-2

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!

