



# Vessel Safety Check Report April 2018

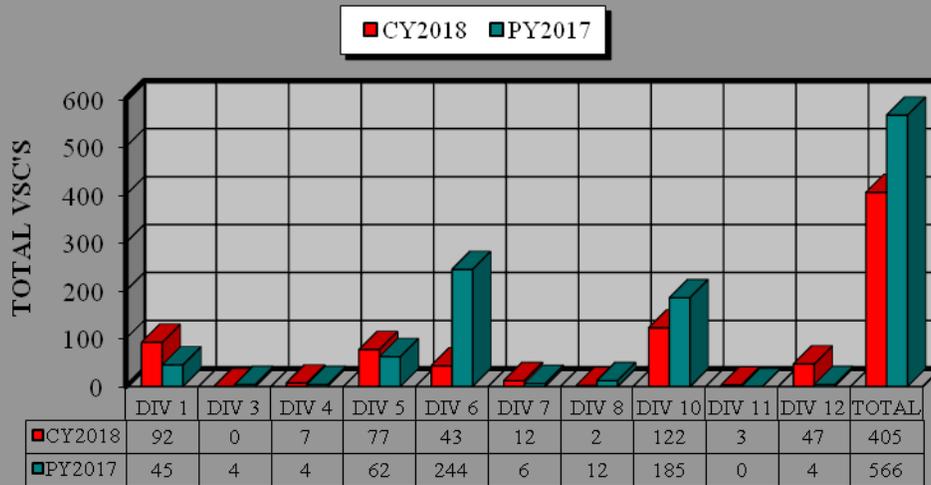


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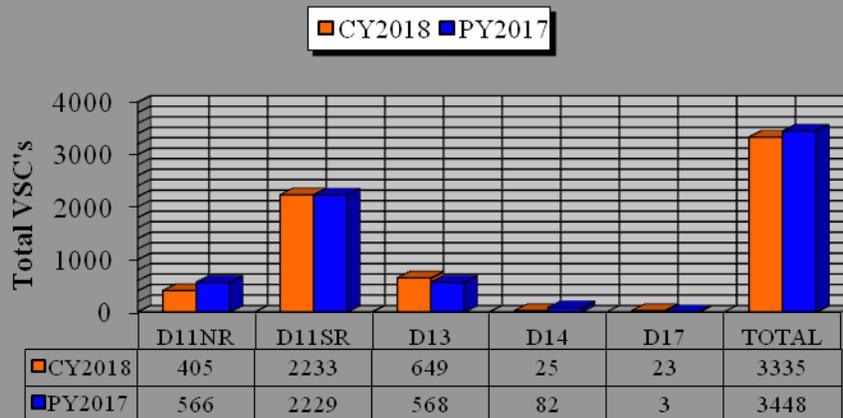
## District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU April 2, 2018



## PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru April 2, 2018



The 2018 goal for D11NR was 7,500 VSC's. We are 5% of our goal for the year and 71% of 2017 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 332 or 82% have passed the VSC, 108 or 26% are First Time VSC's, and 92 or 23% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 48 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 12% of our total VSC production. We currently have 175 Vessel Examiners(VE's)

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru April 2, 2018

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following Vessel Examiner award recipients. The 1<sup>st</sup> place awards were presented at the awards banquet at D/Train on the evening of March 24<sup>th</sup> and the balance (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and certificates) will be presented at an upcoming Flotilla meeting:

#### **-Most Paddlecraft VSC's:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place     Steven B. Perez                     Flotilla 11-01             715 VSC's

#### **-Most VSC Production:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place     William W. Burns                     Flotilla 01-07             541 VSC's

2<sup>nd</sup> Place     Billy Ray                                     Flotilla 10-03             523 VSC's

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Robert D. Issacoulian             Flotilla 12-01             410 VSC's

#### **-Flotilla with Most VSC Production with ALL Vessel Examiners maintaining their qualification:**

Flotilla 08-11     Crescent City

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2018. This brings our total to 4 examiners for 2018 who are part of an elite group- approximately 2% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership(175). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page:

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

Karl G. Keller

10-03

Steven W. Dicken

10-06

### **Calendar**

-NSBW-May 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2018

-PCA Training Fair September 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> 2018

Additional events may be found by clicking on the calendar link on the D11NR VE website:

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

### **VSC Questions**

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

#### **1. PWC's must have a way of signaling by way of a whistle or horn**

- a. The emergency distress signal.
- b. Their intentions to other vessels.
- c. When overtaking, crossing, and meeting another vessel.
- d. All of the choices.

#### **2. A recreational vessel less than 65 feet MUST monitor channel 16 if a VHF-FM radio is carried onboard.**

- a. True. Only if the radio is operating and not being used for communications
- b. False. It is at the discretion of the operator
- c. Only if it is an Operational Facility.
- d. Only if required to have a FCC license.

## National and District News

### National News

-**Just** announced by ANSC and debuted at D/Train is the new "Paddle Tip Reflector Kit" This silver reflectorized sheet includes 4-paddle tip reflectors, and a "Safety Checklist" with a provision for contact information. This adhesive backed sheet is available from ANSC as #3004B in packages of 50 per flotilla. At this time, they are **ONLY** to be used when performing VSC's.

-**The updated** 2018 National Vessel Examiner(VE) workshop has been released and has been posted on the D11NR VE website. Please note, that this is **NOT** a mandatory workshop. It is updated information for 2018 only.

-**Official guidance** in the form of an ALCOAST COMDT NOTICE (ACN) message number 013/18, has been distributed by the Coast Guard. It establishes procedures for the enforcement, examination and inspection procedures for various types of vessels relating to the recall of Walter-Kidde fire extinguishers. The complete ACN can also be found at [www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ACN/](http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ACN/)

The following is a summary of those procedures. These procedures are effectively immediately.

1. Educate the owner and/or operator of a vessel with a recalled Kidde fire extinguisher onboard about the recall and replacement process for getting a new fire extinguisher. The recall and replacement procedures can be found at the following websites:

a. Consumer Products Safety Commission: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and>

b. Marine Safety Alert: <http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/1217.pdf>.

2. Recalled fire extinguishers shall **not** prevent issuance of a VSC decal. Vessel Examiners shall issue a VSC decal to any vessel that receives a VSC in which a recalled fire extinguisher is on board and needed to meet carriage requirements when all other VSC requirements are met IAW Vessel Safety Check Manual, COMDTINST M16796.8A.

3. If a recalled extinguisher is found and fulfills a carriage requirement:

a. The VE shall annotate the VSC form by placing an asterisk and the word "RECALL" next to item 5, Fire Extinguishers, and provide a copy of the recall notice to the vessel owner. NOTE: The Consumer Product Safety Commission recall notice can be found at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and> \*\*\*\*\*

b. Vessel Examiners shall retain a copy of any VSC form annotated pursuant to this message until further notice.

c. Auxiliary vessel examiners shall inform anyone requesting a VSC of the recall and the prudence in replacing recalled fire extinguishers.

**Source: Joe Reichal, DIR-V**

**\*\*\*\*\*This EXACT information can easily be found on the D11NR Vessel Examiner(VE) website:** <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under **HOTLINE MESSAGES**

Mike

## **District News**

-**A new** incentive for VSC production was announced at D/Train! A nicely engraved pen/flashlight/styluses will be mailed DIRECTLY to the 1<sup>st</sup> 50 Vessel Examiners to reach 40 VSC's! Be one of the 1<sup>st</sup> in your flotilla to receive to special recognition!

-**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 performed 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. "D" pg 3-20
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!

