



# Vessel Safety Check Report October 2018

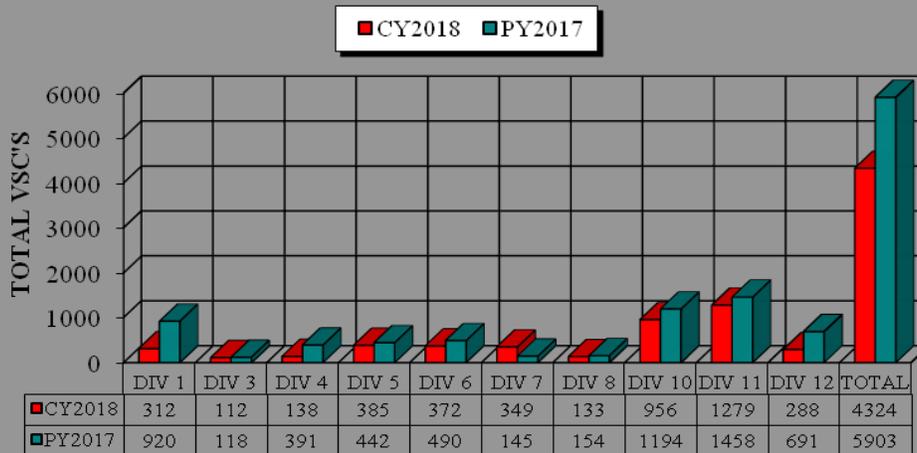


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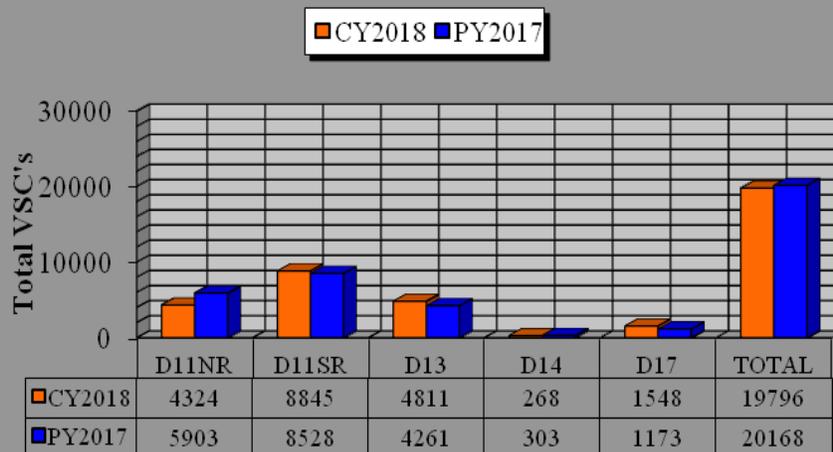
## District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU September 30, 2018



## PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru September 30, 2018



The 2018 goal for D11NR was 7,500 VSC's. We are 57% of our goal for the year and 85% of 2017 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 3,764 or 87% have passed the VSC, 1,737 or 40% are First Time VSC's, and 1,500 or 35% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 1,552 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 36% of our total VSC production. We currently have 175 Vessel Examiners(VE's)

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru September 30, 2018

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2018**. This brings our total to **45** examiners for **2018** who are part of an elite group- approximately **26%** 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>

<b>Paul P. Custance</b>	<b>07-03</b>	<b>Douglas T. Lazo</b>	<b>10-05</b>
<b>Roderick M. Rollins</b>	<b>10-06</b>		

### **Calendar**

Nothing new.

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

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

**2. When checking a 22' sailboat with no propulsion machinery, you notice that it is not equipped with any navigation lights. Is the boat eligible for the VSC decal?**

- No, even though it is a sailboat, it must be able to display the proper navigation lights.
- No, sailboats are very slow and cannot easily get out the way in the event of a possible collision. Without navigation lights other boaters won't see them.
- Yes, sailboats are specifically exempted from any requirements to carry navigation lights.
- Yes, but the owner must carry an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light that should be displayed in sufficient time to prevent a collision

### **National and District News**

#### **National News**

-**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**

-**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. "D" pg 3-23

**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!**

