



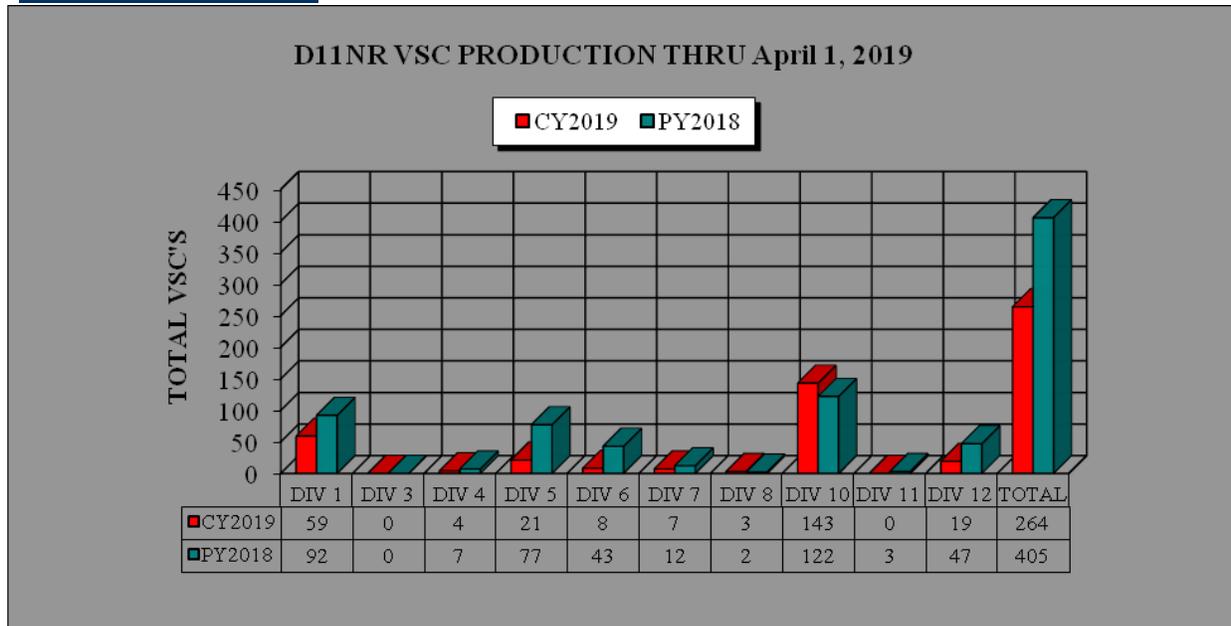
# Vessel Safety Check Report April 2019



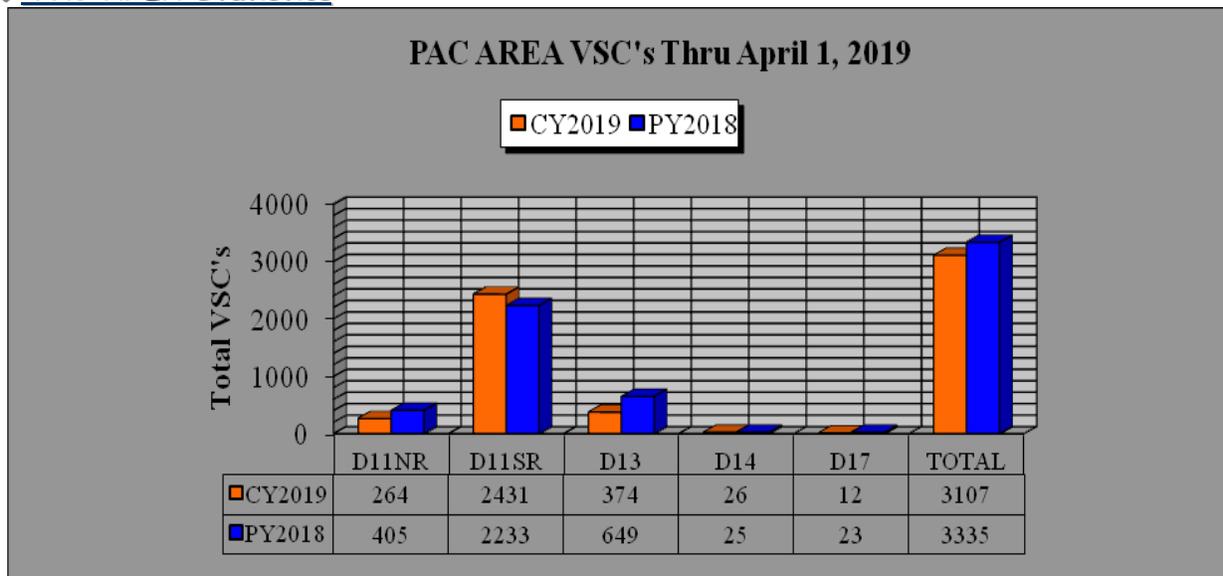
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## District Statistics\*



## PAC AREA Statistics



The 2019 goal for D11NR is 5,000 VSC's. We are 5% of our goal for the year and 65% of 2018 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 226 or 84% have passed the VSC, 117 or 44% are First Time VSC's, and 76 or 29% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 51 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 19% of our total VSC production. We currently have 185 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners(VE's)

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru April 1, 2019



doing VSC." This statement is incorrect. When questioned if this was a new policy, in response to this statement Tom Dardis RBS Outreach Coordinator wrote a statement (below). This is the link to the revised 2019 VE workshop <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=workshops>

Tom's remarks:

"When interacting with the public always err on the side of friendliness/helpfulness; we do not want to do anything that damages our relationship. Do we make the boater do something or do we encourage them? Our interactions should never become adversarial in nature.

If not underway the life jacket should be counted as long as it is otherwise serviceable. This would be an opportune time to have the discussion about the "approved only when worn" requirement."

Tom Dardis

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### **District News**

**-Please welcome Billy Ray as ADSO-VE/DEP.** In addition to being an IPDCDR (twice), **Billy** has been extremely active Vessel Examiner performing over 4,000 VSC's during his 17-year Auxiliary experience! Even when he lived in Arizona, for many years, he performed VSC's on behalf of D11NR! In addition, to many of his qualifications, he is an AUXOP, active MDV, Fingerprint tech, SO-VE for Division 10 and FSO-IS for 10-3. Jan and I are excited to have Billy as a member of the D11NR VE staff!

**-The guideline on:** How to Perform a VSC on a Personal Watercraft (PWC) has been updated. You can find the updated version under **HOTLINE MESSAGES** on the D11NR Vessel Examiner(VE) website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>

VE Test Question Answers  
1. "A" 7008 pg 2 #4  
2. "D" pg 4 3,4

**-As of April 2019, our Vessel Examiner (VE) active database dropped to 200 active examiners, with 114 in REYR. The active total is approximately 13% of our D11NR membership.**

**-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 at any 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.

**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!**

