



## Vessel Safety Check Report November 2019

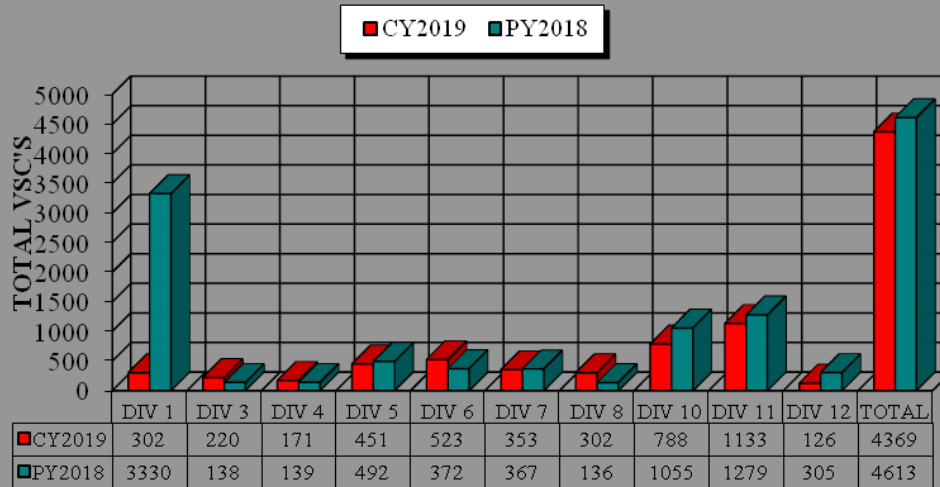


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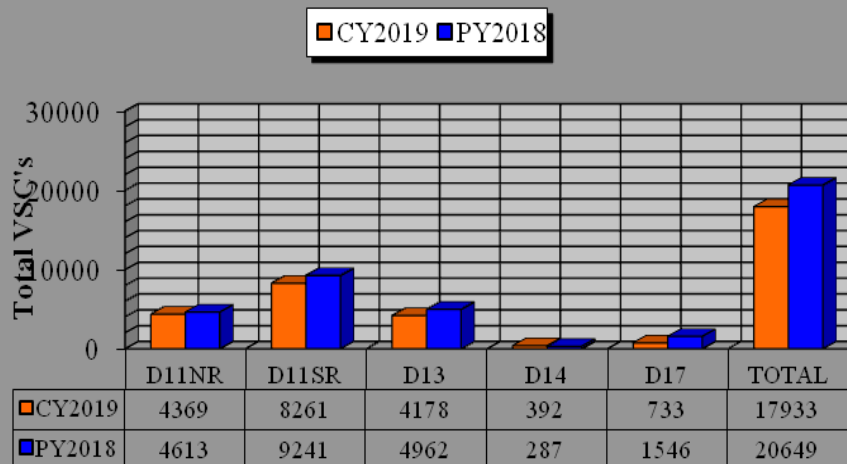
### District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU November 4, 2019



### PAC AREA Statistics\*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru November 4, 2019



The 2019 goal for D11NR is 5,000 VSC's. We are 87% of our goal for the year and 95% of 2018 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 3,858 or 89% have passed the VSC, 1,588 or 36% are First Time VSC's, and 1,370 or 32% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 1,848 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 42% of our total VSC production. We currently have 198 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners(VE's)\*

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru November 4, 2019



### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2019**. This brings our total to **37** examiners for **2019** and are part of an elite group- approximately **18%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of **198**. These member(s) have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

**Richard A. Saber**

**01-02**

### **VSC Questions**

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

**1. Certain gear on a vessel must be Coast Guard, S.A.E. or U.L. approved to be eligible for a VSC decal. Which items are these?**

- a. Life Jackets (PFDs), VDSs, Fire Extinguishers, First Aid Kits, Anchors.
- b. Life jackets (PFDs), Fire Extinguishers, First Aid Kits, Navigation Lights, MSDs.
- c. VDSs, Life Jackets (PFDs), Fire Extinguishers, Backfire Flame Arresters, MSDs.
- d. VDSs, Fire Extinguishers, Backfire Flame Arresters, MSDs, Navigation Lights.

**2. Auxiliary Facility Inspections**

- a. Must be approved by the Flotilla Commander first.
- b. Can only be done by an Auxiliary Vessel Examiner.
- c. May be done by any Vessel Examiner (Auxiliary or USPS).
- d. Must be done on the water only.

### **Calendar**

**PCA Training Fair** -January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

**D/Train**-March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Nugget Sparks Nv.

Additional events may be found by clicking on the calendar link on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>

### **District and National News**

#### **National News**

-**ANSC#3004** - DECAL, CANOE, KAYAK, SUP OR ROWBOAT (ORANGE) (BR) - Vessel Identification Sticker - (IF FOUND - CONTACT). Weatherproof stickers provide room for the vessel owners name and two phone numbers emergency responders need when paddle craft are found adrift without an operator. **(MAX 50)**

-**ANSC#3004a** - PAMPHLET, BE SMART, BE SAFE HAVE FUN (BR) - A beginner's guide to safer paddling - Always wear your life jacket - Know your limits - Carry the paddling essentials. **(MAX 100)**



-**ANSC#3004b** - PADDLE TIP REFLECTOR KIT - A reflective waterproof decal label kit. One sheet contains four shiny reflective stickers for paddle tips and a sticker for identification for the kayak and owner. **(MAX 50)**

### **District News**

-**NEW**-Recently I've received several reports that VSC decals have been handed to a boater or marina rental vendor without it being affixed to the vessel. **Just** a reminder that per the VSC Manual COMDTINST M16796.8A Page 2-5 Section "H" paragraph 1. When a boater qualifies for a VSC decal, it must either be affixed by **you** or the boater while in **YOUR** presence. You **CAN NOT** give it to the boater to have them affix it at a later time. Please see:

**"If a vessel examiner finds that a boat is in compliance with applicable federal and state boating laws and regulations listed on the vessel safety check form, he or she shall award the vessel safety check decal to the vessel's owner or operator and ensure that it is immediately affixed to a portion of the boat where it will be readily visible to law enforcement authorities.**

**NOTE:** The vessel examiner shall not give the decal to the boat owner to apply at a later date; such action could open the way for possible fraud if the decal were placed on another boat." This national policy was issued by the Coast Guard.

Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE

-**Please** pass the word that once again the Vessel Examiner class is coming to PCA Fair over the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<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 and help rebuild our Vessel Examiner base. This will be a 2-day class that includes a video, power-points, and complete text review for the member and the final exam on Sunday. 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>.

-**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.

-Our Vessel Examiner (VE) active database has dropped to 198 active examiners, with **101** in REYR. The active total is approximately 13% of our D11NR membership.

-**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.

-**NEW**-VSC's ON RENTALS-At the request of Commodore Kirkwood, and after 18-years, the VSC Rental Program has been updated for 2019 and moving forward. **ANYONE** who performs rental VSC's on PWC's, fishing boats, houseboats, paddlecraft, etc. needs to be aware of the new changes after 1 June 2019.



Please go to the D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> and review ML-1 thru ML-5 and closely review and follow the instructions as ALL of these forms have been revised and approved by DCO Kirkwood.

Any 2019 currently signed agreements will be acceptable, but a copy must be emailed or mailed to the DSO-VE. Billy Ray, ADSO-VE will be administering this program, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE

**-This is a reminder that if you have not completed the Introduction to Risk Management course #100202 by 30 April 2019, you are now in REYR.**

You must take the course to be removed from REYR status before any credit can be given for your VSC activities. The course is not a pass or fail course, and it takes 90 minutes and using AUXLMS will automatically record the course. If you've never logged into AUXLMS, here is a link to instructions and video:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxlms>. To access either, you must click on the word "here" and you will need to create 14 character password. Please do not delay if you plan to participate in NSBW activities. If you require additional assistance, please contact your FC or FSO-MT. VE Test Question Answers 1. "C" pg 9-3 2,3 2. "B" pg 6-1

**-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 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. or at Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc. A package of 6 is typically under \$10.**

**DID YOU KNOW the month of August has the highest percentage of births!**

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!

