



## Vessel Safety Check Report

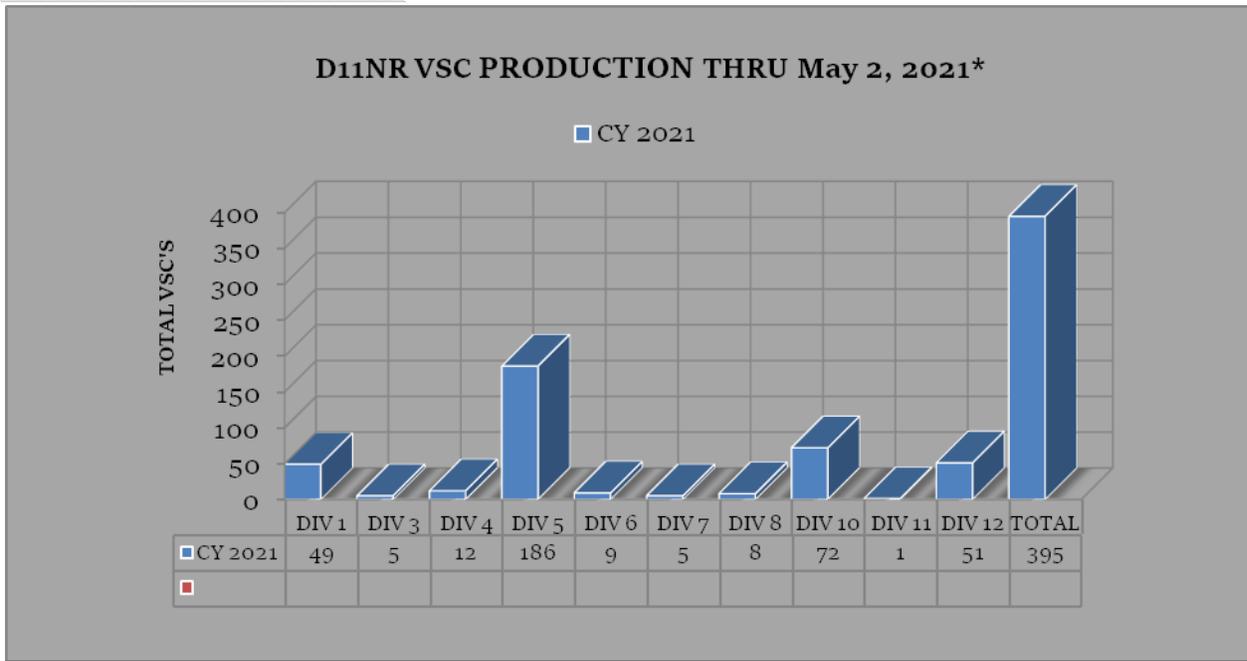
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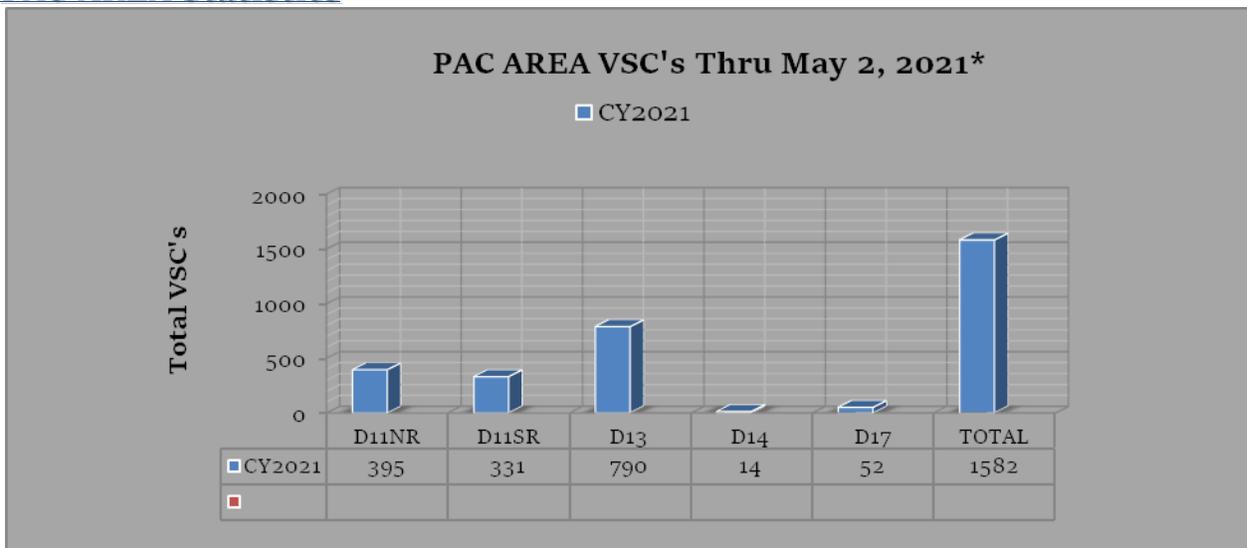
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### DISTRICT 11N Statistics\*



### PAC AREA Statistics\*



Due to the current conditions, there is no VSC goal for 2021 in D11NR. The data source is AUXDATA2\*. Additional stats from AUXDATA2\* indicates that 330 or 83% have passed the VSC, 162 or 40% are First Time VSC's, and 201 or 51% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 55 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 14% of our total VSC production. We currently have 170 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's)\*

\*Current statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru May 2, 2021.

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2021. This brings our total to 6 examiners for 2021 and is part of an elite group—approximately 2% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of 170. These member(s) will receive special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Lisa D. Curtis

05-03

Anna M. Stevens

12-01

## **VSC Questions**

-These are actual questions from Exam “E”. Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1. You are checking a PWC with a maximum speed of 75 mph. When you ask the owner to show you the "kill switch" you are told that it doesn't work. Is this acceptable for a VSC decal?

- a. No, the device must be in working order. The VE needs to discuss the importance of hooking the lanyard to his/her self every time the PWC is used.
- b. No, all vessels under 21' need to have operable kill switches.
- c. No, PWCs are thrill craft and the VE shouldn't even be checking these. They are not eligible for VSC decals.
- d. Yes, because we don't need to check these items. As long as the PWC operator has on the proper PFD for a maximum speed of 75 mph, the intent of the VSC is satisfied.

2. Which of the following require an efficient sound signaling device to comply with the Navigation Rules?

- a. Only Class I motorboats, from 16' to less than 26'
- b. Only Class II motorboats, from 26' to less than 40'
- c. Only Class A motorboats, less than 16', including PWCs
- d. All vessels

## **District and National News**

### **National News**

-**NEW**-National has just released the **MANDATORY** 2021 Vessel Examiner workshop. Thanks to Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS it can be easily accessed on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "HOTLINE MESSAGES" in red. Having completed it, this 15-20 minute workshop is a self study review and is not a heavy lift, but similar to the recent D11NR one that I created in January. Note that there is NOT a quiz at the end. Once you complete the workshop, please submit the "Workshop Self Attestation" form and submit to your FSO-IS. Jan has also provided a link to the form.

One important additional comment. The Coast Guard has deemed this workshop is mandatory for all certified Vessel Examiners, and those currently training to become Vessel Examiners, including members in REYR status who intend to regain their certification. Be sure to review the AUX Manual, chapter 8.B.1.g for information concerning Mandatory workshops.

Again this workshop may be completed as an “Independent Study” course by any member or in a group setting. Upon completion of the workshop, it is the responsibility of the individual member to send a “Workshop Self Attestation” form to their FSO-IS.

One final note, they did not include a sunset date, so I assume that you have until the end of the year, but please don't wait.

-THE Coast Guard recently announced new requirements for an Engine Cut-off Switch. Please see: [Engine/Propulsion Cut-Off Devices \(uscgboating.org\)](http://uscgboating.org) or the recently added flow chart to the D11NR VESSEL EXAMINER (VE) website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under HOTLINE MESSAGES. I recommend printing it and adding it to your VSC manual/aids for future reference.

-ANSC has ample supplies of many VSC supplies including: the new 7012, 7012A, 3000 VSC Save Life's Pamphlet, 30044 Orange If Found decal, 3004A Paddlesmart pamphlet, 3004b Paddle Tip Reflector Kit, 3005 Carbon Monoxide, decal, 3505 VSC event poster, 4064 oil decal, 4067 MARPOL trash decal, Emergency Radio decal, Water Way Watch and other materials. These can be ordered thru you Flotilla Commander(FC) or FSO-MA. If either needs a complete list of materials, it can be found the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

## Calendar

-Due to the current suspension of activities nothing to show. However various distance training classes may be found by clicking on the calendar link on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>

## District News

-IF anyone has an interest in the ADSO-VE/DEP position, please contact me at: [dso-ve11n@att.net](mailto:dso-ve11n@att.net).

-SINCE our stand down due to COVID-19, there have been numerous requests from the general public for a VSC thru the National "I want a VSC" link. Since virtually no one is responding to the boater, by default I've responded that due to the COVID-19 restrictions placed upon us by the Coast Guard that this service has been temporarily suspended. By default when you become a Vessel Examiner (VE) you are automatically entered into the "I want a VSC" system. However, the beauty of the system is that you can opt in and out for a day, week, while on vacation, or forever if necessary.

For whatever the reason, if you are don't feel comfortable responding to the boater, please opt out of the system, so they are not left hanging expecting a reply. Opting out and back in is very simple. If you go to the D11NR VE

website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> and on the left side of the page is a box that contains several easy to access links. Click on the AUX DIRECTORY link and put in your member # and password. Enter your member #, last name, or email and click your name and your personal file will populate. Scroll down and change the "Opt out of the I want a VE program". ve test answers 1 "A" see pg 3-28 2 "D" see pg 3-21

While access to the program may be on AUXDATA2, I haven't been able to locate it. I hope this will relieve anxiety over responding to VSC requests while under our current CG guidelines.

***-VSC activity in D11NR has been reinstated with special Phase 3 guidelines. Please go to the D11NR website:***

***<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> "HOTLINE MESSAGES" to find the complete***

**file including uniform requirements, mask requirements, and the assignment to duty.**

- 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. **MUST** be aware of the new changes in effect 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 are acceptable, but any new vendors paperwork 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

-JUST a quick reminder that the old AUXINFO link has been deleted from the D11NR Vessel Examiners website. There will not be a link to replace it as this information is now available thru your personal AUXDATA2 access. The production thermometer will remain.

-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.

-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.

**DID YOU KNOW** that money is the #1 thing that couples argue about!

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!

