



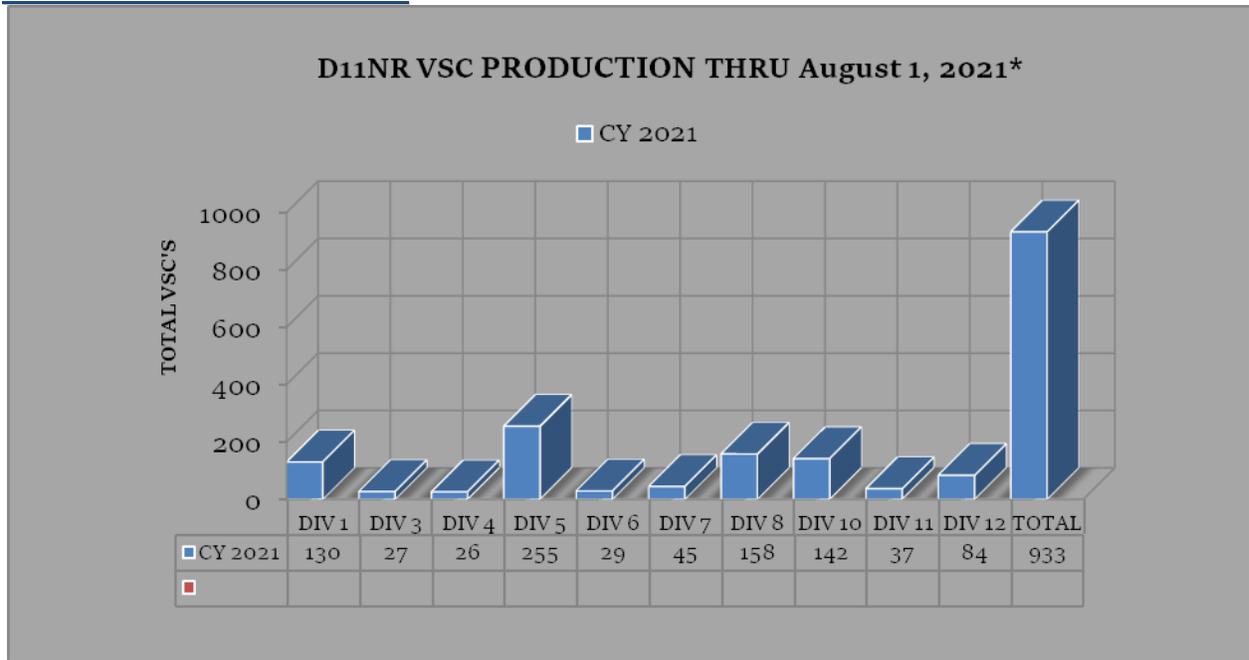
Vessel Safety Check Report August 2021



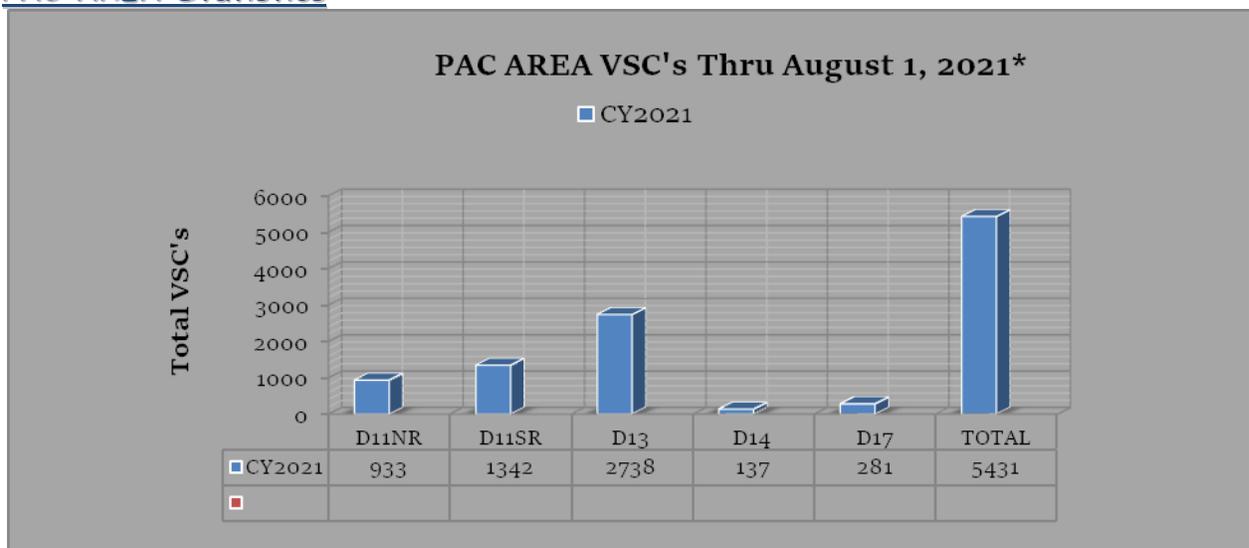
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DISTRICT 11N Statistics*



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 806 or 86% have passed the VSC, 412 or 44% are First Time VSC's, and 405 or 43% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 157 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 17% of our total VSC production. We currently have 170 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's)*

*Current statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru August 1, 2021.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2021. This brings our total to 10 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>

Philip T. Mammano	08-08	William E Hale	08-39
Carl J. Pierce	08-39		

VSC Questions

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

1. The Oily Waste Discharge Placard must be posted in the machinery space or at the bilge pump control station of all vessels:

- a. 39.4 feet and longer.
- b. 26 feet and longer.
- c. Registered or documented in the United States.
- d. With oil in the bilge.

2. When there is a permanent fuel tank compartment without an electrical source of ignition in the compartment and everything else has passed, can you issue the VSC decal?

- a. Yes, as long as the ducting is connected to the blower intake and extends only into the top third of the compartment.
- b. No, permanent fuel tanks can rust and puncture. They should not be contained in special compartments.
- c. Yes, as long as the fuel tank is vented to the outside of the boat.
- d. No, since the compartment doesn't have enough room to contain the exhaust ducting and cowls required by the Coast Guard.

District and National News

National News

-**NEW**-National recently released the **MANDATORY** 2021 Vessel Examiner workshop. **You are now in REWK if you have not completed it and if not completed by 31 December 2021 you will be in REYR.** 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.

-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.

Calendar

-PCA Training Fair- September 18th -19th

More information may be found on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>

District News

-PLEASE pass the word to new members that the Vessel Examiner course is planned for the September PCA Training Fair. The course traditionally is a FULL 16-hour course 2-day class. However, because of other events scheduled over the weekend, the class will be condensed to approx 12 hrs including the exam on Sunday afternoon. The class offers information not only about the typical VSC, but also paddlecraft VSC's, and Facility Inspections, information not offered for the online exam.

The class commences PROMPTLY at 0800 each day and concludes approximately 1530-1600. Many forms and handouts are provided, to assist the student in understanding the sometimes confusing material and assisting in creating a successful VSC program. After the student passes the examination, they are well prepared to perform at least 5 VSC's under the guidance of a mentor.

Other than being a member in at least AP status and a pre-class 1-hour review of the VSC Manual, there are no prerequisites.

-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 "B" see pg 3-24 2"C" see pg 3-24

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-4 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

-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 each time you see a full moon, you see the same side!

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!

