



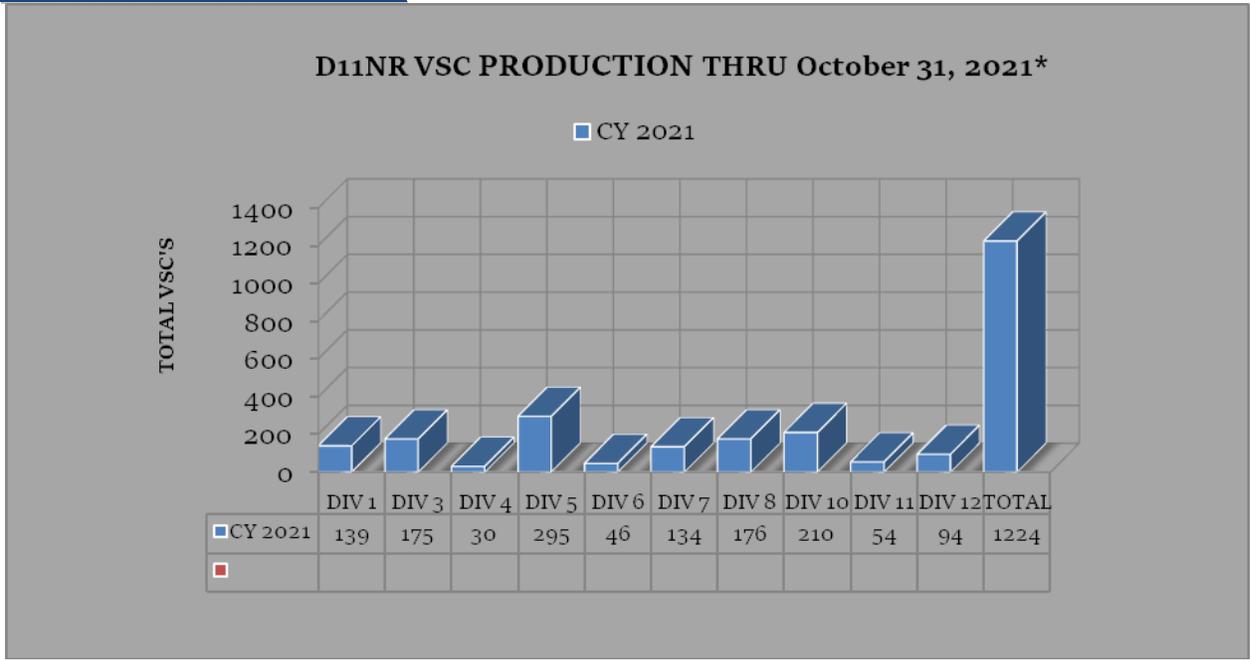
# Vessel Safety Check Report November 2021



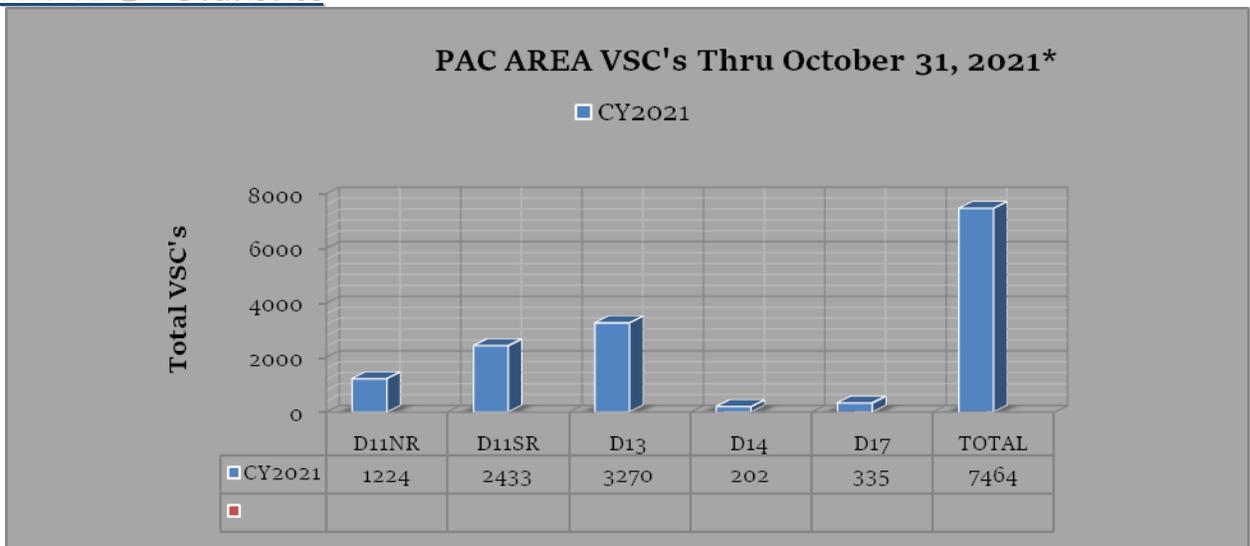
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## DISTRICT 11N Statistics\*



## 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 1028 or 86% have passed the VSC, 614 or 50% are First Time VSC's, and 493 or 40% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 230 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 10% of our total VSC production. We currently have 170 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's)\***Current statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru October 31, 2021.**

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2021. This brings our total to 14 examiners for 2021 and is part of an elite group- approximately 8% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of 170. These member(s) receive special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

**No New Names to Add**

## VSC Questions

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

**1. PWC's must have a way of signaling by way of a whistle or horn**

- a. The emergency distress signal.
- b. Their intentions to other vessels.
- c. When overtaking, crossing, and meeting another vessel.
- d. All of the choices.

**2. A recreational vessel less than 65 feet MUST monitor channel 16 if a VHF-FM radio is carried on board.**

- a. True. Only if the radio is operating and not being used for communications
- b. False. It is at the discretion of the operator
- c. Only if it is an Operational Facility.
- d. Only if required to have a FCC license.

## Calendar

-D/TRAIN March-25-25 20222

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

## District and National News

### National News

" Responding to a "Help Desk" question concerning VEs on recreational vessels more than 65 feet in length, the following clarification from the Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division was reached. Auxiliary VEs cannot perform VSCs on recreational vessels over 65 feet due to evaluation criteria beyond the scope of the current VE training syllabus. If an owner requests an exam on such a vessel, they should be referred to the Coast Guard. This will be a topic in the 2022 VE Workshop.

A complete revision of the National Testing Center VE Qualification Exam was completed. During the process, your comments and recommendations were incorporated. All the existing questions and answers were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. Revisions were made, as required. Additional questions were added to verify the potential VE has a current understanding of VE issues and procedures. The exam is been uploaded and should be online imminently. This follows a revision and update to the VE Practice Exam earlier this year.

A reminder that the Vessel Examiner Program/RBS Program Visitor Ribbon is only to recognize VEs and RBSPVs. It cannot be awarded for qualification as a Commercial Fishing Vessel, Uninspected Passenger Vessel, or Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner. This is

because the CFV, UPV and UTV are programs in support of Coast Guard activities while VSC are authorized by Auxiliary Sector Commanders. In addition, the examiners for Coast Guard programs are recognized via the Marine Safety Training Ribbon.

A recent manipulation of the email functionality of the "I Want a VSC" occurred resulting in the system being taken off-line until the situation can be corrected. There was no data breach. You will be informed when the situation has been corrected."

Source: Joseph Reichal DVC-VE

## District News

**-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.

ve test answers 1 "D" see pg 3-20 2"A" see pg 4-2

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 "stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed only with the left hand!

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!

