



# Vessel Safety Check Report May 2022

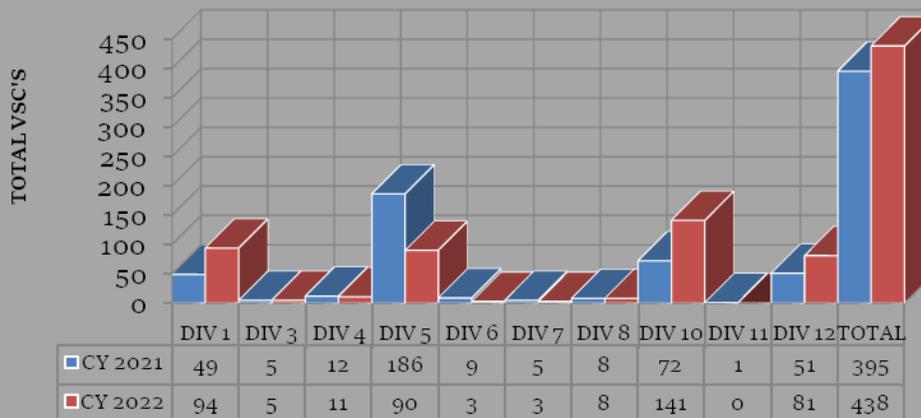


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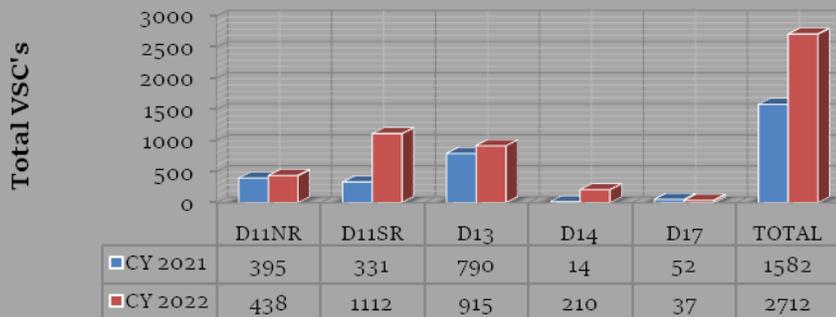
## District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU May 1, 2022\*



## PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru May 1, 2022\*



There is no VSC goal for 2022 in D11NR. The data source is AUXDATA2\*. Additional stats from AUXDATA2\* indicates that 365 or 83% have passed the VSC, 151 or 34% are First Time VSC's, and 133 or 30% are High Focus VSC's. In addition 41 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 9% of our total VSC production. **NEW** We currently have 139 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's) which averages 32 VSC's per examiner. National average is 20 VSC's per examiner.

\*Current statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru May 1, 2022.

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2022**. This brings our total to **5** examiner(s) for **2022** who are part of an elite group- approximately **3%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership (**139**). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

**Steven Bradon**

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## **Calendar**

-NSBW- May 21-27, 2022

-PCA Training Fair- September 17-18, 2022

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

## **VSC Questions**

-These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "E" dated 2014. 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. While checking a 23' stern drive boat, you see a fixed system fire extinguisher with a current inspection tag. However, the boat doesn't have any other fire extinguishers aboard. Can you issue the VSC decal?**

- a. No, all motorboats with inboard engines must carry at least one B-1 fire extinguisher.
- b. No, since VEs are not able to check fixed fire suppression systems.
- c. Yes, but recommend that the boater purchase a hand portable B-1 or BC-1 to have available for fires other than in the engine compartment.
- d. Yes, but first you have to make sure that a red light goes on at the alarm panel when you press the fixed system test button.

## National and District News

### National News

-“As you are no doubt aware, Paddle craft are a quickly growing area of recreational boating activity. To increase the focus on this growing community, DIR-V has authorized the Incentives Division (VI) to conduct a Directors Coin Challenge.

National will reward each Districts' Top Paddle craft Vessel Examiner (VE) with a DIR-V Coin. Data will be collected by the VI Division from AUXDATA II for the period 1 Jan 2022 to 31 Dec 2022. Coins will be distributed at the end of the month of February 2023 and the DCO and DSO-VE will receive notification of the winner.”

**Source:** Tom Niles DVC-VI, V-Directorate

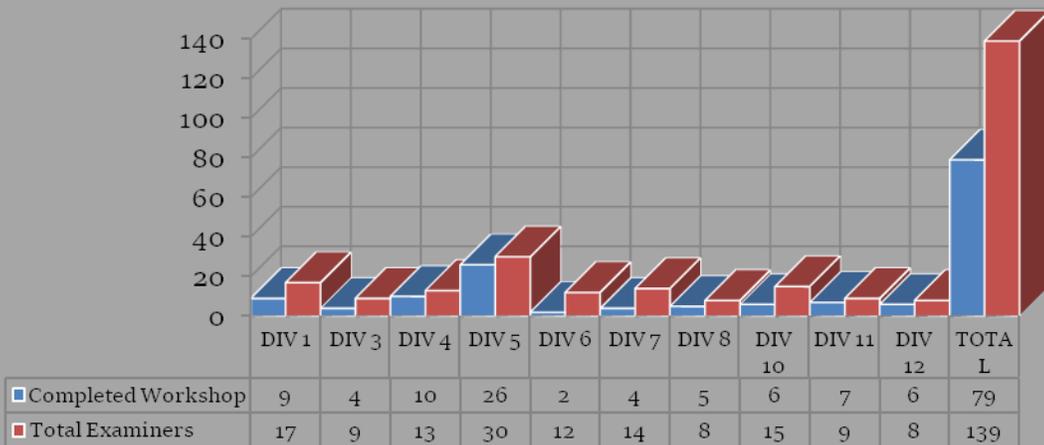
A reminder that the Vessel Examiner Program/RBS Program Visitor Ribbon is only to recognize VEs and RBSPVs. It cannot be awarded for qualification as a Commercial Fishing Vessel, Uninspected Passenger Vessel, or Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner. This is because the CFV, UPV and UTV are programs in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

**D11NR 2022 COMPLETED WORKSHOP THRU MAY 1, 2022\***



**-NEW 2022 Workshop Update. Of the 139 current D11NR Vessel Examiners, currently only 79 or 55% have completed the workshop. Note: A couple of examiners have taken the workshop more than once! PLEASE take the 20-minutes to complete this important task so you are current on the many recent changes before the boating season gets underway.**

**\*Current statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru May 1, 2022.**

**-NEW** -As in 2021, the National V-Dept has released a required 2022 workshop with a self-attestation form. The new 84 slide power point workshop covers updates on COVID guidelines, the new "I want a VSC" site, uniform info, VSC's on vessels over 65', Life jackets, ECOS, Virtual VSC info, Facility info, Recalls and safety defects, and Paddlecraft. Most of the information is review with a few new updates. **PLEASE** take about 20-minutes and complete this before the boating and VSC season gets underway. You can even download and complete the workshop on your smart phone as I did!

Finally, thanks to Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS, a link to the workshop is on your D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> In addition, the self-attestation form for 2022 is also located there. As in 2021, PLEASE print and fill in the required information and submit it to your FSO-VE.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Source:** Mike Lauro DSO-VE

**-NEW** Please advise any new members wishing to take the online VE exam that a complete revision of the National Testing Center VE Qualification Exam was completed. All of 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. You can find a link to the National Testing Center (NTC) on your D11NR Vessel Examiner website;

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> on the left under "Member Quick Links"

**Source:** Mike Lauro DSO-VE

**-NEW** Below is a summary of Billy Ray ADSO-VE/DEP N/Train report edited for space considerations.

"Form 7012 has changed again. It is very important that you use the current ANSC 7012 that is on line and on the D11NR Vessel Examiner(VE) website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> . The back side is what needs to be followed when conducting a VSC. Please remember that the 7012 is a non-binding contract and because it is a nonbinding contract you can do vessels over 65' long as long as you follow what is **ONLY** listed on the 7012. You cannot go beyond what the list covers.

Below is a brief recap of the new uniform coming for the Auxiliary that will only be available thru the Auxiliary Assoc website member store. Please consult the Auxiliary Uniform and Appearance Guide available on: [US Coast Guard Auxiliary Association \(cgauxa.org\)](http://USCoastGuardAuxiliaryAssociation.org) for more and exact information. Briefly; the tucked uniform ODU can NO longer be worn. The new uniform (**CG-U**) for the gold side/Auxiliary will only have the sizes that only fit the active duty Coast Guard. No longer will they carry the larger sizes of **ODU** or **CG-U** for Auxiliary wear. Because of the new standard of grooming and appearance Standards is why they are looking at the **Alternative Auxiliary Work Uniform**

(AWU) which is being tested thru 2022. This is a dark Blue Polo short sleeve shirt for summer and long sleeve for cold weather months. The Auxiliary emblem will be embroidered on the left breast and the Auxiliary's last name embroidered on the right breast. Black Belt and black socks with 8" to 10" work boots, boat shoes or black walking shoes are authorized, but NOT sneakers or tennis shoes. Pants are to be dark blue 5.11 or Galls tactical pants, non-bloused. The current Auxiliary ball cap with auxiliary emblem on it will be the only authorized cap except for the Tilly/sun hat. If you get this uniform, please provide feed back. There are also 2 new updated VE polo shirts authorized for Vessel Examiners available also thru the Auxiliary Assoc store. **However, the current untucked ODU is still authorized until no longer serviceable(worn, faded, torn, etc.) More exact/current uniform information can be found at:**

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=auxiliary-uniforms>.

Finally, as there are many recent changes, **PLEASE** encourage your local Vessel Examiners(VE) to complete the new mandatory workshop prior to performing VSC's for 2022."

**Source:** Billy Ray ADSO-VE/DEP

**-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 was updated in 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 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

-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 in the paint or hardware dept. at Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc, a package of 6 for under \$10. ve test answers 1 "A" see pg 3-28 "C" see pg 3-15

-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** *in eastern Africa you can buy beer brewed from bananas!*

**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!**

