



## Vessel Safety Check Report June 2022

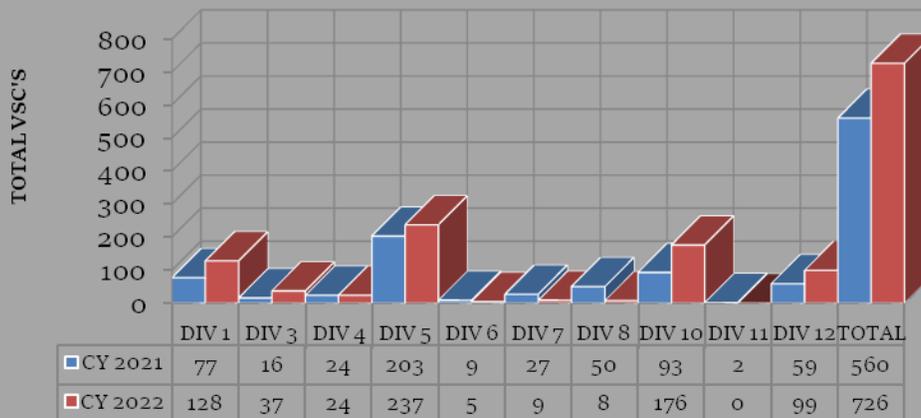


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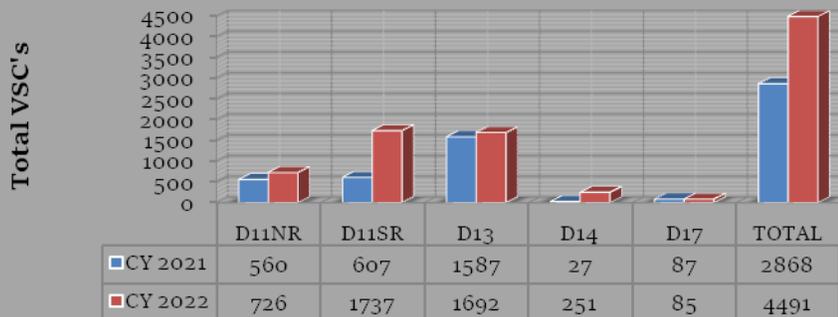
### District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU May 31, 2022\*



### PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru May 31, 2022\*



There is no VSC goal for 2022 in D11NR. The data source is AUXDATA2\*. Additional stats from AUXDATA2\* indicates that 525 or 72% have passed the VSC, 326 or 45% are First Time VSC's, and 323 or 45% are High Focus VSC's. In addition 65 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 5 VSC's per examiner. National average is 20 VSC's per examiner.

\*Current statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru May 31, 2022.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2022**. This brings our total to **8** examiner(s) for **2022** who are part of an elite group- approximately **6%** 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>

<b>Robert Aston</b>	<b>01-04</b>	<b>Herman Haluza</b>	<b>01-09</b>
<b>Karensue(Kit) Galvin</b>	<b>05-03</b>		

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have recently achieved the **coveted RBS device**. These members are part of an elite group of **44** currently active members and **81** total members who have worked hard and achieved this device. They are approximately approximately **4%** of our current D11NR membership. These members will have their names permanently added to the D11NR RBS Device Honor Roll on the D11NR website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> under the "LINK to RECOGNITION".

<b>Cassandra Mani</b>	<b>01-02</b>	<b>Karensue(Kit) Galvin</b>	<b>05-03</b>
<b>John-Michael Zimmerle</b>	<b>07-03</b>	<b>Philip Mammano</b>	<b>08-08</b>
<b>Robert Morfin</b>	<b>08-08</b>	<b>Billy Ray</b>	<b>10-03</b>
<b>Nikolay Zhrebnekov</b>	<b>12-91</b>		

### **Calendar**

-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're checking an 18' open sailboat without any propulsion machinery that operates on waters defined as coastal. What are the carriage requirements for Visual Distress Signals so that you could issue a decal?**

- a. This boat needs three day/night VDSs since all vessels 16' and over, operating on the high seas and the Coastal Waters must be equipped with CG Approved Visual Distress Signals.
- b. This boat is exempted from carrying any Visual Distress Signals from sunrise to sunset. A decal can be awarded following a VSC conducted during the daytime, even if night VDSs are not aboard.
- c. Since this boat is longer than 16 feet, but less than 39.4 feet, it only needs to have some type of signal available in times of distress. It doesn't have to have a written distress plan like larger boats need.
- d. A sailboat this small should not be out on the high seas or even the Coastal Waters. Because it is so dangerous it needs the full complement of approved Visual Distress Signals.

2. Which of the following statements is true concerning navigation lights for a vessel under oars:

- a. Must exhibit lights similar to that for a power-driven vessel.
- b. Must have a white light (flashlight acceptable) available when operating between sunset and sunrise, or in restricted visibility.
- c. No navigation lights required.
- d. Must have a single red light

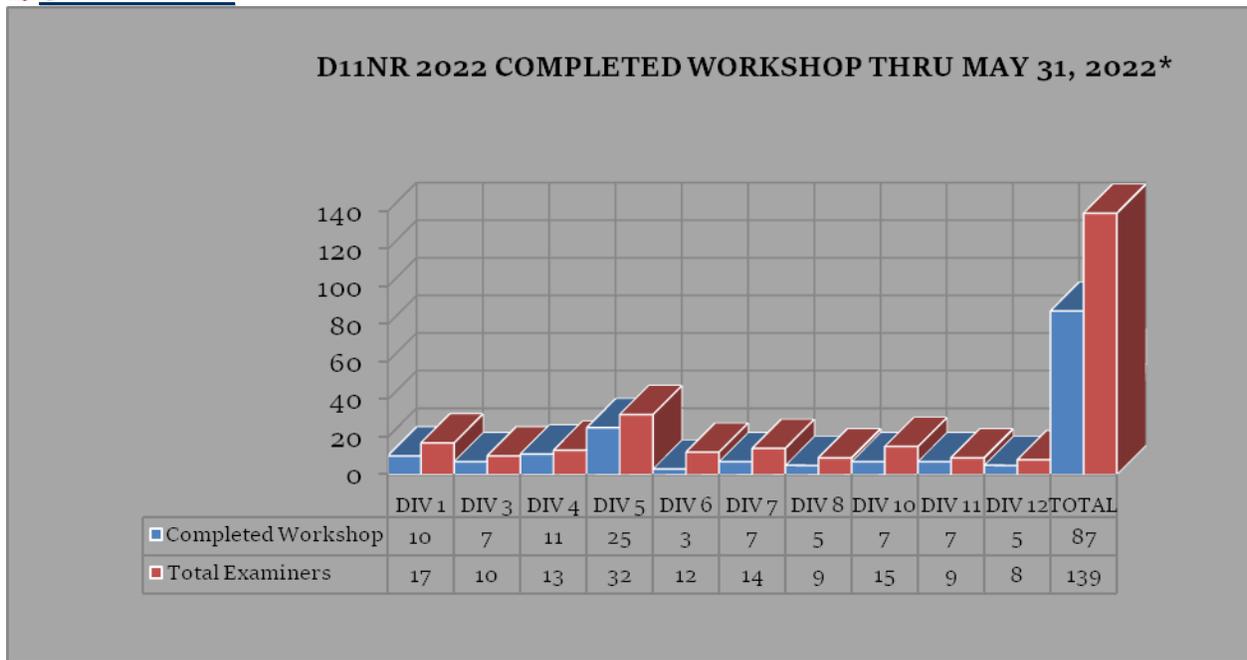
 **National and District News**

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-“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

 **District News**



**-NEW 2022 Workshop Update.** Of the 139 current D11NR Vessel Examiners, currently only 87 or 63% 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.

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**-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

**-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 "B" see pg 3-13 "B" see pg 3-23

-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** *Armadillos have 4 babies at a time and are ALL the same sex!*

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!

