



Vessel Safety Check Report January 2023

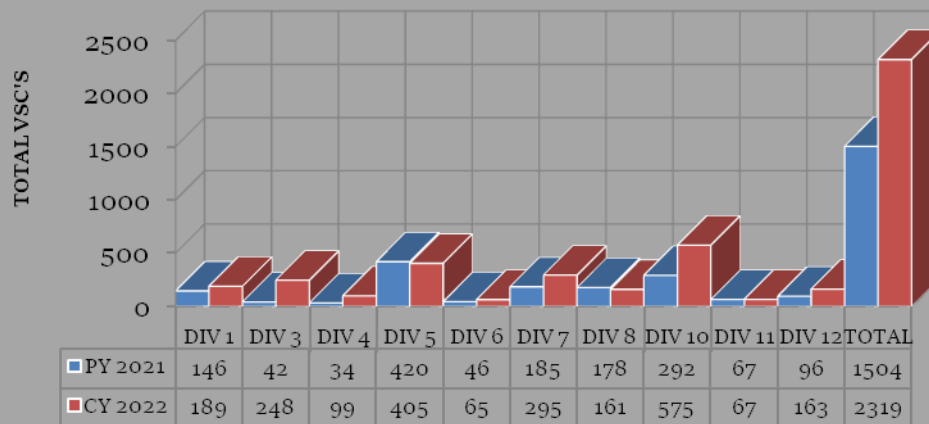


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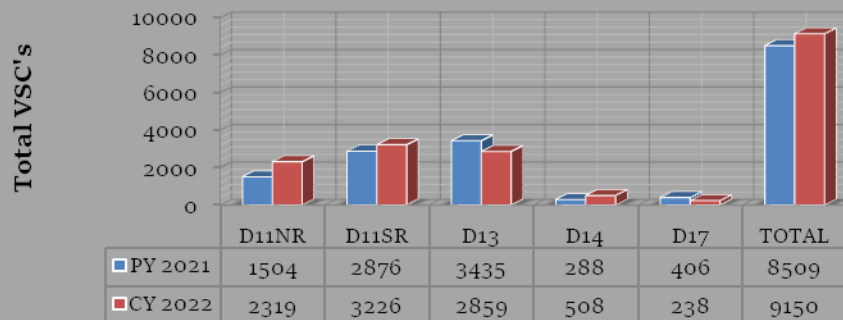
District Statistics*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU December 31, 2022*



PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru December 31, 2022*



The **NEW** D11NR VSC goal for 2023 is **3,000** VSC's. Currently we are **154%** of 2021 and have **25%** of the PAC AREA VSC total. The data source is **AUXDATA2***. Additional stats from **AUXDATA2*** indicates that **1,697** or **73%** have passed the VSC, **1,366** or **59%** are First Time VSC's, and **1,275** or **55%** are High Focus VSC's. In addition **321** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **14%** of our total VSC production. We currently have **128** ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's) which averages **18** VSC's per examiner. National average is **20** VSC's per examiner.

*Current Year End statistics shown in **AUXDATA2** thru December 31, 2023

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **60+ VSC** plateau for **2022**. Our total of **8** examiner(s) for **2022** are part of an elite group-approximately **6%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership (**128**). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page:

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

Tommy W. Holtzman	03-03	Daniel T. Glenn	05-02
Karensue Galvin	05-03	Paul P. Custance	07-03
William E. Hale	08-39	Steven Bradon	10-02
Michael J. Lauro	10-03	Laurence M. Boag	12-01

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2022**. This brings our total to **23** examiner(s) for **2022** who are part of an elite group-approximately **17%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership (**128**). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page:

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

John C. Fortner	01-04	Robert J. Aston	01-04
Herman G. Haluza	01-09	Don D. Anderson	03-03
Tommy W. Holtzman	03-03	James B. Stewart	03-03
James R. Goff	03-05	Jeffery B. Fite	03-10
Joseph M. Heap	03-10	Denver C. Driberg	04-01
Thomas J. Hurley	05-01	Daniel T. Glenn	05-02
Karensue Galvin	05-03	Lisa D. Curtis	05-03
Paul P. Custance	07-03	William E. Hale	08-39
Steven Bradon	10-02	Michael J. Lauro	10-03
Billy Ray	10-03	Daniel V. Powers	11-01
William J. Stolz	11-01	Anna M. Stevens	12-01
Laurence M. Boag	12-01		

Calendar

Additional events may be found by clicking on the calendar link on the D11NR VE website:

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

-PCA Fair January 21-22 2023

VSC Questions

-These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2014. 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:

- 39.4 feet and longer.
- 26 feet and longer.
- Registered or documented in the United States.
- 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

District News

-**NEW** Please pass the word that once again the Vessel Examiner class is coming to the PCA Fair on Sunday January 22nd. In addition helping rebuild our Vessel Examiner corps, this class will provide an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved in the Auxiliary and specifically the Vessel Safety Check program. Because of scheduling conflicts, this will only be a 1-day class starting at 0730 and will include a video, several power-points, handouts, and a complete review for the exam at the end of the class on Sunday, or the online exam at a later date. The member is required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual and take a few minutes to review the material prior to class. The manual can be found on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>.

If the member has ANY questions, please have them contact me at: dso-ve11n@att.net.

-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 vendor paperwork copy must be emailed or mailed to the DSO-VE. 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.

National News

-NEW The 2023 MANDATORY "VSC Workshop" has been released by National. Please complete the Workshop ASAP and as in the past, it is "required" to be completed by June 30, 2023. As with previous workshops, this is not a heavy lift and should take no more than about 15-20 minutes.

The workshop is easily accessible and downloadable from your D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. Please fill out the "Self-Attestation" form and as in the past, submit the signed form to your FSO-IS Officer to be entered into AUXDATA2. Completing the VSC Workshop can be done individually on your phone or desktop, or as a group, but each Vessel Examiner is individually responsible to complete & submit their own Self-Attestation form AFTER 1/1/23.

The 2023 workshop review includes: VE test answers 1 "B" pg 3-24 2 "C" 3-18

Important educational talking points for Paddlecraft. Paddlecraft safety is a critical part of the RBS Mission.

Information about PFD "Intended Use" Label changes.

Clarification about the new Fire Extinguisher requirements.

Uniform Requirements

This is a National review and if not completed by June 30, 2023, you will be in REWORK and REYR on December 31, 2023.

-NEW The 2023 VSC decals are in the process of being released to the CURRENT FC as shown in AUXDATA2 and you should have them in time for your January flotilla meeting. Please see your FC or FSO-VE for your allocation.

DID YOU KNOW: If a statue of a person in a park is on a horse and the horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in a battle.



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!

