



## Vessel Safety Check Report February 2023

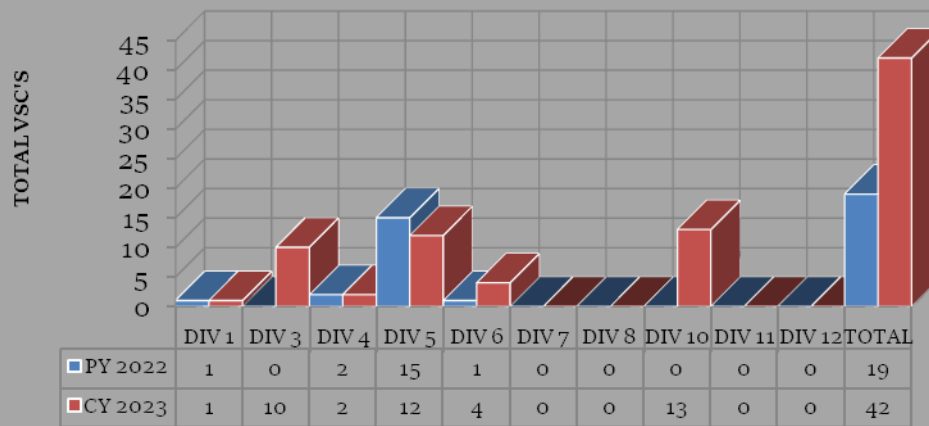


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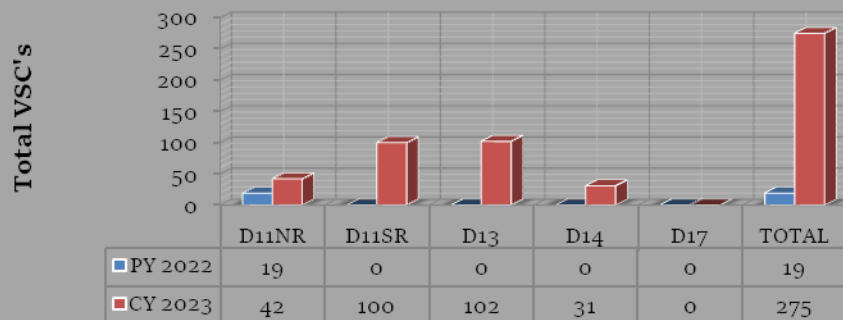
### District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU January 31, 2023\*



### PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru January 31, 2023\*



The **NEW** D11NR VSC goal for 2023 is **3,000** VSC's. Currently we are **221%** of 2022 and have **15%** of the PAC AREA VSC total. The data source is AUXDATA2\*. Additional stats from AUXDATA2\* indicates that **34** or **81%** have passed the VSC, **5** or **12%** are First Time VSC's, and **11** or **26%** are High Focus VSC's. In addition **6** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **14%** of our total VSC production. We currently have **127** ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's) which averages **.3** VSC's per examiner. National average is **20** VSC's per examiner.

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

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following members who taken and passed the Vessel Examiner written exam at the January PCA Training Fair! PLEASE assist them in completing their qualification by mentoring them to complete their qualification by offering to assist them in completing their 5 practice examinations. <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

<b>Mary Kraybill</b>	<b>05-02</b>	<b>Robert Gleason</b>	<b>05-03</b>
<b>Brenden Dungy</b>	<b>06-10</b>	<b>Martin Ouellette</b>	<b>10-05</b>
<b>Richard Gabor</b>	<b>12-01</b>	<b>Jeff Wasserman</b>	<b>12-01</b>

**When qualifying a NEW examiner, and making the entry into AUXDATA2, PLEASE make certain that you list the member as a "TRAINEE", and not as a NON-LEAD. Please refer to ANSC 7038 for the correct listing and please remind your FSO-IS to check for this important information.**

## **Calendar**

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

**-D/Train-Reno March 18-19**

## **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 Vessel Safety Check Program has many admirable goals. Which of the following fits those goals?**

- Supplement the local/state fish and wildlife authorities in enforcing the boating laws
- Supplement the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Mission to minimize loss of life and property
- Supplement, as a force multiplier, the Coast Guard's interdiction policies
- All of the choices

**2. You are performing a VSC in a state that requires all vessels to carry an anchor and anchor line. The 13' Jon boat you're checking doesn't have one on board. Can you issue a VSC decal since anchors are on the "right" side of the Form 7012?**

- No, if you signed off on a boat without an anchor when the state requires one, the fine is transferred to you instead of the offending boat owner.
- Yes, anchors and anchor lines are just good ideas and recommended by the VSC program. However, the VE is not law enforcement so you should issue the decal.
- Yes, some states have initiated laws that are impractical. Since a small 13' Jon boat couldn't carry enough anchor line to reach to the bottom of a deep lake anyway, issue the decal.

- d. No, regardless of which side of the Form 7012 the item is on, item 14 on the left side of the form requires compliance with state and/or local laws.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2022. This brings our total to examiner(s) for 2023 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>

**None to report**

### **District and National News**

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**-NEW- 30 examiners of the D11NR Vessel Examiner corp or 23% of the 127 shown in AUXDATA2 have now completed the National workshop.**

**-NEW-When qualifying a NEW examiner, and making the entry into AUXDATA2, PLEASE make certain that you list the member as a "TRAINEE", and not as a NON-LEAD. Please refer to ANSC 7038 for the correct listing and please remind your FSO-IS to review for this important information.**

**Source: Pam Berger DSO-IS**

**-NEW-A review of the National Vessel Examiner workshop is planned for D/Train on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>. Time permitting there will be a discussion and question and answer session. 2023 Self-Attestation sheets WILL be provided!**

**-NEW-If you are an active Vessel Examiner(VE) and are or have been at least an FSO-VE and are interested in joining the D11NR VE staff as an ADSO-VE, please contact me to discuss the requirements at: [dso-ve11n@att.net](mailto: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.

The 2023 workshop review includes: VE test answers 1 "B" pg 2 "D" 3-27

- Important educational talking points for Paddlecraft.
- Information about PFD "Intended Use" Label changes.
- Clarification about the new Fire Extinguisher requirements.
- Uniform Requirements

**This is a National workshop/review and if not completed by June 30, 2023, you will be in REWORK. Any VSC's performed AFTER cannot be entered into AUXDATA2. After December 31, 2023, you will be in REYR status and will still to complete to workshop plus complete 2 mentored VSC's.**

**DID YOU KNOW:** It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow!



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!

