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 District 11 Northern Region  
 Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah

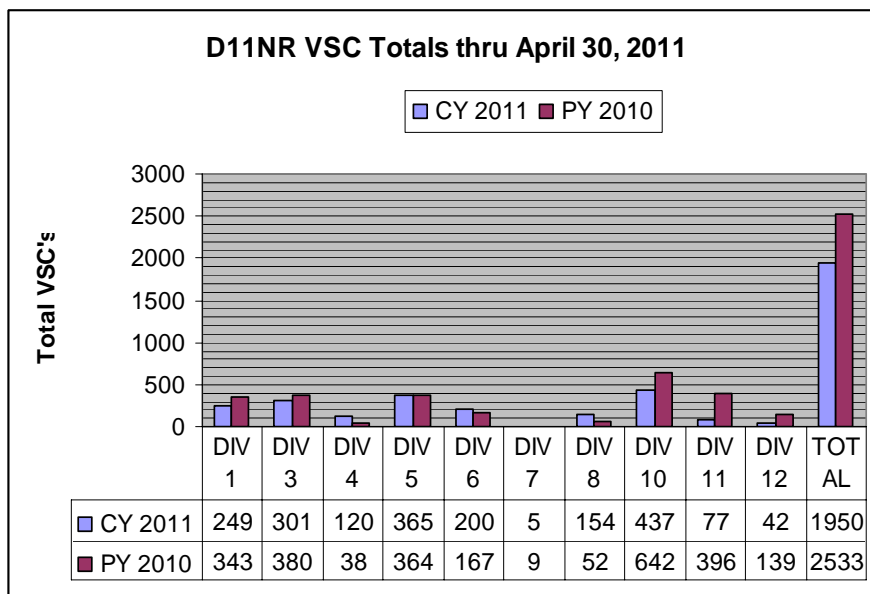


## Vessel Safety Check Report May 2011

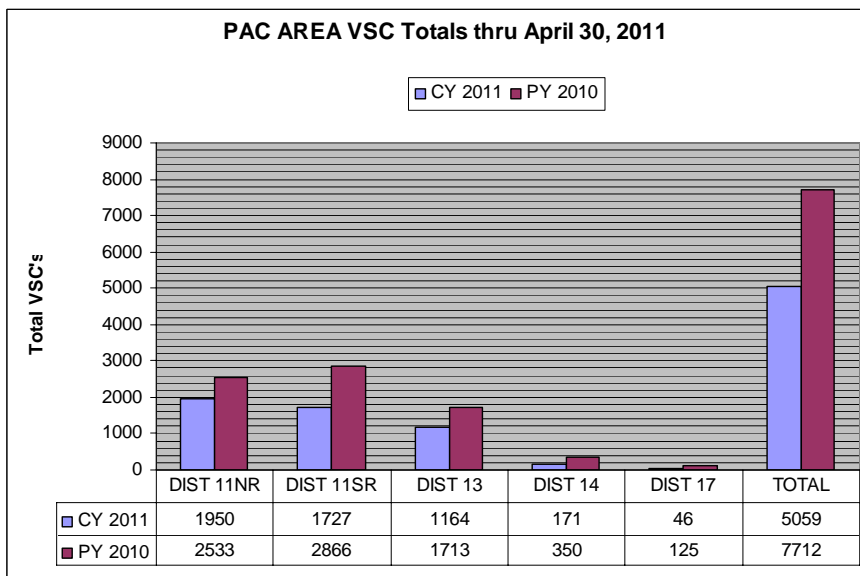


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### D11NR 2011 Statistics\*



### PAC AREA 2011 Statistics\*



The goal for D11NR is **11,000 VSC's**. We are **18%** of our goal for the year and **77%** of 2010 production at this time! The data source is **AUXINFO\***.

Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **965** or **49%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **1086** or **56%** are High Risk VSC's.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru April 30, 2011

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following examiners who have performed 20 or more VSC's during 2011:\*

Jerel Berkov	01-04	Charles M. Duncan	03-09
Billy Ray	05-02	Anthony T. Budlong	06-04
Jerry B. Edelen	06-04	Christopher T. Jewell	08-07
Jan Jewell	08-07	Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03

**This brings our total to 29 examiners reaching this plateau! This is approximately 9% of the total District examiner base. 2010 had 23 examiners or 7% at this time. Where's your name?**

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru April 30, 2011

PLEASE be certain that all stats are reported MONTHLY using the CURRENT Form 7038 to your FSO-IS so you and your unit(s) will receive proper credit.

### **Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!**

With the addition of new examiners for 2011, our examiner base is now 305 active examiners! This represents about 20% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

James P. Charlton	01-07	Neil H. Shea	05-05
William F. Dodson	06-04	Craig L. Johnson	06-04
Walter S. Richert	06-10	Woody F. Worden	08-07
Christopher T. Jewell	08-07	Carrie A. Van De Boom	10-03
Rebekah K. Martinez	10-06	Arturo Alvarez Jr.	10-06

\*recertified

### **VSC Calendar**

**National Safe Boating Week-May 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

**VSC Mega-Weeks-June 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

**D11NR Inland Lake VSC Blitz Day- June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**National Marina Day-June 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **National and District News**

#### **Dockwalker News**

**-Dear Boating Partners and Dockwalkers:**

I am pleased to announce that our next combined Northern California & Delta CCBN Chapters meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 18th** at the **Keefe Kaplan Maritime, Inc. (KKMI) Boatyard** in Point Richmond located at **530 West Cutting Blvd., Pt. Richmond, CA 94804** (<http://kkmi.com/contact/> ) from **9:30 - 1 p.m.** (including the boatyard tour) thanks to **Paul Kaplan (KKMI founding partner)**. The meeting will be at the **BOATHOUSE ROOM**

I am sending you this invitation with one month in advance so you can mark your calendar!

**Map:** [http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=530+West+Cutting+Boulevard,+Point+Richmond,+Richmond,+CA+94804&aq=0&sll=37.925315,-122.378188&am;sspn=0.008751,0.020342&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=530+W+Cutting+Blvd,+Richmond,+California+94804&t=h&z=16](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=530+West+Cutting+Boulevard,+Point+Richmond,+Richmond,+CA+94804&aq=0&sll=37.925315,-122.378188&am;sspn=0.008751,0.020342&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=530+W+Cutting+Blvd,+Richmond,+California+94804&t=h&z=16)

You can easily park outside of this facility **Parking is free**

This is going to be a very exciting meeting to participate in.

During this meeting, **(Brian Rappoli, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)** will be talking about **The Clean Boating Act: What is it and what does it mean to you?** The Clean Boating Act directs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take steps to limit the impact of pollution and the spread of invasive species associated with discharges from recreational vessels. EPA will develop regulations for appropriate management practices and performance standards that will help protect the environment and allow boaters and other water enthusiasts to continue enjoying our nation's water. EPA is seeking information from states and stakeholder groups that will help guide the development of these proposed regulations. **Katy Wolf, Ph.D. Institute for Research and Technical Assistance (IRTA)** will talk about **Alternatives to Copper Antifouling Paints for Marine Applications.** This presentation will focus on the results of the three-year EPA sponsored project conducted by the Port of San Diego and IRTA to test alternatives to copper hull paints. It will also focus on the results of an ongoing project sponsored by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and EPA that is addressing methods of reducing the cost and facilitating the use of nonbiocide paint alternatives. The presentation will discuss the categories of alternative paints, the testing results on panels and boats in the San Diego area and the cost analysis and comparison of the different types of paints. It will also describe current efforts to apply emerging nonbiocide paints to boats in the San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco areas, investigate alternative methods of stripping boat hulls and develop a copper recycling program for boatyards in California. Finally, the presentation will summarize a number of "lessons learned" during both projects.

Following, **Matthew Schuessler of Franklin Fueling Systems** will present an overview of their APT (Advanced Polymer Technologies) Marine Ducted secondary-contained flexible fuel piping. He will explain current construction practices for fuel systems at marinas, and identify areas to address for routine inspections, leak prevention, and improved service life.

Finally, **Paul Kaplan (KKMI founding partner)** will lead a tour of that facility.

Please check the attached California Clean Boating Network description flyer and the draft agenda.

**Please RSVP**

Even though some of you will not be able to attend, I decided to keep you inform about this upcoming meeting.

-Please check our **Spring 2011** Issue of the **Changing Tide** newsletter at

[http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ct/ct-spring\\_2011.pdf](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ct/ct-spring_2011.pdf) .

In this issue you will find great information on **how to avoid smelly sewage holding tanks**, results from a recent study on **Costs & Capacity to Control Invasive Fouling Species on California's Coast & Delta and Baja California** conducted by UC Cooperative Extension Coastal Resources Advisor Leigh Johnson and UC Riverside Economics Professor Linda Fernandez. We also included information on **Santa Barbara Harbor, Sandy Beach County Park and Morro Bay Harbor**, updates to the **statewide Boating Clean and Green Program**, among other great topics.

You can also check previous issues at:

[http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbnhomenew.html#Changing\\_Tide](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbnhomenew.html#Changing_Tide)

The **Changing Tide** newsletter is the quarterly publication of the **California Clean Boating Network (CCBN)** and it is presented by the **California Department of Boating and Waterways** and the **California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green program**, the **Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation**, and the **Keep the Delta Clean program**. The newsletter is dedicated to promoting clean boating practices in California by focusing on new trends in clean boating practices and environmental services for boaters. Each issue also showcases great boating destinations throughout California. This is a great publication to have at bulletin boards, informational kiosks, marinas, harbor or yacht club offices, dock entrances, boat launch ramps, and fuel docks. You can also distribute this publication at boating events.

### **Vivian Matuk**

Environmental Boating Program Coordinator  
California Department of Boating & Waterways  
California Coastal Commission

### **District News**

-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.

- There are **many** new and exciting changes on both the Vessel Examiner website;

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>, and the public VSC information site:

<http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/public.ve.html>. In addition to the **new** Vessel Examiner VSC question, the site also includes a link to the new VSC Award page with a record of Vessel Examiner recognition for the current year. This page will also contain a permanent record of any RBS Device award recipients since 2007. To make certain your name appears, **PLEASE** be certain to submit your Form 7038 in a timely basis and prior to the update at the end of each month. Check it out!

The new public VSC website also has many enhancements to help promote the VSC to the public; including a photo of a VSC station and a 1-minute recording from Dan Marino promoting the VSC.

The D11NR VSC websites have always been on a plateau clearly above any other Coast Guard Auxiliary District! Now with Jan's assistance, the sites are the envy of many other Districts! My sincere thanks to Jan Jewell ADSO-CS/VE for assisting me and

putting together these enhancements for the general public and for you-our vessel examiners. **Please take a look!**

**-While 96.6%** of D11NR VSC's in 2010 were performed at **INLAND WATERS**, and in keeping with ADM. Castillo's and CAPT. Stowe's request to promote boating safety on INLAND LAKES in D11NR for 2011, Saturday June 4th has been designated as **D11NR INLAND LAKE VSC BLITZ DAY**. This date immediately follows NSBW, the Memorial Day weekend, and is the start of National's VSC Mega-Weeks promotion. While I know that many Flotilla's have adopted ramps and scheduled VSC stations throughout the Delta area, San Francisco Bay, and off-shore, I'd like to ask that if possible, each Flotilla promote this specific VSC day at a lake in their geographic area.

Flotilla's that have not adopted a lake and Flotilla's that need to order supplies from ANSC and elsewhere need to establish the necessary contacts and obtain supplies **ASAP**. If you are uncertain about a location of a lake in your geographic area, please go to: [http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/public/vsc\\_ca\\_nv\\_ut.html](http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/public/vsc_ca_nv_ut.html) and you will find a list of locations by state and county. In addition to the VSC station, a PA and Information table should also be considered to supply boating safety information to the boater. Lastly, consider a potluck BBQ at the end of the day making this a true Flotilla effort.

After the event, I would ask each Vessel Examiner to contact their local FSO-VE's and report their day's VSC count and the name of the location where the VSC Blitz occurred so results can be forwarded to me ASAP for my District report.

By working together we can make this a successful event for 2011 and the future, and have an impact on boating safety on inland lakes here in D11NR.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### **-From Cal Boating**

To: All Boating Safety Partners,  
Promotional Material-

"As part of continuing efforts to cut costs and tackle California's budget gap, Governor Jerry Brown directed all state agencies and departments to stop buying and distributing free giveaway and gift items - such as key chains, coffee mugs and squeeze toys.

The Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) apologizes for the inconvenience, as it knows that its promotional materials are used by partners, such as you, to provide clean, safe and convenient access to California's waterways. DBW welcomes you to continue carrying out this message by directing boaters to its Web site or by ordering publications. Should the order be lifted or exemptions be made, information will be posted on the materials ordering system web page.

Sorry for the inconvenience."

Thank you

Melissa Verduzco

California Dept. of Boating and Waterways  
Safety and Education Unit

BTW-2011 ABC's are not yet available. However there is still a supply of 2010's in stock. Please order these and if necessary use a "For More Information" label over the year.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE

**-Mussels Again-**Just a reminder as the VSC season gets underway, the Coast Guard Auxiliary does **NOT** participate in enforcing any portion of local mussel inspection programs while in uniform and behalf of the Coast Guard or the Auxiliary. Please note that each local jurisdiction has different enforcement plans. Our participation in the invasive species program is limited to an awareness campaign through our one-on-one education with the boater and by distributing materials at our public education classes, at a public affairs booth, and while performing VSC's. There is **ONE** exception: a member of the Auxiliary may perform mussel inspections as a member of another agency and while **NOT** in uniform and while **NOT** performing any Coast Guard or Auxiliary function.

In the past, this position has been reviewed and reaffirmed at the National level. Please plan your scheduled VSC station locations accordingly.

**-2011 Delta Blitz-** Plans are well under way for 2011 Delta Blitz. More information will be available in early June to the examiners who have signed up to participate. Sign ups for the 3 dates has ended.

### **National News**

**-7012A Forms now available!** The new 7012A Kayak and Canoe 2-part VSC form is now available at ANSC. PLEASE ask your FC or FSO-MA to place an order for reasonable quantities. ANSC reserves the right to adjust order quantities.

**Let's work together for our safety and the safety of others by setting an example and wear our lifejacket while performing VSC's especially when working around docks and when climbing aboard large vessels!**

