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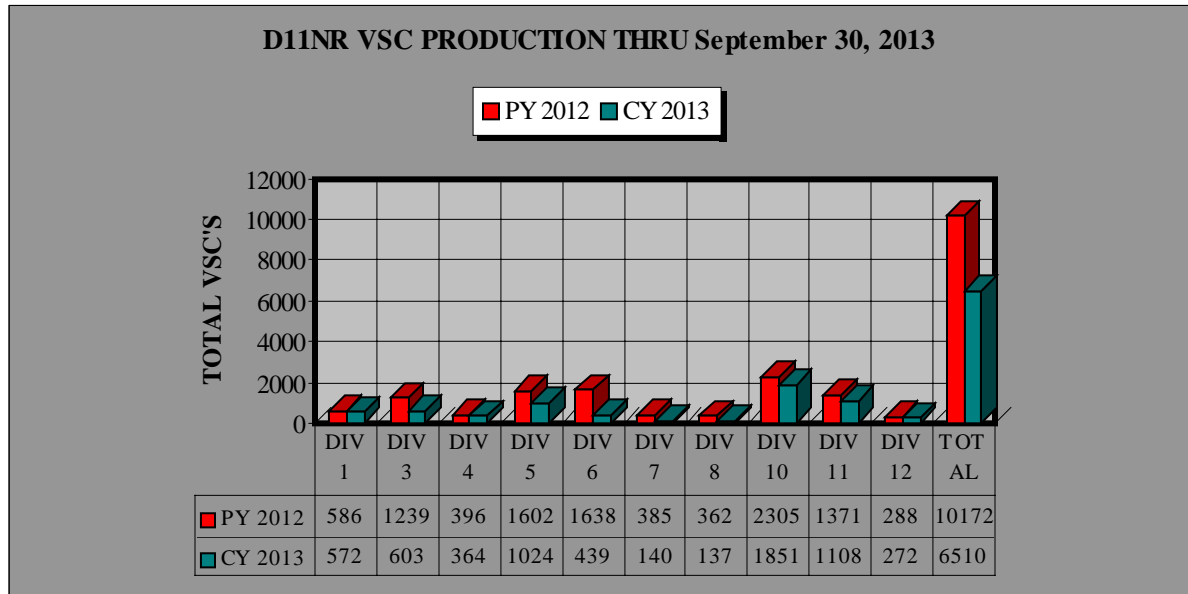


Vessel Safety Check Report October 2013

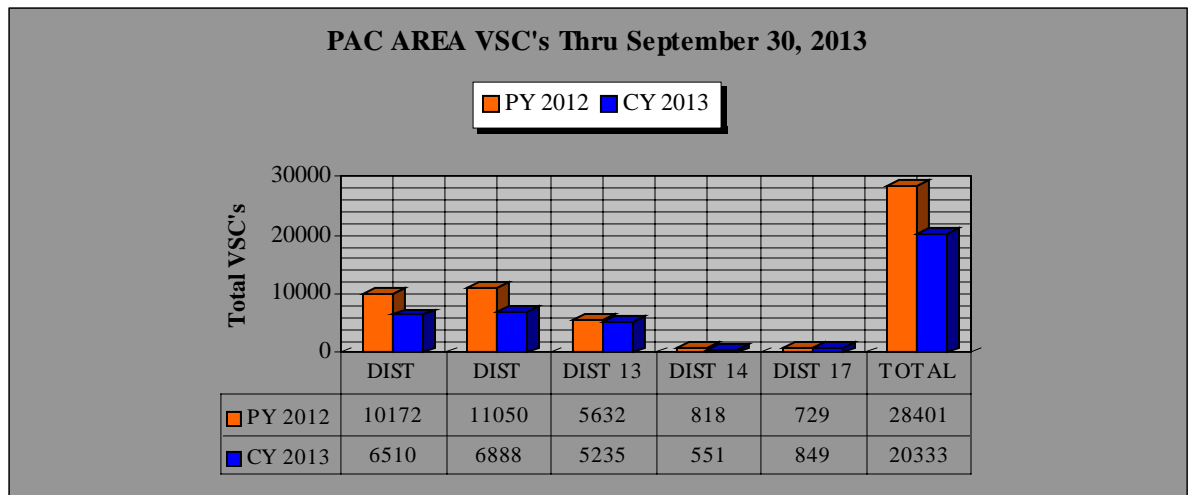


Mike Lauro DSO-VE
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D11NR Statistics*



PAC AREA Statistics*



Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that we are 54% of our goal and 64% of 2012 production. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 78% or 5,809 have passed the VSC, 43% or 2,808 are First Time VSC's, 41% or 2,659 are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 1,289 or 20% are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO*.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru September 30th, 2013

 **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following members who have passed the Vessel Examiner class over the Past Commander Assoc. Training Fair over the weekend of September 14th-15th.

Please offer assistance to help one of your flotilla member's to complete their qualification ASAP!

Michael R. Mitchell**	01-09	David T. Wright	03-05
Donald J. Maiden*	05-01	Michael W. Goldberg	06-04
Robert J. Davis	10-02	Brandon J. Hamilton	10-02
George G. Williams	11-01	Ross M Johnson	11-01
Larry D. Morse	12-03	Valerie J. Van-Dalsen	12-05

*In addition, special congratulations goes to Donald J. Maiden from Flotilla 5-1, who is the only member in the 12-years that I've been teaching the class to get 100% correct on the exam! Mr. Maiden received the coveted Auxiliary mouse pad for his effort.

**Completed qualification!

 **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the 20 or more VSC plateau during 2013:

Frederick J. Saunders Jr.	04-03	William R. Singleton	10-02
Charles M. Knapper	10-02	Linda G. Bradon	10-02
William R. Singleton	10-02	Roderick M. Rollins	10-06
Jerry L. Gilmore	11-01		

This brings our total to **58** examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately **20%** the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had examiners **64** or **20%** at this time.

Please check the D11NR Vessel Examiner recognition site:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> for your name! It is also accessible from the D11NR Vessel Examiner site: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

 **Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!**

Ronald T. Doyle	01-02	Joseph C. Sherry	11-04
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*Re-Certified

With the addition of new examiner(s) for 2013, our examiner base is now **285** active examiners! This represents about **17%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

 **VSC Calendar**

D/Train-Sacramento-March 15th-16th 2014

NSBW-May 14th-23rd 2014

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have recently achieved the coveted **Recreational Boating Safety Device (RBS)**. These members are part of elite group-58 members or approximately **5%** of our D11NR membership who have dedicated 2-years to achieve this recognition! Check to see if your name is listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

No new members to report.

 **-VSC Questions: Back by popular demand!** These are actual test questions from the 2007 VE Exam Version "F" Answers can be found in another location in the newsletter

1. Because of unusual circumstances, you were unable to conduct five VSC's last year. What happens now?
 - a. You have to do ten this year to keep your qualifications and to make up for last year.
 - b. You have to do at least two VSCs under supervision of a certified VE to regain your qualifications and then five for this year.
 - c. You have to meet the full initial qualification criteria to regain your qualifications.
 - d. You can ask the DSO-VE for one-time waiver.

2. You've just completed a VSC on a vessel that passes and is eligible for a decal. However, the vessel does not have a windshield. What do you do now?
 - a. Give the owner or operator the decal and let them decide where they would like it.
 - b. Since you may only place a decal on the window or windshield, you never should have done a VSC on this boat in the first place. It was a waste of your time and the owner's time.
 - c. Place the new decal on the dashboard or back of a seat; someplace that will be readily visible to authorities while underway.
 - d. Save the new decal for your next VSC and just give the owner the Form 7012 indicating their boat earned a decal.

National and District News

National News

Nothing to report.

District News

A combined VE/Dockwalker workshop is being considered at D/Train in Sacramento in March 2014. Because of a scheduling conflict, Vivian Matuk can only teach this on Sunday morning opposite the OP's/TCT workshop.

So that workshop scheduling can go forward, please respond back to me at: sumfun@juno.com ASAP and NO later than Friday Oct 4th only if you'd consider attending the VE/Dockwalker workshop.

Question 1-"B" See page 6 of the VSC Manual
Question 2-"C" See page 9 of the VSC Manual

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!

