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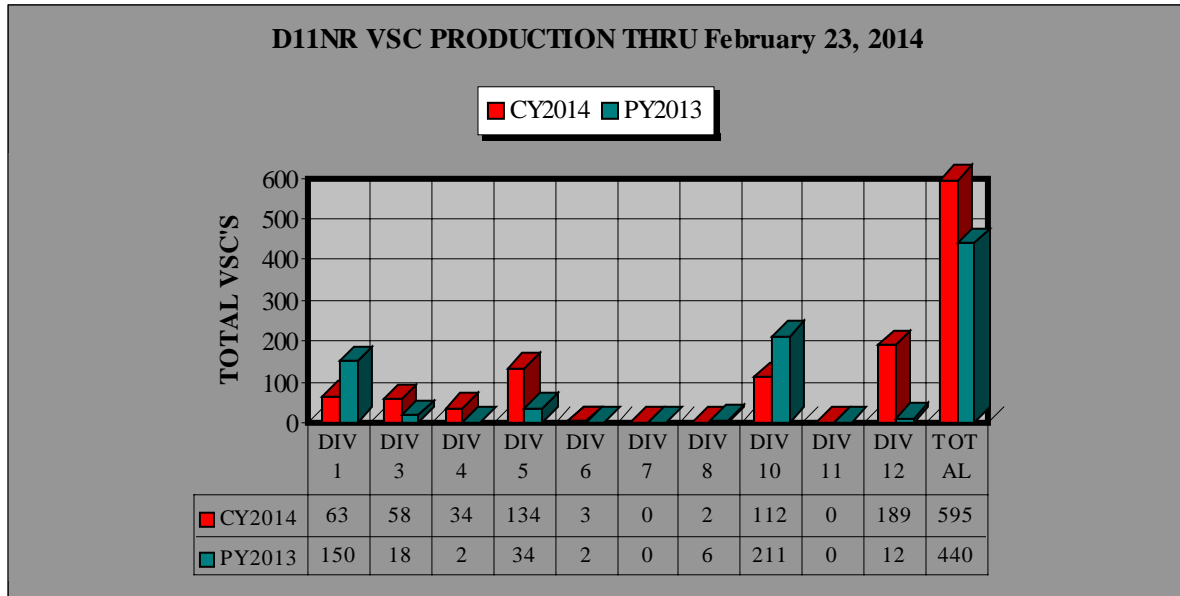


Vessel Safety Check Report March 2014

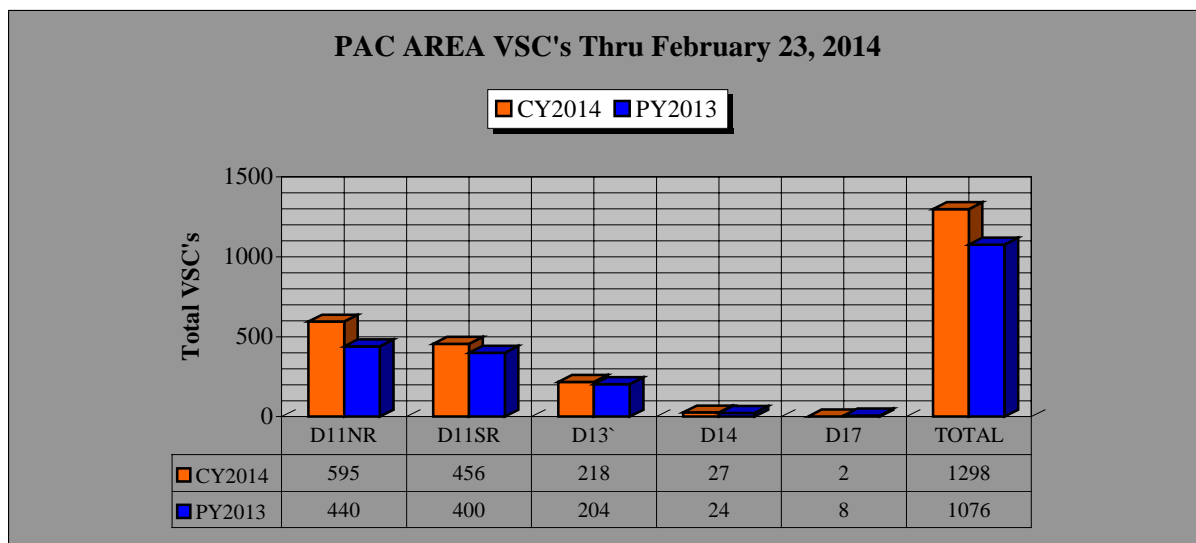


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D11NR Statistics*



PAC AREA Statistics*



Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that we are 4.76% of our goal and 135% of 2013 production. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 92% or 548 have passed the VSC, 39% or 183 are First Time VSC's, 39% or 189 are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 19% or 115 are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO*.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru February 23, 2014

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the **60** or more VSC plateau during 2013:

Correction: Tommy Holtzman 03-05 was inadvertently left off the list from the January report.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the **20** or more VSC plateau during 2014:

Robert J. Aston	01-04	Charles M. Duncan	03-05
Jose R. Pereira	04-09	Steven M. Johnson	05-01
Billy Ray	05-02	Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05
Michael J. Lauro	10-02	Chester A. Bartalini	12-01
Duane L. Blackwell	12-01	James J. Duffley	12-01

Correction: Dennis T. Kerhulas 03-10 last name was inadvertently misspelled in the January report.

This brings our total to 10 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately **5%** the total District vessel examiner base. 2013 had 4 examiners or **4%** 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>.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members who have recently passed part 1 of the Vessel Examiner qualification at the PCA Training Fair. Please assist these members in completing their qualification.

Roseann Fox	03-01	Richard Farlinger	06-04
Ryan Kay	06-04	Doug Manifold	07-06
Daniel Palo	10-02	Robin Morgan	11-03
Tom Temkin	11-03	Robert Torio	12-01
Gilbert Gin	12-01	Pat Dincognito	12-05
Rick Piso	12-91		

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

***Re-Certified**

In the January report, **Nancy Marion** was inadvertently shown as a member of Flotilla 01-05. She is actually in Flotilla 01-04. In addition, **Barbara Beall** is actually in Flotilla 08-11, not Flotilla 01-04. Sorry about the errors.

With the addition of new examiner(s) for 2013, our examiner base is now **299** 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-65 members or approximately **4%** 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>

Tommy W. Holtzman

03-05

Tracy R. Schultz

06-0

Paul P. Custance

07-03

 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- Since the VSC Program list so many items on Form 7012 and 7012A that apply only to powerboats, should the VE perform a VSC on other vessel?

- a. No, not really, unless the owner insists, since there is so little to check, it's a waste of everyone's time.
- b. No. since most states don't require these vessels to be registered, there is no place on Form 7012a to properly record them.
- c. Yes, since many of the newer non-motor powered vessels are designed with such sleek hulls that they go faster than many of the powerboats a VE would normally examine.
- d. Yes, especially Sports Utility Boats such as canoes, kayaks, Jon boats and PWC's because of the accident rate of this group of boaters.

2- A vessel owner consents to a VSC on a vessel that has a prior years decal on it. The vessel passes and is eligible for a decal. What should you do?

- a. Since only one VSC decal is permitted to be displayed at any time, have the owner remove the old decal and put the new one in its place.
- b. Place the new decal next to the old one. Owners like to display decals for all the years they've been examined.
- c. Save the new decal for your next VSC and just give the owner the Form 7012 or 7012A indicating their boat earned a decal.
- d. Place the new decal on the starboard window so that it will not interfere with or obscure the operator's view and be readily visible to authorities.

National and District News

National News

The 2014 VSC decal distribution system has changed from previous years. Simply, in late December, the 2014 VSC decals were automatically distributed to each Flotilla Commander of record. In addition, the Division Commander's received their back up supply in mid-January. According to the National VSC Decal SOP, the Flotilla Commander should forward the supply to the FSO-VE to be logged and distributed to the local examiners. In addition, the Division Commander needs to forward the back-up supply to the SO-VE for a back up supply for the local flotilla's. After the Division stock has been utilized, all additional requests for decals are submitted by the FSO-VE to the DSO-VE. The DSO-VE will review the production in AUXINFO to see if at least 50% of the original allocation shows as PASSED, make certain that the Division supply has been utilized, and there is an immediate need. If any of the above criteria is not met, the request will be denied. If all is in order, the request will be forwarded to the National level. Please expect this process to take at least 10-days.

Lastly, please be certain that ALL 7038's are submitted on a timely basis. In addition, the FSO-VE may have to recall decals distributed to non-producing examiners for re-distribution.

For a full explanation, you can find a copy of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the decal distribution on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>, under "**HOT LINE MESSAGES**". Please take a minute to review this important material. In addition, the 2014 VSC Material order form is also posted. If there are any questions not addressed in this document, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing everyone at the D/Train workshops.

District News

There will be (2) 2-hour workshops at presented on Saturday at D/Train. The 2014 National workshop will be presented in a power point format along with recent updates from N/Train. In addition, there will be time for questions and answers regarding any issue concerning the VSC program. Any examiner attending will receive credit for the mandatory 2014 National workshop. Sunday morning will be a Dockwalker workshop that is open to all vessel examiners and any other members.

Dockwalker News

In addition to the training planned at D/Train, please find additional dates listed below.

Upcoming Trainings

-March 26, 2014 - San Jose

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

American Red Cross Bldg

2731 N 1st St, San Jose, CA 951349

-March 27, 2014 - Richmond

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tradewinds Sailing School & Club

2580 Spinnaker Way, Richmond, California 94804

-April 8, 2014 - Petaluma

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Petaluma Yacht Club

10 C St, Petaluma, CA 94952

-May 9, 2014 - Vacaville

10:00 a.m. to 12:45 a.m.

Solano County Water Agency (Engineering Room)

810 Vaca Valley Pkwy #203, Vacaville, CA 95688

-May 8, 2014 - San Francisco

6:30 pm - 8:45 pm

South Beach Harbor (Community Room)

40 Pier San Francisco, CA 94107-2119

For more information and registration, please see the website:

<http://www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/Environmental/CleanGreen/Default.aspx>

Question 1-"D" See page 3 of the VSC Manual

Question 2-"A" 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!

