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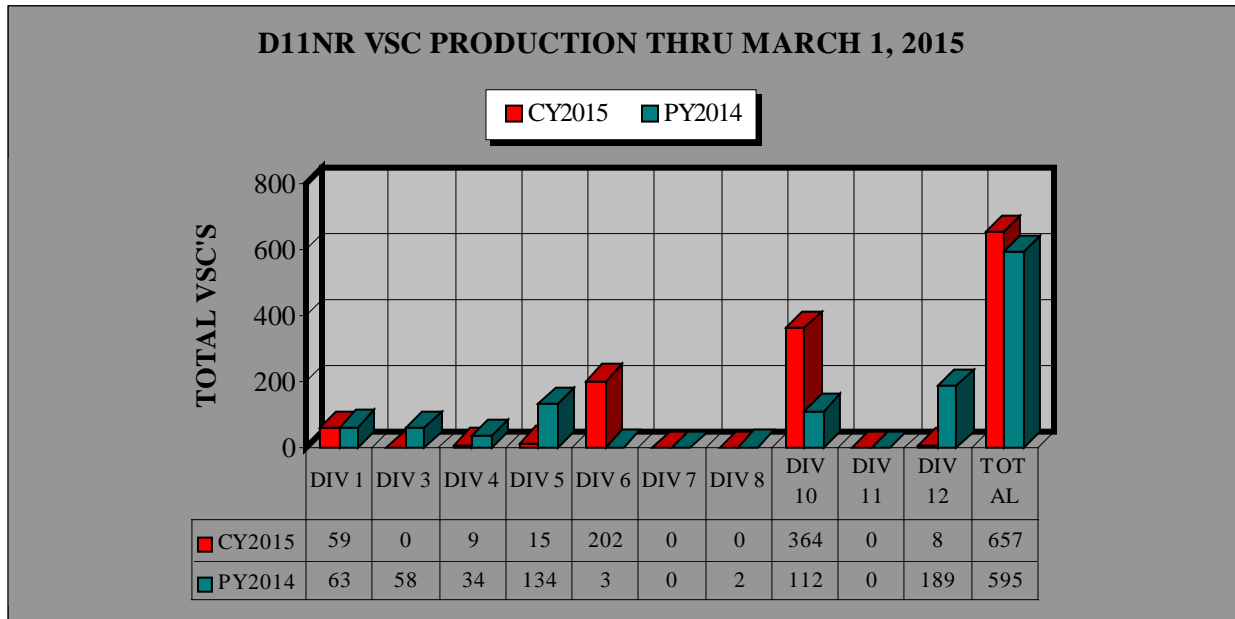
**Vessel Safety Check Report
March 2015**

Mike Lauro DSO-VE

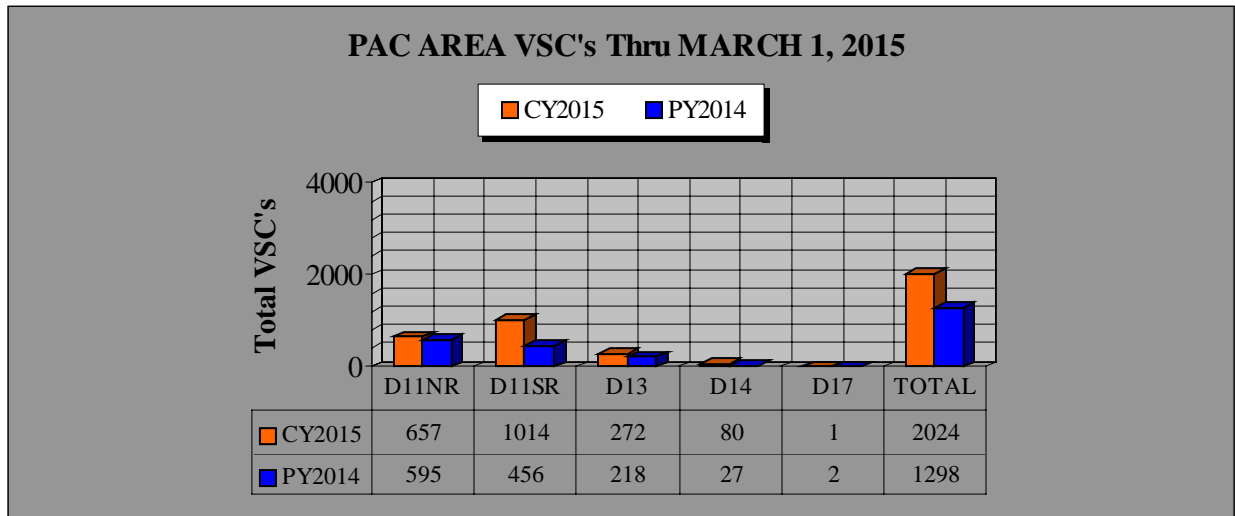
Phil Grove ADSO-VE Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS



District Statistics*



PAC Area Statistics*



The 2015 goal for D11NR is **9,000 VSC's**. We are **7%** of our goal for the year and **110%** of 2014 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **615** or **94%** have passed the VSC, **182** or **28%** are First Time VSC's, **132** or **20%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **248** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **38%** of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **March 1, 2015**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **30+ VSC** plateau for **2015**. These **6** members are an elite group-approximately **3%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership who have preformed over **63%** or over VSC's of the D11NR VSC total! These names will be listed on the member recognition page:

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

Keith L. Simmons	06-04	Michael J. Lauro	10-02
Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03	Billy Ray	10-03
Steven W. Dicken	10-06	Kenneth L. McSheehy	10-06

In addition, the following examiners were inadvertently omitted from the January 2015 roster of examiners who performed 20+ VSC's:

John G. Albro	03-05	James R. Goff	03-05
Tommy W. Holtzman	03-05	David T. Wright	03-05
Riley A. Turpin	07-02		

Calendar

-D/TRAIN March 14th-15th San Jose
-National Safe Boating Week May 16th-22nd

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2014, our examiner base is now **225** active examiners. This represents about **14%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

*recertified

NO NEW MEMBERS TO REPORT

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-**73** 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>

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 VSC Questions-These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2014. Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1. For award of the VSC decal, the minimum number and size of the fire extinguishers required aboard recreational boats is determined by the vessel's:

- a. Length.
- b. Propulsion method.
- c. Construction (open or closed).
- d. All of the choices.

2. What is the requirement regarding a sound producing device for paddle craft?

- a. There is no requirement.
- b. Some means of making an efficient sound signal (athletic whistle acceptable).
- c. Whistle required only when operating between sunset and sunrise.
- d. Some means of producing an efficient sound signal when operating in the vicinity of power-driven vessels.

National and District News

National News

Nothing new to report.

District News

-Just a reminder that if you have NOT completed the REQUIRED National Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop as required by June 30, 2014, as of December 31, 2014, you are now in REYR status. Your failure to complete the required workshop by December 31, 2014, means you will have to complete the required workshop and in addition perform 2 VSC's with a qualified examiner and then submit the MT-2 to DIRAUX to be reinstated. Please go to the D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> where you can find an easy to follow link to AUXLMS for the 30-minute workshop, or a 1 1/2 hr power-point presentation shown at the 2014 D/Train that can be downloaded and presented locally by a qualified instructor. If you attempt the AUXLMS version, PLEASE make certain you take the FULL 30-minutes!

-A new D11NR VSC production incentive will be announced at the D/Train Board and Staff meeting on Friday, and at the Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop. In addition the special incentive announcement, the VE workshop will be an open forum with opportunities to discuss such items as the new manual, uniforms, new VE exams, and any Vessel Safety Check (VSC) item that may be of your interest. In addition, Phil Grove DSO-PV/ADSO-VE will also be in attendance with Coastie. This is **NOT** a mandatory workshop, however I look forward to seeing you there at 1500 in room Blossom Hill 1.

-In December 2014, ANSC shipped the 2015 VSC decals. So everyone is on the same page, the distribution process is identical as last year. Please see your FC or FSO-VE for your allotment and final distribution. SO-VE's also need to contact their DCDR's for the Division backup supply.

Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE

-PLEASE do NOT wear boots to climb aboard a vessel to performing 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 at Walmart, etc, a package of 10 for under \$10.

-VSC's ON RENTALS-At the request of Commodore Collins, to maintain uniformity in the VSC program, moving forward, **ALL** VSC's for rental agencies that rent pwc's, fishing boats, houseboats, paddlecraft, etc. will now require a D11NR Rental Agreement with the dealer. This program is relatively simple, straightforward, and is self-explanatory. You can find a copy of the instructions (ML-1), a sample introduction letter (ML-2), and a copy of the agreement (ML-3) on the D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "**VE FORMS**". These are done in Microsoft "Word" and you can tailor them for your individual needs. Please note that to participate in this program, a Program Visitor (PV) is required. However, if you are a Vessel Examiner (VE) and a current Program Visitor (PV), you can fulfill that requirement. Please print (2) copies-one for you to keep after signed by the vendor, and one for the vendor to keep after you and the Program Visitor (PV) have signed it. You should maintain your copies for the calendar year.

-Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall. This recall involves 31 models of Kidde disposable fire extinguishers with Zytel[®] black plastic valves. The recalled extinguishers are red, white or silver and are either ABC or BC rated. The ratings can be found to the right of the nameplate. Manufacture dates included in the recall are July 23, 2013 through October 15, 2014. A 10-digit date code is stamped on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled units manufactured in 2013 are XXXX 20413 X through XXXX 36513 X and 2014 are XXXX 00114 X through XXXX 28814 X. More information with a listing of affected models can be found at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Kidde-Recalls-Disposable-Plastic-Fire-Extinguishers/#remedy>.

Source: Wally Smith DCSO

-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.

Dockwalker News

Nothing new to report.

VE Test Question Answers

1. "D" page 3-15 VSC Manual
2. "B" page 5-2 VSC Manual

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!

