



## Vessel Safety Check Report September 2015

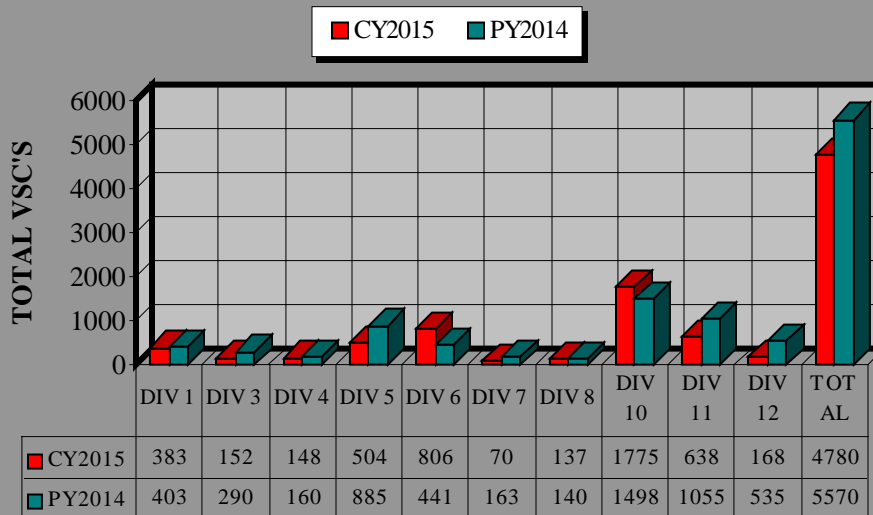
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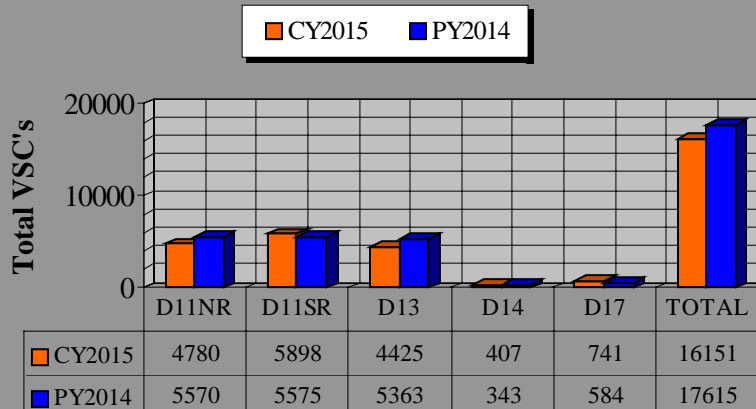
### District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU AUGUST 30, 2015



### PAC Area Statistics\*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru AUGUST 30, 2015



The 2015 goal for D11NR is 9,000 VSC's. We are **53%** of our goal for the year and **86%** of 2014 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **4,128** or **86%** have passed the VSC, **1,942** or **41%** are First Time VSC's, **1,866** or **39%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **1,293** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **27%** of our total VSC production.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **August 30, 2015**

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **30+ VSC** plateau for **2015**. With the addition of these new members, this brings our total to **37** members and are part of an elite group-approximately **18%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership. These members will receive special recognition and their names will be listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>.

<b>Steven T. Pitts</b>	<b>10-05</b>	<b>Thomas B. Henderson</b>	<b>11-01</b>
<b>Steven B. Perez</b>	<b>11-01</b>		

### Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2015, our examiner base is now **201** active examiners. This represents about **12%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

No new members reported

\*recertified

### 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-**80** 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 reported

### VSC Questions-These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2014.

Answers can be found in another location in the report.

#### **1-PWC's must have a way of signaling by way of a whistle or horn**

- a. The emergency distress signal.
- b. Their intentions to other vessels.
- c. When overtaking, crossing, and meeting another vessel.
- d. All of the choices.

#### **2-A recreational vessel less than 65 feet MUST monitor channel 16 if a VHF-FM radio is carried on board.**

- a. True. Only if the radio is operating and not being used for communications
- b. False. It is at the discretion of the operator
- c. Only if it is an Operational Facility.
- d. Only if required to have a FCC license.

### Calendar

-PCA Training Fair September 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

-D/Train-Reno March 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>

## National and District News

### National News

Nothing new to Report

### District News

-Please pass the word that once again the Vessel Examiner class is coming to PCA Fair over the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The 2-day class includes the final exam and many handouts will be provided. This class is a great bargain and an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved in the Auxiliary. The member is required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual and review the material prior to class. A copy of the VSC Manual is available for download on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. Additional arrangements can be made at the class to perform the 5 VSC's to complete the qualification. The PCA flyer at: <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/calendar/district.html> has more information. However, if there are any questions, please have the member contact me at [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com).

-For Coast Guard liability insurance purposes, **PRIOR** to leaving the house for ANY VSC activity other than to participate at an organized station, **PLEASE** remember to notify a member of the flotilla leadership (FC, VFC, FSO-VE) of your planned activity. The notification could be in the form of an email, text message or a phone call. In the unlikely event of an incident, be prepared to provide proof of the notification. In addition, for the same insurance coverage per the new VSC Manual please remember, you also need to be in uniform and if boarding a vessel you need to be wearing a lifejacket.

-**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 Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc, a package of 6 for under \$10.

-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!

-**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

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.

-**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

-A new link to the Dockwalker website has been added to D11NR VE website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "Useful Links".

-Please check the **2015 Summer issue of the clean boating newsletter, Changing Tide Newsletter** at: [www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/PDF/CleanGreen/ct-summer-2015.pdf](http://www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/PDF/CleanGreen/ct-summer-2015.pdf)

Source: Vivian Matuk

### VE Test Question Answers

1. "D" page 3-20 VSC Manual
2. "A" page 4-02 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!**

