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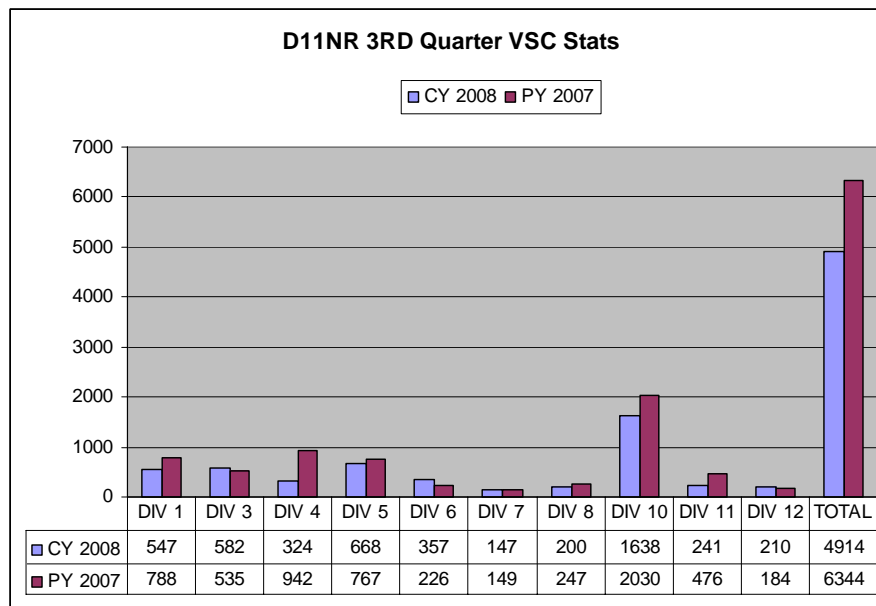


**Vessel Examinations Department
Report for: September 2008**



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Subject: DSO-VE Report

Division Statistics*



*As shown in AUXINFO thru August 31, 2008.

District Statistics*

YTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 4914* PYTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 6344*

We are 65% of the District goal of 7,500 VSC's and 77% of 2007 production. Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 2933 or 60% of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition 2567 or 51% are High Risk VSC's.

Congratulations to 52 D11NR vessel examiners to date reaching the 20+ VSC plateau!! This is approximately 18% the total District examiner base. 2007 had 42 examiners or 16% at this time.

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National/District News

-We had excellent last minute participation by vessel examiners manning PA stations and performing VSC's getting the word out about the Big Cat Poker Run held in the Delta on Saturday August 9th. In addition, Vessel Examiners also came through manning VSC stations over the weekends of August 22nd-24th and August 30th-31st in support of the National and Cal Boating's lifejacket "WEAR IT" campaign. I heard excellent reports from many sources about a job well done by Vessel Examination crews. Look for additional opportunities to partner with the "WEAR IT" campaign in 2009. BRAVO-ZULU to all who participated on these weekends!



-At the recent NACON in Orlando on Friday afternoon, I had the privilege and the pleasure of accepting Flotilla 10-02 1st place 2007 National award for VSC production at NACON! I had NO idea that any flotilla in D11NR was receiving this award, much less my own flotilla! Shown in the photo (l to r): RADM Steve Branham, RADM Jody Breckenridge, DCO Vic Connell and NACO Steve Budar. At the podium is Pete Urgola DC-V.

-The new Vessel Examiner pfd's arrived in mid-July! Each Division Captain should have distributed them by now to Flotilla Commanders during the July or August division meeting for distribution to current Vessel Examiners and explaining the accountability. They are red with the "Wear it" logo on the front and manually inflate. However, there appears to be some confusion regarding the inflatable life jackets issued over the past two months.

1-The intent of the distribution was to provide Auxiliary vessel examiners, public education instructors and public affairs personnel with a means of educating the recreational boating public by example. They should be worn to illustrate the comfort and ease of operation.

2- These are manually activated inflatable life jackets. The CO 2 cylinders are already installed for activation.

3-The life jackets are the property of the Coast Guard and are only on loan similar to the personal protection equipment we received in the past for operations. There are NO maintenance funds. If a cylinder is discharged it will need to be replaced by the individual, their unit or the CG.

4-THIS IS A ONE TIME ALLOCATION AND EXAMINERS MUST HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED PRIOR TO JUNE 2008 TO RECEIVE ONE.

-In the continuing evolution to provide NEW information and improve YOUR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html> ALL past DSO-VE reports, VSC Newsletters, and important announcements have been archived. If you simply click on "HOTLINE MESSAGES" you will find them. Only the current DSO-VE report, Newsletter, and important announcements will be on the front page.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Lauro DSO-VE



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!

