



## Vessel Safety Check Report

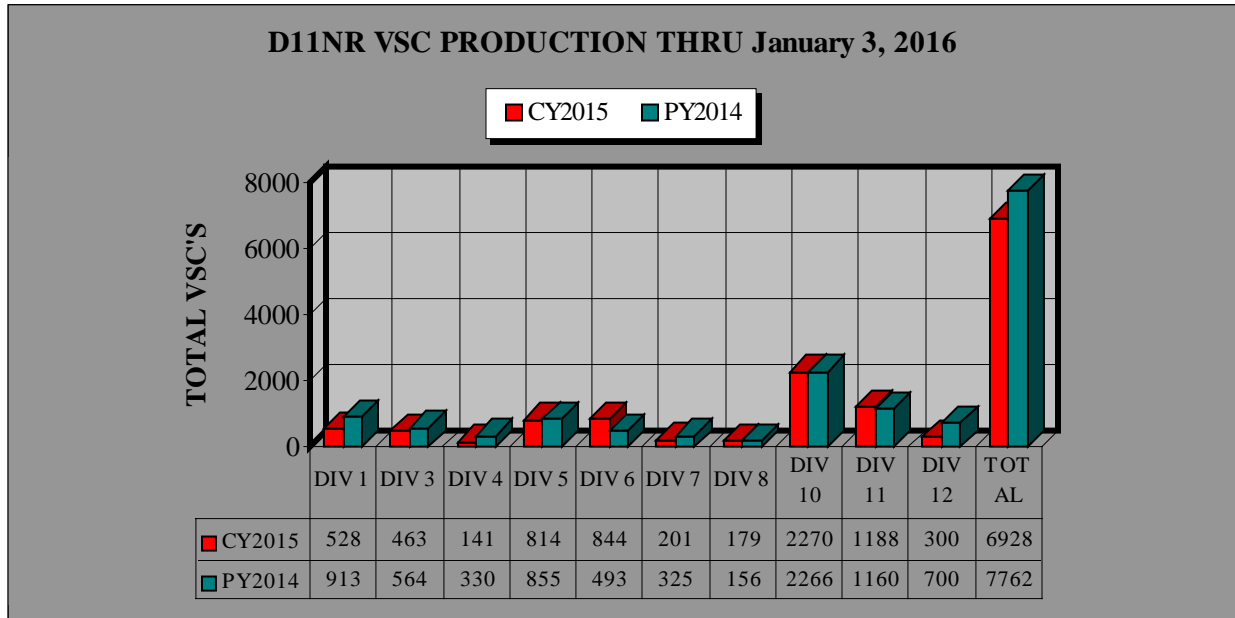
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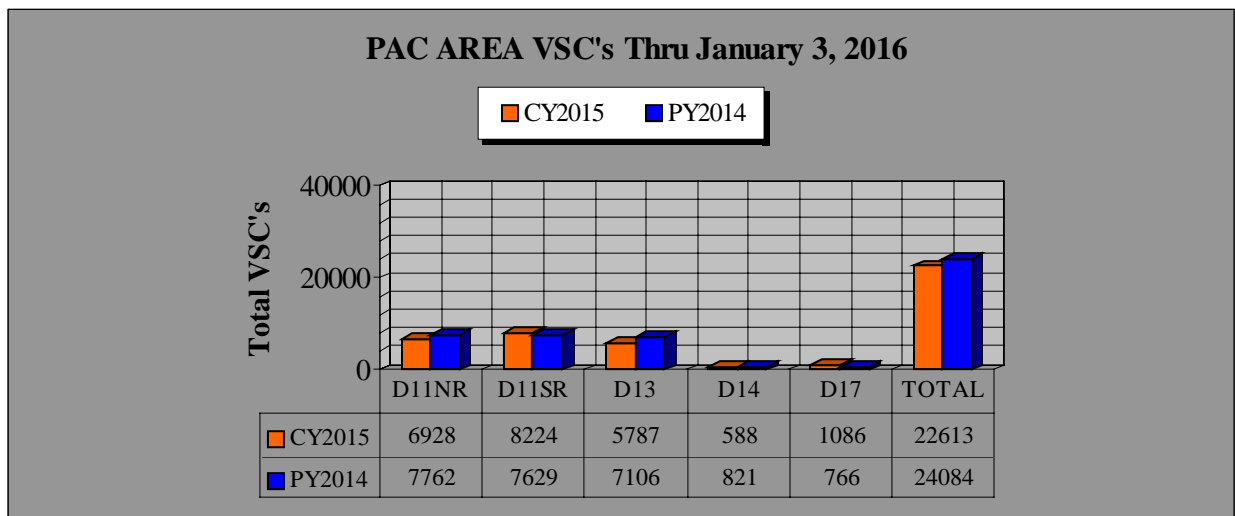
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### District Statistics\*



### PAC Area Statistics\*



The 2015 goal for D11NR was **9,000** VSC's. We are **77%** of our goal for the year and **89%** of 2014 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **5,954** or **77%** have passed the VSC, **2,835** or **36%** are First Time VSC's, **2,477** or **32%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **2,068** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **27%** of our total VSC production.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **January 3, 2016**

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **60+ VSC** plateau for **2015**. This brings our total to **25** members and are part of an elite group-approximately **9%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership. These members will receive special recognition at their Division Change of Watch and their names will be listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

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|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Robert J. Aston      | 01-04 | Charles M. Duncan   | 03-09 |
| Steven M. Johnson    | 05-01 | Randel Mc Cormick   | 05-03 |
| Gary N. Murray       | 05-05 | Wilfred A. Sumner   | 05-05 |
| Jim D. Blackburn     | 05-07 | Jerry B. Edelen     | 06-04 |
| Robert G. Kay        | 06-04 | David W. Raymond    | 06-04 |
| Keith Simmons        | 06-04 | Michael L. Badano   | 06-10 |
| Gordon L. Robbins    | 08-08 | Michael J. Lauro    | 10-02 |
| Joseph R. Chvoen Jr. | 10-03 | Anthony D. Leonardi | 10-03 |
| Billy Ray            | 10-03 | Carrie Van De Boom  | 10-03 |
| Phillip E. Grove     | 10-05 | Douglas T. Lazo     | 10-05 |
| Thomas B. Henderson  | 11-01 | Steven B. Perez     | 11-01 |
| Dennis F. Hogan      | 11-04 | James L. Snell      | 11-04 |
| Chester R. Bartalini | 12-01 |                     |       |

### 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 **46** members and are part of an elite group-approximately **25%** 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>

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|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Richard A. Saber     | 01-02 | Robert J. Aston       | 01-04 |
| David L. Beach       | 01-04 | Jerel Berkov          | 01-04 |
| Richard I. Niemi     | 01-07 | James R. Goff         | 03-05 |
| Tommy W. Holtzman    | 03-05 | Charles M. Duncan Jr. | 03-09 |
| Renee Feinberg       | 03-10 | Michael A. Brown      | 04-01 |
| Steven M. Johnson    | 05-01 | Randel Mc Cormick     | 05-03 |
| Gary N. Murray       | 05-05 | Patrick W. O'Reilly   | 05-05 |
| Wilfred A. Sumner    | 05-05 | Jim D. Blackburn      | 05-07 |
| Cecil L. Caspbell    | 06-04 | Jerry B. Edelen       | 06-04 |
| Craig L. Johnson     | 06-04 | Robert G. Kay         | 06-04 |
| David W. Raymond     | 06-04 | Keith Simmons         | 06-04 |
| Michael L. Banano    | 06-10 | Christopher E. Krogh  | 07-02 |
| Michael C. Thompson  | 07-02 | Paul P. Custance      | 07-03 |
| Margaret C. Herbelin | 08-06 | Gorgon L. Robbins     | 08-08 |
| Michael J. Lauro     | 10-02 | Michael A. Rafatti    | 10-02 |
| Steven Bradon        | 10-02 | Joseph R. Chvoen Jr.  | 10-03 |
| Billy Ray            | 10-03 | Anthony D. Leonardi   | 10-03 |

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| Carrie Van De Boom  | 10-03 | Phillip E. Grove     | 10-05 |
| Douglas T. Lazo     | 10-05 | Steven T. Pitts      | 10-05 |
| Steven W. Dicken    | 10-06 | Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy | 10-06 |
| Thomas B. Henderson | 11-01 | Steven B. Perez      | 11-01 |
| Victor Beelik       | 11-04 | Dennis F. Hogan      | 11-04 |
| James L. Snell      | 11-04 | Chester R. Bartalini | 12-01 |

### 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. **When awarding a VSC decal on a paddle craft, which statement regarding placement of the decal is NOT true?**
  - a. It should be placed near the HIN.
  - b. Place decal where it can easily be seen.
  - c. Make sure it is affixed in the presence of the VE.
  - d. Should be placed on port side, forward of amidships.
2. **Although NOT a Federal Requirement for issuing a VSC Decal, which of the following are TRUE regarding anchors and anchor line?**
  - a. Ensure the boat is equipped with the proper type anchor.
  - b. A three to six foot length of galvanized chain should be attached to the anchor.
  - c. Discuss with the boater the general rule regarding the length of anchor line needs to be 5-7 times the depth of the water.
  - d. All of the choices.

### Calendar

- PCA Training Fair-January 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- D/Train-Reno March 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>
- National Safe Boating Week(NSBW) May 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- PCA Training Fair September 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

## National and District News

### National News

Nothing new to Report

### District News

**The Vessel Examiner Class** at the January PCA Training Fair is now a one-day class planned for Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fast paced review with the main focus on passing the on line exam. As in the past, the class starts PROMPTLY at 0730 and should be completed by 1630. The class will NOT have the final exam, which can be taken on line. Instructions will be provided at the class.

-**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.

-**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 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.

-**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".

VE Test Question Answers

1. "A" page 5-2 VSC Manual
2. "D" page 4-3 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!**

