



Vessel Safety Check Report November 2017

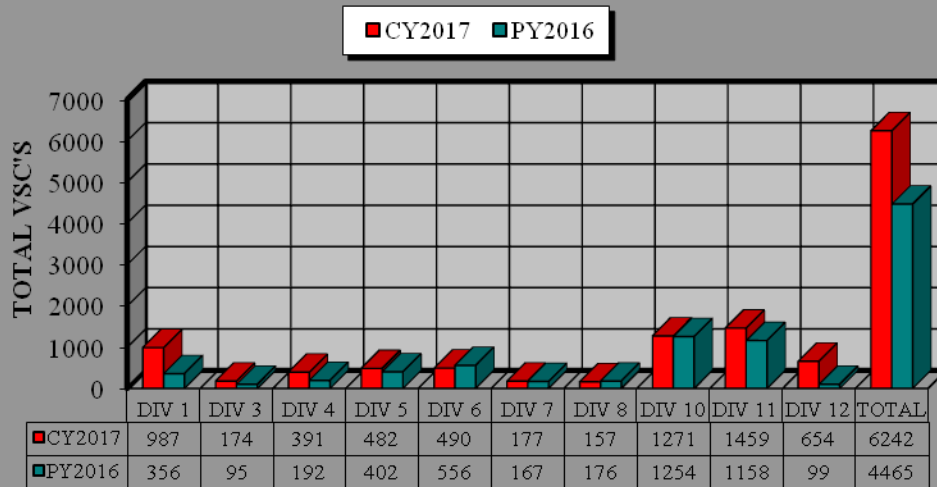


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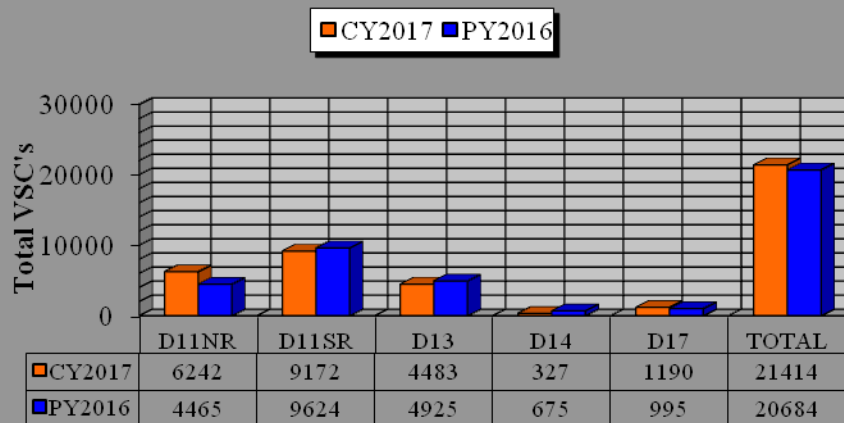
District Statistics*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU October 30, 2017



PAC Area Statistics*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru October 30 2017



The 2017 goal for D11NR is 6,000 VSC's. We are 104% of our goal for the year and 140% of 2016 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates 5,078 that or 81% have passed the VSC, 2,470 or 39% are First Time VSC's, and 2,467 or 39% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 2,297 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 37% of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru October 30, 2017

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **60+ VSC** plateau for **2017**. These 27 members/examiners are part of an elite group-approximately **12%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership that have performed approximately **70%** of the D11NR VSC total! As a result, they will receive special D11NR 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>


Robert J. Aston	01-04	Jerel Berkov	01-04
William D. Bermudez*	01-07	William D. Burns	01-07
Tommy W. Holtzman	03-03	Michael A. Brown	04-01
Jose R. Pereira	04-09	Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05
Gary N. Murray	05-05	Craig L. Johnson	06-04
Robert B. Kay	06-04	Michael L. Bandano	06-10
Paul P. Custance	07-03	Michael J. Lauro	10-02
Karl G. Keller*	10-03	Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03
Billy Ray	10-03	Phillip E. Grove	10-05
Douglas T. Lazo	10-05	Thomas B. Henderson	11-01
Steven B. Perez	11-01	George G. Williams	11-01
Dana M. Englekirk*	11-04	James L. Snell	11-04
Dennis F. Hogan	11-04	Robert D. Issacoulian*	12-01
James G. Losi	12-01		

***indicates 1st time performer!**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2017**. With the addition of these new members, this brings our total to **53** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **27%** 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>

Judy S. Esteban	04-09	Paul J. Brighton	05-07
Michael C. Thompson	07-02		

 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**
 - The emergency distress signal.
 - Their intentions to other vessels.
 - When overtaking, crossing, and meeting another vessel.
 - All of the choices.
- 2. The color of the 112.5 degrees navigation light would be**
 - Red Only.
 - Green Only.
 - Red or Green.
 - White or Yellow.

Calendar

-PCA Training Fair January 14th-15th

-D/Train Reno March 23rd-25th

Additional events may be found by clicking on the calendar link on the D11NR VE website:

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

National and District News

National News

-**NEW!** I recently placed an inquiry to ANSC found that ANSC# 3004 "If Found" paddlecraft stickers **ARE NOW IN STOCK** and may be ordered with **50 ea limit per flotilla**. Please place orders thru your FSO-MA.

Source: Randy Ernst ANSC/Mike Lauro DSO-VE

District News

-Please pass the word that the Vessel Examiner Class planned is for the January PCA Training Fair and will be a two-day class over the weekend of January 14th-15th. As in the past, the class starts PROMPTLY at 0730 each day and should be completed by 1600. The class will include the final exam.

-**NEW-JUST** a reminder that in order to qualify for special District recognition for 60+ VSC's, the activity MUST have be shown in AUXINFO prior to October 30, 2017.

-**PLEASE CHANGE MY EMAIL ADDRESS FROM:** sumfun@juno.com **TO:** dso-vel1n@usa.com. **The juno address went out of service on May 19, 2017.**

-**NEW**-Phil Grove ADSO-VE reports that in his investigation for marine flare disposal information, a national contact phone number has been established. You need to call 1-800-728-6942 and follow the instructions and leave a message. Your call should be returned within 3-5 days. As of this report, I have not received a return call. In addition here is a link to the Small Craft Advisory publication regarding flares: <http://sca.nasbla.org/2016/06/16/disposing-of-an-old-flare/> Finally, here is a cut and paste pdf link to the California Coastal Commission regarding flare disposal: https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/.../Marine_Flares_Disposal_Factsheet_Revised_2017.pdf

-**NEW!** Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS continues to make new updates and additions to **YOUR** VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. The Recognition site has been updated to reflect 60+ VSC performers. As in the past, this site is updated weekly and is meant for **YOU** to be a one stop resource for **ALL** of your VSC needs.

-**Just** a reminder, per the 2015 Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop, paddlecraft VSC's **DO NOT** count toward the initial VE qualification or requalification. The VSC may be performed a sailboat, powerboat or PWC .

-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, and 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, 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 Wal-Mart, 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 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.

VE Test Question Answers

1. "D" pg 3-20
2. "C" pg 3-22

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!

