

The 2017 goal for D11NR was 6,000 VSC's. We are 120% of our goal for the year and 130% of 2016 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates 5,740 that or 79% have passed the VSC, 2,843 or 39% are First Time VSC's, and 2,810 or 39% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 2,486 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 34% of our total VSC production.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2017. This brings our total to 59 examiners for 2017 who are part of an elite groupapproximately 35% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership. This is a 16% increase over 2016 in which 50 examiners reached this plateau! These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page:

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Richard A. Saber	01-02	Robert J. Aston	01-04
David L. Beach	01-04	Jerel Berkov	01-04
Bill D. Bermudez	01-07	William W. Burns	01-07
Tommy W. Holtzman	03-03	James R. Goff	03-05
Michael A. Brown	04-01	Paul S. Verveniotis	04-06
Robert R. Whithead	04-06	Jimmin Chang	04-08
Judy S. Esteban	04-09	Jose R. Pereira	04-09
Curtis S. Han	05-02	Randel Mc Cormick	05-03
John R. Guaraglia	05-05	Gary N. Murray	05-05
Patrick W. O'Reilly	05-05	Wilfred A Sumner	05-05
Jim D. Blackburn	05-07	Paul J. Brighton	05-07
Craig L. Johnson	06-04	Robert G. Kay	06-04
Keith L. Simmons	06-04	Michael L. Bandano	06-10
Tammera K. Badano	06-10	Michael C. Thompson	07-02
Paul P. Custance	07-03	Margaret C. Herbelin	08-06
Jan Jewell	08-07	Charles M. Duncan	08-39
Michael J. Lauro	10-02	Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03
John L. Paval	10-03	Billy Ray	10-03
Karl G. Keller	10-03	Joseph R. Chavoen	10-03
Nicholas L. Patterson	10-03	Carrie A. 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
Ross M. Johnson	11-01	Steven B. Perez	11-01
George G. Williams	11-01	Linda R. Haynes	11-03
Roger D. Haynes	11-03	Dana M. Englekirk	11-04
Dennis F. Hogan	11-04	James L. Snell	11-04
Robert D. Issacoulian	12-01	Stephen C. Bush	12-91
James G. Losi	12-91		

Calendar

-PCA Training Fair January 13th-14th

VSC Questions

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

1. The Oily Waste Discharge Placard must be posted in the machinery space or at the bilge pump control station of all vessels:

- a. 39.4 feet and longer.
- b. 26 feet and longer.
- c. Registered or documented in the United States.
- d. With oil in the bilge.

2. When there is a permanent fuel tank compartment without an electrical source of ignition in the compartment and everything else has passed, can you issue the VSC decal?

- a. Yes, as long as the ducting is connected to the blower intake and extends only into the top third of the compartment.
- b. No, permanent fuel tanks can rust and puncture. They should not be contained in special compartments.
- c. Yes, as long as the fuel tank is vented to the outside of the boat.
- d. No, since the compartment doesn't have enough room to contain the exhaust ducting and cowls required by the Coast Guard.

District and National News

Mational News

-NEW! The 2018 VSC decals have been released from ANSC. Please see your FSO-VE or FC for your allotment.

-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 $13^{th}-14^{th}$. 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! YOUR VE website: <u>http://rbsafety.dllnuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html</u> will be changing servers and will have a NEW address and home shortly after January 1, 2018. As soon as the new

site becomes active, an **ALL EXAMINER** email will be sent so that you can update your favorites. Thanks to Jan Jewell ADSP/CS, the new site will be similar in appearance.

-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.dllnuscgaux.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 <u>PRIOR</u> to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

VE Test Question Answers

1. "B" pg 3-24 2. "C" pg 3-24

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!