



The goal for D11NR is **12,500** VSC's. We are **50%** of our goal for the year and **96%** of 2013 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **5,045** or **80%** have passed the VSC, **2,666** or **42%** are First Time VSC's, **2,361** or **38%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition, **1,855** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **30%** of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru September 30, 2014

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2014, our examiner base is now **225** active examiners. This represents about **14%** of our total District membership-down from **287** or **18%** of our membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

*recertified NO NEW MEMBERS TO REPORT

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-**73** 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: <u>http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html</u>

NO NEW MEMBERS TO REPORT

🔯 <u>Congratulations</u>

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the 20 or more VSC plateau during 2014:

Andrew E. Lai04-03Carrie A. Van De Boom10-03This brings our total to 60 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately26% the total District vessel examiner base. 2013 had examiners 58 or 19% at thistime. Please check the D11NR Vessel Examiner recognition site:

<u>http://rbsafety.dl1nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html</u> for your name! It is also accessible from the D11NR Vessel Examiner site: <u>http://rbsafety.dl1nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html.</u>

Calendar

-National Safe Boating Week May 16th-22nd 2015

VSC Questions - These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2007. Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1-You're checking an 18' open sailboat without any propulsion machinery. What are the carriage requirements for Visual Distress Signals so that you could issue a decal?

- a. This boat is exempted from carrying any Visual Distress Signals.
- b. This boat needs three day/night VDSs since all vessels 16' and over, operating on the high seas and the Coastal Waters must be equipped with CG Approved Visual Distress Signals.
- c. Since this boat is longer than 16 feet, but less than 39.4 feet, it only needs to have some type of signal available in times of distress. It doesn't have to have a written distress plan like larger boats need.
- d. A sailboat this small should not be out on the high seas or even the Coastal Waters. Because it is so dangerous it needs the full complement of approved Visual Distress Signals.

2-You are checking a 25' stern drive boat built in 1995. What are the requirements for issuance of the decal relative to ventilation?

- a. This boat needs a working powered ventilation system that is properly installed and that contains a warning label by the ignition switch.
- b. Since this vessel is not technically an inboard boat, it does not need anything more than a natural ventilation system.
- c. Since this vessel is built after 31 July 1980, you can look at the Compliance Plate to make sure that it meets the ventilation requirements. This means you don't have to do anything further to verify the ventilation on the boat.
- d. Since the requirements are too complicated for most civilians to understand, the *Vessel Safety Check Manual* has made it easy for the VE. All you need to do is lift the cover of the engine compartment and smell if there are any gas fumes. If there are no gas fumes, you can issue the decal.

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District News

-Just a reminder that if you have NOT completed the REQUIRED National Vessel Examiner (VE)workshop as required by June 30, 2014, you are now in REWK status. Any VSC activity after this date will not be able to be entered into AUX DATA until the workshop has been completed. Failure to complete the required workshop by December 31, 2014, will place you in REYR status, which 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 powerpoint presentation shown at D/Train that can be downloaded and presented by a qualified instructor locally. If you attempt the AUXLMS version, PLEASE make certain you take the FULL 30-minutes!

-ADSO-VE position available-The ideal candidate needs to be an active vessel examiner, possess a through knowledge of the VSC program, and must have at least prior FSO-VE experience, although SO-VE experience would be preferred. In addition, you need to possess reasonable computer skills (word, Excel, etc.), be able to respond to emails on a daily basis, attend D11NR webinar meetings, be able to attend D/Train and possibly fill in for the DSO-VE upon request. For the right candidate, this position could lead to assuming the DSO-VE position. For more information, please contact me ASAP at: <u>sumfun@juno.com</u>.

-PLEASE do NOT wear boots when performing a VSC on a vessel that you need to climb aboard. 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 at Walmart, etc, a package of 10 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:

<u>http://rbsafety.dl1nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html</u> 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.

🐨 <u>Dockwalker News</u>

-On behalf of the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Clean Boating Program, The Bay Foundation and the Keep the Delta Clean Program, I wanted to remind you that <u>October 20th</u> is the deadline for you to send your the completed 2014 Boater Questionnaires. The information collected with the questionnaires will help to better orient education and outreach efforts. Please send your questionnaires back to:

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Environmental Boating Program Coordinator

California Coastal Commission/Division of Boating & Waterways

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San Francisco, CA 94105

VE Test Question Answers

- 1. "A" page 16 VSC Manual
- 2. "A" page 20 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!



