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Vessel Safety Check Report July 2012



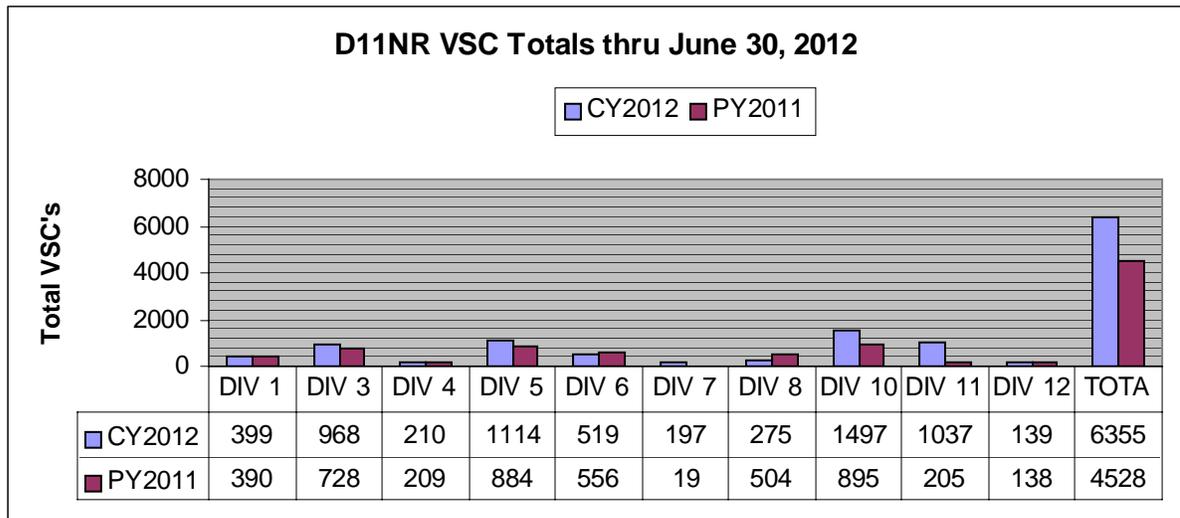
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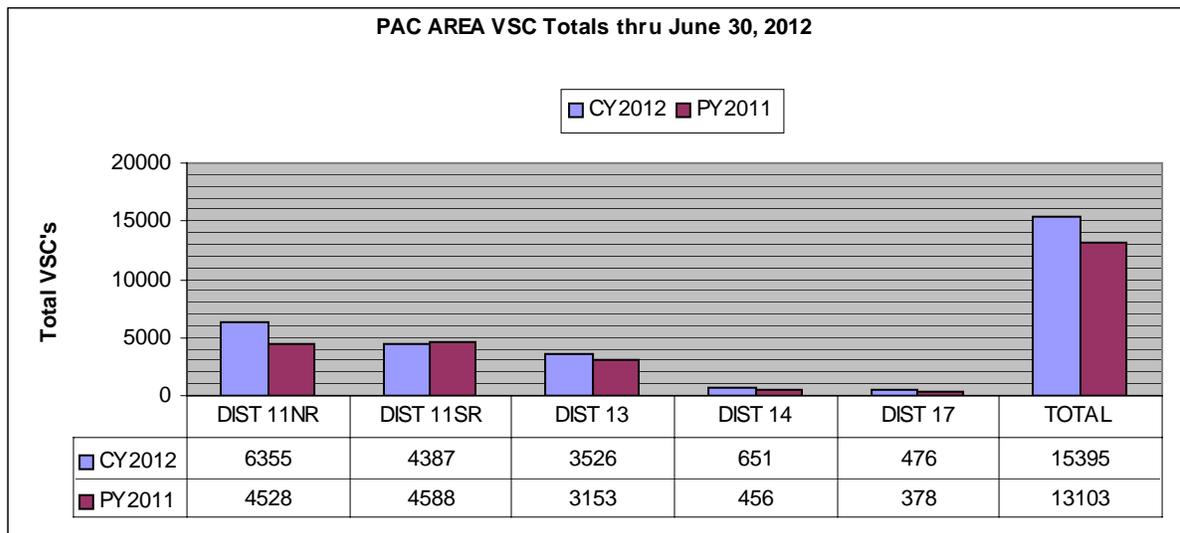
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D11NR 2012 Statistics*



PAC AREA 2012 Statistics*



The goal for D11NR is **12,000 VSC's**. We are **53%** of our goal for the year and **140%** of 2011 production at this time! The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **2,508** or **39%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **2,675** or **42%** are High Risk VSC's.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru June 30, 2012

W>Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

With the addition of new examiners for 2012, our examiner base is now 288 active examiners! This represents about 18% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

Kevin M. Luke 01-04 Matthew T. Moschetti 04-09
Michael L. Badano 06-10 Joseph M. Madden* 10-02

*Recertified

W>VSC Calendar

PCA Fair-July 28th-29th

Delta Blitz-August 18th-19th Stockton-CLOSED

W>Congratulations

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have recently achieved the coveted **Recreational Boating Safety Device (RBS)**. These members are part of an elite group- **58** members or approximately **4%** 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 information to report.

W>Congratulations

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the 20 or more VSC plateau during 2012:

Arthur A. Park 01-05 Richard T. Niemi 01-07
Michael K. Fiamingo 04-01 Paul S. Verveniotis 04-03
Jose R. Pereira 04-09 Joaquin P. Duran 04-09
Jerry B. Edelen 06-04 William F. Dodson 06-04
Paul P. Custance 07-08 Christopher T. Jewell 08-07
Jan Jewell 08-07 Robert E. Gorbi 08-07
James B. Roberson 08-07 Gary T. Dromi 08-08
William E. Sharp 10-02 Carrie A. Van De Boom 10-03
William M. Walker 10-03 Steven B. Perez 11-01
William J. Stolz 11-01

This brings our total to 58 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 18% the total District vessel examiner base. 2011 had 53 examiners or 17% at this time. In addition, examiners reaching the 60+ VSC plateau has recently been updated. Please check the D11NR Vessel Examiner recognition site:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> for your name! It is also accessible from the D11NR Vessel Examiner site: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

W>National and District News

W>National News

NATIONAL V-DEPARTMENT "RBS ALERT NOTICE" In accordance with The Vessel Safety Check Manual, COMDTINST 16796.8, the vessel safety check (VSC) is

intended to serve as a "prevention through education, outreach, and volunteer compliance" activity and to help recreational boaters gain a respect for the boating environment. Generally, any recreational boat is eligible for a VSC by a certified Vessel Examiner. Per the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST 16790.1G, Commercial Fishing Vessels, Uninspected Passenger Vessels (vessels carrying not more than six passengers, including at least one passenger-for-hire and of less than 100 gross tons), and Uninspected Towing Vessels (commercial vessel engaged in or intending to engage in pulling, pushing or hauling alongside or any combination of pulling, pushing, or hauling) are not part of the recreational boating Vessel Safety Check program. Examinations of these vessels require that an Auxiliarist hold a specific letter of designation from the Sector Commander/Captain of the Port/Officer in Charge of Marine Inspections under whom they work and from whom they have received orders to conduct such examinations. The best course of action for an RBS VE when walking the docks for potential exams is to be upfront with the vessel owner/operator: "Is your vessel at anytime engaged in commercial activities?" If yes, then the RBS VE will explain that the vessel should have an exam that covers that category of vessel. It is important that the owner/operator understand the difference between vessel examinations for Recreational and Commercial Vessels. Multiple decals are authorized only on the commercial side. The vessel and crew must be appropriately fitted and manned to the commercial activity that the vessel is engaged in at the given time. In an effort to provide consistent education and compliance of Federal Regulations within the Commercial Vessel (Commercial Fishing, Uninspected Passenger Vessels and Uninspected Towing Vessels) field of activity, the Recreational Vessel Examiner, after determining the owner/operator is engaged in Commercial endeavors (full time or part time) and in lieu of awarding a Vessel Safety Check decal, should refer the owner/operator to their nearest Coast Guard Sector.

U.S. Power Squadrons qualified Vessel Examiners are not authorized to conduct VSCs on any commercial vessel.

Any questions should be directed to the V-Department, DVC-VE.

Source: [Kelly Townsend, DIR-V]

-Reminder from DIR-V on Vessel Examiners claiming "territories" in which to perform VSC's. It has come to the attention of the V Dept. that there have been a few, very isolated incidents of examiners claiming specific local areas in which they perform VE's. i.e.: certain piers\docks, marinas, etc.

With the weekend of the 4th upon us, this marks the busiest part of boating season for the majority of the recreational boating public. It's also currently the height of VSC season for approximately the next 3 months throughout most of the country.

I thought this may be the perfect time to remind all Vessel Examiners that performing VSC's is not territorial in nature.

The V Dept. fully acknowledges, and appreciates the fact, that some Examiners have built positive relationships with local boaters and marinas over many years; and we

acknowledge Examiners may routinely conduct the majority of their VSC's at these facilities.

But that relationship in no way implies that the Examiner has any "exclusive rights" to those facilities. No Examiner should ask other Examiners to "stay away" from any local facility areas. This includes marinas, sporting goods stores, public access boating areas, and certain local piers\docks.

The VSC program is a cooperative one. We want the U.S. Power Squadron and the USCG Auxiliary working together for a common goal - that being "the safety and education of the general boating public". If another Examiner (from the Aux or the USPS) shows up on what may be considered another Examiner's "familiar turf"; please welcome them, and thank them for joining you in your effort to keep America's boating public safe.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Source: Kelly Townsend DIR-V

District News

-Delta Blitz update: Thanks to our partnership with West Marine and Cal Boating, over **164 VSC's** were performed at the Delta Blitz in Sacramento over the weekend of June 23rd-24th. The Rocklin and Sacramento West Marine stores provided many safety related items including: **many** Type IV's, several different sizes of pfd's, whistles, ski flags, fire extinguishers, and other items to help to get the boaters in compliance before heading to the water and pass the VSC. Melissa Miranda and Joleane King from Cal Boating helped to promote boating safety by proving many handouts and interacted with the boaters.

Thanks to Tommy Holtzman, Curtis Han, Jim Goff, and Chris and Jan Jewell for their hard work with me to produce an average of over **27 VSC's per examiner!** This was truly a team effort by a hard working Auxiliary crew working closely with Cal Boating and West Marine helping to make the weekend waters a safer environment.

Check out the District website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> for additional information and check out the photos on the Vessel Examiner photo page link.

While on the website, please review the special recognition of our July 4th celebration created by Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS.

-Please pass the word that the Vessel Examiner class is coming to PCA Fair over the weekend of July 28th and 29th. The 2-day class includes the final exam and possibly a VSC demo on a vessel. Many handouts will be provided. This class is FREE to new members less than a year, and \$15.00 until the July 15th deadline. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved in the Auxiliary. The member is required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual and review the material prior to class. A copy of the VSC Manual is available for download on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website:<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. Additional arrangements may be made at the class to perform the 5 VSC's to complete the qualification. If there are any questions, please have the member contact me at sumfun@juno.com.

-2012 Vessel Examiner Recognition Changes. The special D11NR Vessel Examiner recognition program for 2012 will be modified as follows-The certificate of appreciation and special token of thanks will be eliminated. Recognition for 20+ VSC activity will be limited to the examiner name appearing in the DSO-VE monthly activity report to EXCOM and will be placed on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website under "Recognition" page. However, the special recognition for 60+ VSC's will not change. To qualify for this recognition, your VSC activity performed **MUST** be entered and shown in AUXINFO **PRIOR** Monday November 5, 2012!

-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.

Let's work together for our safety and the safety of others by setting an example and wear our lifejacket while performing VSC's especially when working around docks and when climbing aboard large vessels!

