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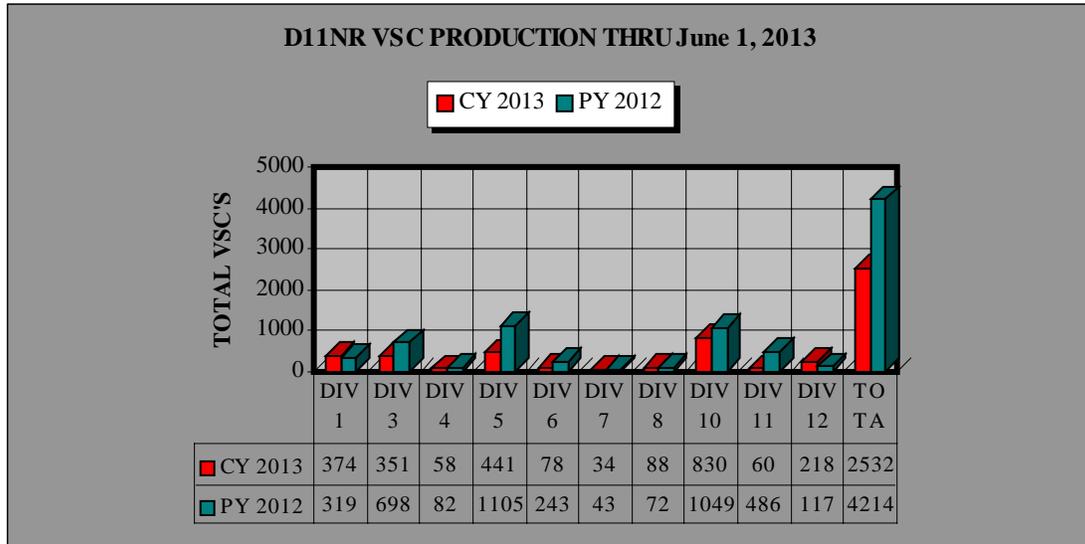


Vessel Safety Check Report June 2013

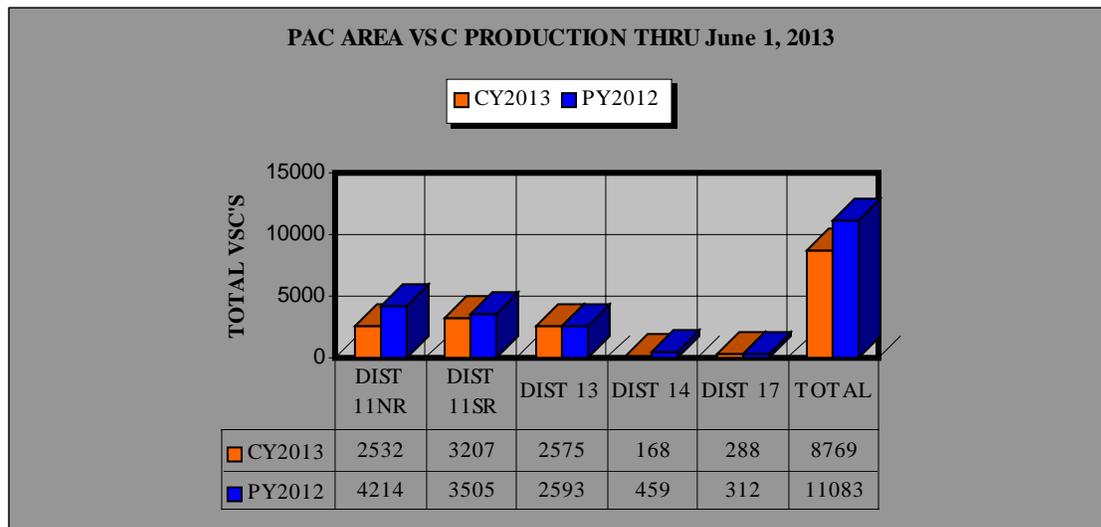


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D11NR Statistics*



PAC AREA Statistics*



The 2013 goal for D11NR is 12,500 VSC's. We are 20% of our goal and 60% of 2012 production. Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 78% or 1,996 have passed, 1,010 or 39% are First Time VSC's, and 963 or 38% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, or 13% are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO*.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru June 1st, 2013

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the 20 or more VSC plateau during 2013:

James R. Goff	03-05	Annette F. Herring	03-09
Jeff D. Scarberry	03-09	Dennis T. Kerhulas	03-10
Patrick W. O'Reilly	05-05	Jim D. Blackburn	05-07
Riley A. Turpin	07-02	Michael A. Rafatti	10-02
William M. Walker	10-03		

This brings our total to **29** examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately **9%** the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had **39** examiners or **13%** at this time. 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>.

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

No new or re-certified members to report.

***Re-Certified**

With the addition of new examiners for 2013, our examiner base is now **302** active examiners! This represents about **19%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

VSC Calendar

National Marina Day-June 8th

Operation Dry Water-June 28th-30th

PCA Training Fair-September 7th-8th

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-58 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 to report.

 **-VSC Questions: Back by popular demand!** These are actual test questions from the 2007 VE Exam Version "F" Answers can be found in another location in the newsletter

1. You've just completed a VSC on a vessel that passes and is eligible for a decal. However, the vessel does not have a windshield. What do you do now? Give the owner or operator the decal and let them decide where they would like it.

- a. Give the owner or operator the decal and let them decide where they would like it.
- b. Since you may only place a decal on the window or windshield, you never should have done a VSC on this boat in the first place. It was a waste of your time and the owner's time.

- c. Place the new decal on the dashboard or back of a seat; someplace that will be readily visible to authorities while underway.
 - d. Save the new decal for your next VSC and just give the owner the Form 7012 indicating their boat earned a decal.
2. Certain gear on a vessel must be Coast Guard, S.A.E. or U.L. approved to be eligible for a VSC decal. Which items are these?
- a. PFDs, VDSs, Fire Extinguishers, First Aid Kits, Anchors.
 - b. PFDs, Fire Extinguishers, First Aid Kits, Navigation Lights, MSDs.
 - c. VDSs, Fire Extinguishers, Backfire Flame Arresters, MSDs, Navigation Lights
 - d. VDS's, PFDs, Fire Extinguishers, Backfire Flame Arresters, MSD's

National and District News

National News

Nothing new to Report

District News

- **Operation Dry Water** over the weekend of June 28th-30th is national effort sponsored by NASLBA to support the local law enforcement jurisdictions to combat drinking and boating under the influence on our local waterways. As you know, boating under the influence can ruin a great day on the water and 16% of boating fatalities are a result of alcohol use. In recent years, this program has also been supported by the Coast Guard and held in conjunction with the Delta Blitz events. This year, because of funding the Coast Guard will not participating in this important program. However, we as Vessel Examiners (VE's) can man our local launch ramps and perform VSC's and help educate the boaters prior to launching. Please consider planning a local VSC station.

- Please remember prior to submitting **any** paperwork, whether to your FSO-IS or DIRAUX to **ALWAYS** keep a copy for your records. In addition, it is **your** responsibility to submit your 7038's and MT-2 forms on a timely basis-preferably ASAP after you've completed a recent activity. While I 'm always willing to help out with individual qualification and/or recognition issues, your 1st stop for assistance should be with your Flotilla Commander. The ultimate responsibility for accurate and timely reporting of VSC activities lies with each individual Examiner. Flotilla Staff officers can also assist members by providing AUXINFO reports during the flotilla meeting.

Question 1-"c" See page 9 of the VSC Manual

Question 2-"d" See page 11 of the VSC Manual

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!

