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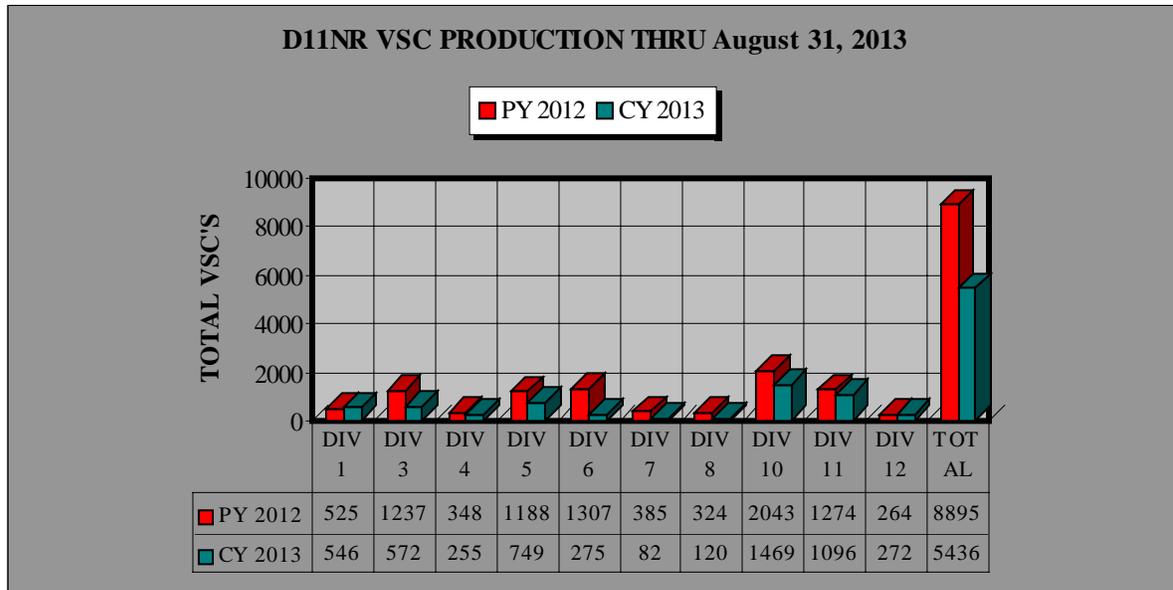


## Vessel Safety Check Report September 2013

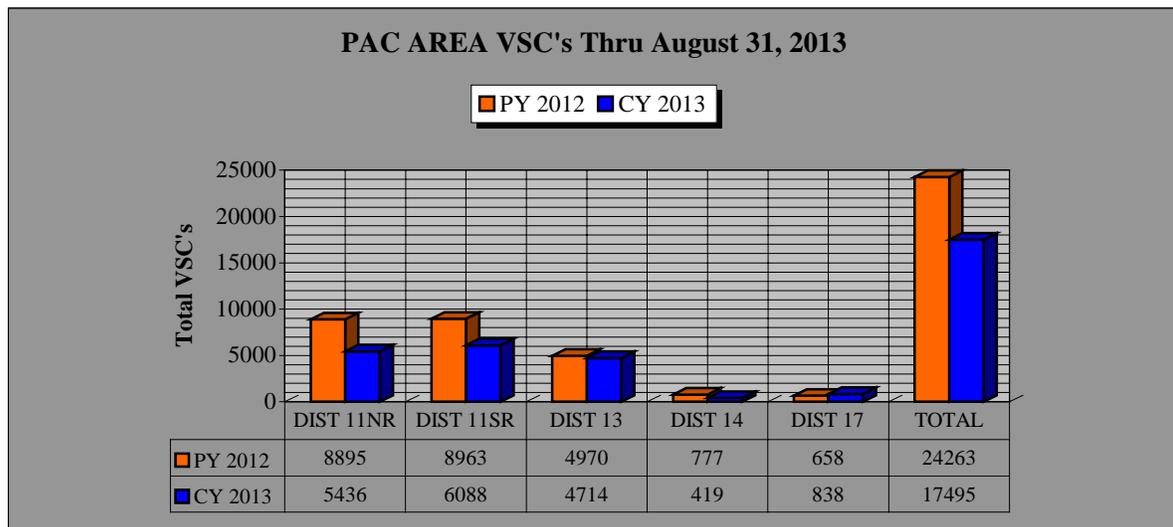


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### **D11NR Statistics\***



### **PAC AREA Statistics\***



Stats from AUXINFO\* indicate that we are 42% of our goal and 60% of 2012 production. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicate that 78% or 4,173 have passed the VSC, 41% or 2,183 are First Time VSC's, and 41% or 2,179 are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 1,135 or 21% are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO\*. \*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

### Congratulations!

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

Michael D. Mirata	05-02	James A. Blaylock	05-03
Craig L. Johnson	06-04	Margaret C. Herbelin	08-06
William J. Stolz	11-01		

This brings our total to **51** examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately **17%** the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had examiners **64** or **20%** 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 Examiners to report

\*Re-Certified

With the addition of new examiner(s) for 2013, our examiner base is now **283** active examiners! This represents about **17%** of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

### VSC Calendar

PCA Training Fair-September 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

### 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. Operational Facility radio equipment:
  - a. Needs a satisfactory radio check by the VE.
  - b. Must annually be inspected by an FCC electronics inspector.
  - c. Needs no inspection.
  - d. Must only use CB frequency.
2. An Auxiliary member wants to offer their 12-foot runabout as an Operational Facility:
  - a. They cannot offer it for use because it needs to be at least 14' or over.
  - b. The runabout needs to have a trailer.
  - c. They are a VE so they cannot do the inspection.
  - d. They need to have a vessel safety check first.

## National and District News

### National News

-I've been notified by National that ANSC is out of VSC decals and there is no point in placing additional orders. Nationally, we started off with over 200,000 VSC decals and approx. 12,500 here in D11NR. However, there are more than enough decals in the hands of our local VE's to finish up the year. We have only awarded approx. 3,800 decals here in D11NR, which leaves us with about 9,000 or 60% still in circulation. We simply need to get the unused decals to the people who may need them. So, please consider bringing any unused decals to your upcoming flotilla meeting so they can be re-distributed. While I'm not a backup source of decals, if you need help in finding out where the excess decals are, I can provide FC's with a listing of decals sent to each of your flotillas YTD. I hope that by giving you a heads-up this will help prevent any scrambling around at the last minute trying to obtain decals. Additionally, if you are holding any 7038's, please submit them ASAP. Finally, as a result of our reduced 2013 VSC activity expect our 2014 VSC decal allocations to drop .

Source: Randy Ernst ANSC

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-Below is the response to an inquiry I made to the Auxiliary Tech Support regarding performing a VSC on Standup Paddlecraft-

"Stand up paddlecraft do qualify for a VSC. From the USCG, "**Stand Up Paddleboards are required to carry the same safety equipment as all paddle craft per Federal Regulations.**" When doing the VSC, make sure to use Form 7012A and report them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of the 7038 under "Vessel Safety Checks-Paddlecraft". Here is some reference material for doing a paddle craft VSC:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=paddle-craft>  
[ydept.cgaux.org/workshops/Mod-4-Paddlecraft-VE-Workshop.ppt](http://ydept.cgaux.org/workshops/Mod-4-Paddlecraft-VE-Workshop.ppt)

As far as doing a VSC at a rental agency, as long as they have all the equipment required for the paddlecraft that should be fine".

Louis Dellis, BC-VTT

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### District News

-Please pass the word that the Vessel Examiner (VE) class is coming to the PCA Fair over the weekend of September 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved in the Auxiliary! The 2-day class will include many handouts and the final exam. Arrangements may be made at the class to perform the 5 VSC's to complete the qualification. The fee for the class is \$10.00 if postmarked by August 10<sup>th</sup>, and \$15.00 afterward.

The member will be required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual, which is available for download on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. If there are any questions, please have the member contact me at: [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com).

-The partnership with Vivian Matuk of the California State Parks Environmental Boating Program California Coastal Commission (Dockwalkers) and the D11NR Vessel Examination Dept. has been renewed. Expect to see news of up coming classes and other important information in my report.

Question 1-"a" See page 2 of ANSC Form 7003

Question 2-"a" See page 3 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!**

