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 Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah

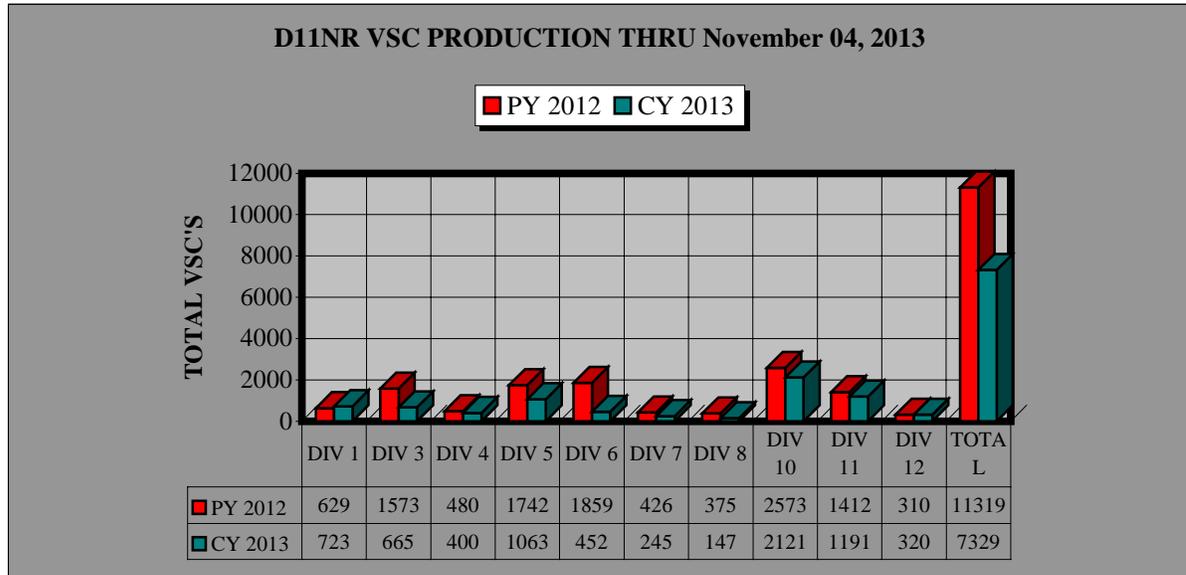


## Vessel Safety Check Report November 2013

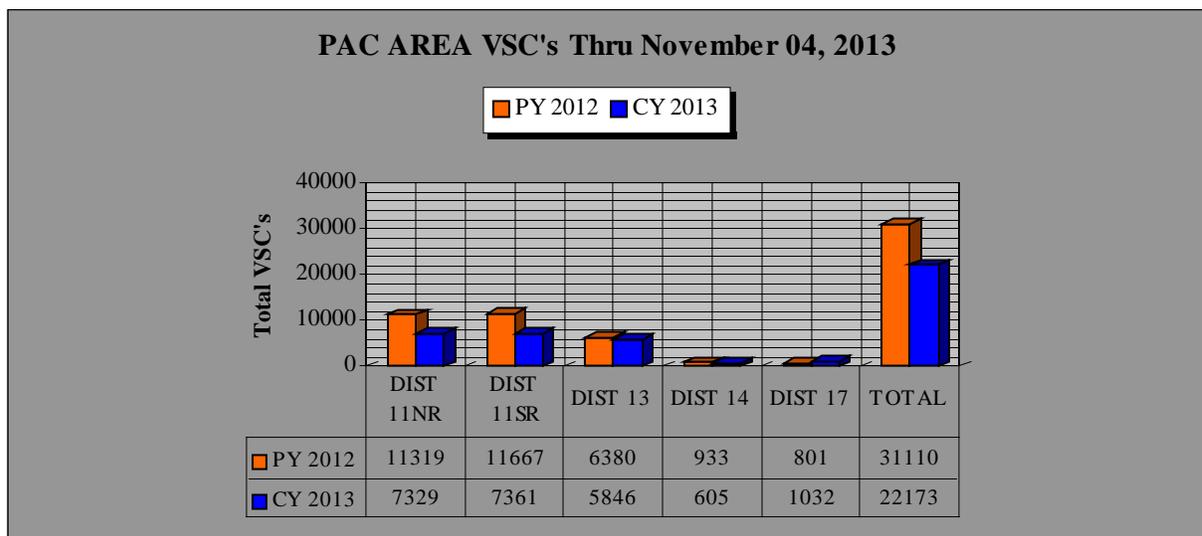


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### D11NR Statistics\*



### PAC AREA Statistics\*



Stats from AUXINFO\* indicate that we are 59% of our goal and 65% of 2012 production. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicate that 78% or 5,711 have passed the VSC, 45% or 3,340 are First Time VSC's, 40% or 2,935 are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 1,568 or 21% are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO\*.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### Congratulations!

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

Ernest R. Dunaway	01-02	Simone H. Adair	01-07
Jaime R. Furnells Jr.	03-09	David R. Naumann	04-01
Michael D. Mirata	05-02	Billy Ray	05-02
Shirley C. Maxson	05-05	Gary N. Murray	05-05
Paul J. Brighton	05-07	Robert M. Gallup	05-07
Thomas J. Stead	06-04	Walter S. Richert	06-10
David R. Flum	10-05	Douglas T. Lazo	10-05
Steven T. Pitts	10-05	Steven B. Perez	11-01

This brings our total to **77** examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately **24%** the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had examiners **77** or **25%** 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!

Barbara Beall	01-04	Nancy M. Marion	01-05
Fredrick G. Saunders	04-03	Robert B. Johnson	05-07
Nicholas L. Patterson	10-02	Christopher W. Ince	10-06

\*Re-Certified

With the addition of new examiner(s) for 2013, our examiner base is now **291** 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-February 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2014

D/Train-Sacramento-March 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2014

NSBW-May 14<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2014

### 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-**65** 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>

Jerel Berkov	01-04	Michael K. Fiamingo	04-01
Craig S. Hartman	05-02	William F. Dodson	06-04
Craig L. Johnson	06-04	Barbara M. Leonardi*	10-03
Arturo Alvarez Jr.	10-06	Kenneth Mc Sheehy	10-06
Michael R. Arnold Sr.	11-03		

\*Other than VSC activity

 **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. A documented recreational vessel is required to:
  - a. Display the name and hailing port on the stern in letters at least 4" high.
  - b. Display the name and hailing port on some conspicuous part of the hull in letters at least 4" high.
  - c. Display the name and hailing port on both sides of the bow and stern in letters at least 4" high.
  - d. Have the official number and net tonnage painted on the main beam in letters at least 4" high.
2. Inflatable PFDs are becoming more and more popular. You are examining a 22' stern drive vessel with two adults and two pre-teen children aboard. They proudly show you their four new inflatable PFDs, still in the manufacturer's original packaging. If everything else is okay, can you issue a VSC decal?
  - a. No. Inflatable PFDs are not yet Coast Guard Approved so they don't count as acceptable for carriage
  - b. No, inflatable PFDs are not approved for children under 16 years of age and since they are Type V PFDs they must be worn to count.
  - c. Yes, but be sure to recommend that they remove them from the packaging since PFDs in plastic are not readily accessible.
  - d. Yes, but you need to remove them from the packaging, examine the firing device by removing the CO2 cartridge to determine it has not been used.

### **You Can Protect Our Waterways by Becoming a U.S. Coast Guard**

#### **Auxiliary Dockwalker**

##### **Who are DOCKWALKERS?**

Dockwalkers are volunteers who inspire and educate boaters and other recreators to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California. These volunteers distribute boater kits with educational materials while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and events.

##### **How Do Dockwalkers Help?**

The efforts of Dockwalkers increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience in California while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality. There are over 600 Dockwalkers statewide who have distributed more than 90,000 boater kits since 2000.

##### **How Do I Become a DOCKWALKER and What Does the Free Training Class Cover?**

People interested in becoming Dockwalkers are required to attend a FREE 1.5 hour training class. During the class participants learn about potential sources of boat pollution and their impact, environmental regulations for boaters, and clean boating practices that prevent pollution from boating. In addition, the training provides information on how to conduct Dockwalking and an overview of the educational materials Dockwalkers will distribute including the boater kits.

Age range is 15 years and up. The program can document community service hours. Contact the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905; [ymatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:yamatuk@coastal.ca.gov) or or Mike Lauro at (209) 334-2006 or [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com). Also visit [www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com](http://www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com) to register for a class.

### **What Is a Boater Kit?**

The boater kit is an educational tool for boaters. Items include: a pocketbook of tide tables, Division of Boating and Waterways pamphlets (*ABC's of the California Boating Law and Clean Boating Habits*), oil absorbent pillow with reusable zip tie and instructions, and more. Depending on your region, we may also provide the Delta Clean Boating map and/or the San Francisco Bay Area Clean Boating Map and the new edition of the Southern California Boater's Guide. Boaters can receive a boater kit after completing a brief boater questionnaire/pledge. This questionnaire will help to identify gaps in environmental services and better target future boater education efforts.

### **How Can I Order the Boater Kits?**

**After the class we will be mailing you some boater kits. If you are a very active Dockwalker and need more boater kits, please contact the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905 or [ymatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:yamatuk@coastal.ca.gov).**

### **What is a Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge?**

All boaters who receive a boater kit must complete a brief and anonymous Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge

[http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/statewide\\_boating\\_survey.pdf](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/statewide_boating_survey.pdf). The information is used to improve the Program, better understand boater behavior and identify gaps in terms of safe and clean boating education and services.

### **What is the West Marine Jacket Contest?**

In recognition of the good work and dedication of our clean boating Dockwalkers, West Marine will be donating three gorgeous jackets to the Dockwalker program for the top three Dockwalkers who return the most number of completed boaters questionnaire. Dockwalkers will be asked to collect their boater questionnaires and return them after finishing their Dockwalking activities. *There will be other great awards for active Dockwalkers!*

### **How US Coast Guard Auxiliary Benefit from Becoming Dockwalkers?**

The Dockwalker program is consistent with the Coast Guard marine environmental pollution message and fulfills your commitment to carry out the mandate of the Commandant of the Coast Guard. Becoming a Dockwalker will provide you with educational resources for vessel examinations, Marine Dealer Visitors program, boat shows and other public events and presentations. This program will support your current efforts, enhancing and broadening your boating safety mission. The participation in the Dockwalker program also counts towards the annual Marine Safety service requirement for the TRIDENT program.

For more information about the program and training schedule, please contact either Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905, [vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov) or Mike Lauro at (209) 334-2006 or [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com). Also visit [www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com](http://www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com).

## National and District News

### National News

Nothing new to report.

### District News

The partnership between D11NR Vessel Safety Check program and Dockwalkers has been renewed. A workshop is planned at the upcoming PCA Training Fair in February 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and again at D/Train in Sacramento on Sunday morning March 2014. Please read above and consider attending a workshop.

Question 1-"B" See page 13 of the VSC Manual

Question 2-"B" See page 15 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!**

