



Vessel Safety Check Report May 2017

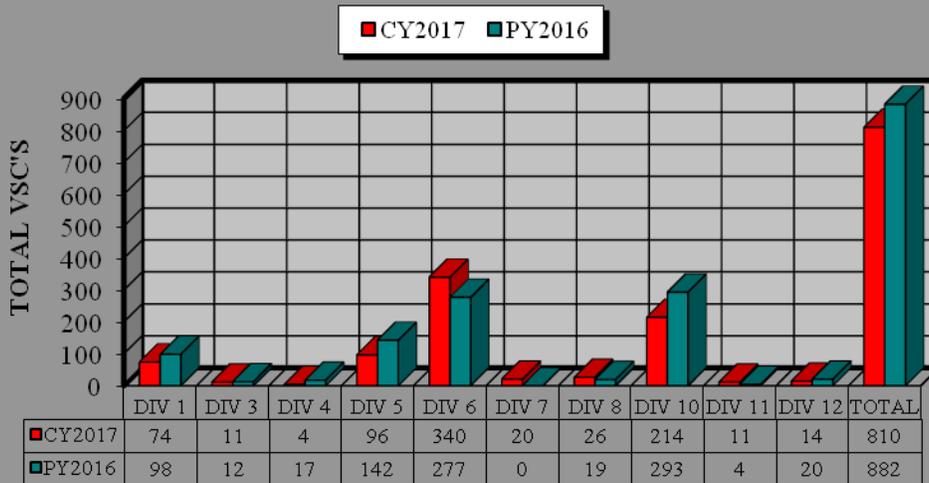


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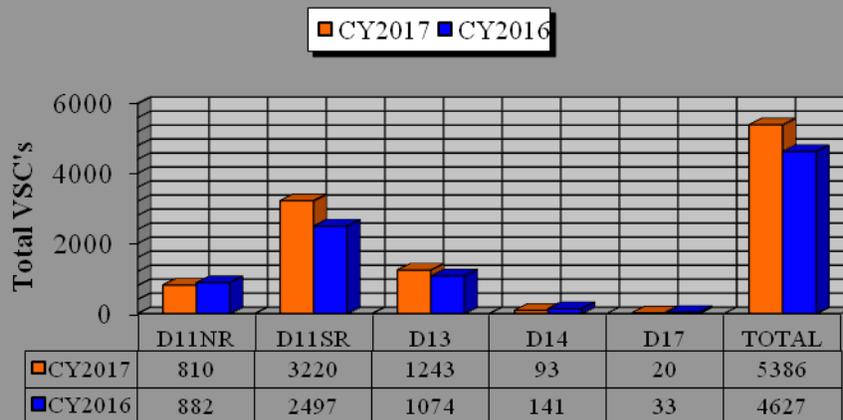
District Statistics*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU APRIL 30, 2017



PAC Area Statistics*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru APRIL 30, 2017



The 2017 goal for D11NR is 6,000 VSC's. We are 13.5% of our goal for the year and 91% of 2016 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that 712 or 87% have passed the VSC, 261 or 32% are First Time VSC's, 263 or 32% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 361 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 44% of our total VSC production.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru April 30, 2017

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2017**. With the addition of these new members, this brings our total to **10** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **4%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership. These members will receive special recognition and their names will be listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Robert J. Aston

01-04

Keith L. Simmons

06-04

Welcome Back!

With the addition of these new examiners for 2017, our examiner base is now 225 active examiners. This represents about % of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

No new members reported

*recertified

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-**67** 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 reported

 **VSC Questions-** These are actual questions from VE Exam Version "F" dated 2014. Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1. When awarding a VSC decal on a paddle craft, which statement regarding placement of the decal is NOT true?

- a. It should be placed near the HIN.
- b. Place decal where it can easily be seen.
- c. Make sure it is affixed in the presence of the VE.
- d. Should be placed on port side, forward of amidship.

2. Vessels eligible for a Vessel Safety Check include:

- a. Canoes, kayaks, Jon boats and PWC's.
- b. Recreational vessels registered in Canada as long as they are in US waters
- c. Work boats and tugboats if they are also used for recreational boating.
- d. Experimental design vessels to enhance their customer appeal and acceptance.

Calendar

-National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) May 20-26

-Past Captains Training Fair (PCA) September 9-10

Additional events may be found by clicking on the calendar link on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

National and District News

National News

-Just a reminder that the initial 100% VSC decal allocation period for the following year ends June 30. Any VSC activity performed after June 30, does NOT count in the following years initial allocation. Please remember to submit all 7038's on a timely basis.

Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE

-I recently placed an inquiry to ANSC and found that there is still a limited supply of "If Found" paddlecraft stickers. Only the Flotilla Commander or the FSO-MA is authorized to place a maximum order of 200 per fiscal quarter. It is recommended that a paddlecraft VSC be the primary means to distribute the sticker, NOT boat shows or PE classes. With the owner's permission, Vessel Examiners (VE's) or the owner should fill out the required information with a permanent marker and apply the sticker directly to the paddlecraft at a location where it will not be removed as a result of paddling activities. In addition, the sticker should NOT be affixed to any personal gear (i.e. coolers, tool boxes, radios, etc.)

Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE

District News

Correction-For 2017, there will be a new special incentive for 20+ VSC's. A bit different than in the past, this will be mailed once a month to the FC for presentation at an upcoming Flotilla meeting. In addition, the 60+ incentive will continue, and as in the past, to qualify **ALL** 7038's **MUST** be submitted and entered into AUXDATA prior to October 1, 2017.

-Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS has made many new updates and additions to **YOUR** VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. In addition to important VSC Manual updates, an important second page has been added to ML-1 for VSC's performed on rentals. Please take a minute to review the many new links and information. If you think something is missing or should be there, be let me know. As in the past, this site is updated weekly and is meant for **YOU** to be a one stop resource for **ALL** of your VSC needs.

-Just a reminder, per the 2015 Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop, paddlecraft VSC's DO NOT count toward the initial VE qualification or requalification. The VSC may be a sailboat, powerboat or PWC .

-Please submit **action not posed shots**, of VSC activity to me to be posted on the photo page of the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. PLEASE make certain that the examiner is in the proper uniform and performing an authorized activity.

-For Coast Guard liability insurance purposes, **PRIOR** to leaving the house for ANY VSC activity other than to participate at an organized station, **PLEASE** remember to notify a member of the flotilla leadership (FC, VFC, and FSO-VE) of your planned activity. The notification could be in the form of an email, text message or a phone call. In the unlikely event of an incident, be prepared to provide proof of the notification. In addition, for the same insurance coverage per the new VSC Manual please remember, you also need to be in uniform and if boarding a vessel you need to be wearing a lifejacket.

-PLEASE do NOT wear boots to climb aboard a vessel to perform a VSC. 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 in the paint or hardware dept. at Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc, a package of 6 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:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> 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 **PRIOR** to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

VE Test Question Answers

1. "A" Pg 5-2 VSC Manual
2. "A" Pg 1-5 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!

