



# Vessel Safety Check Report July 2017

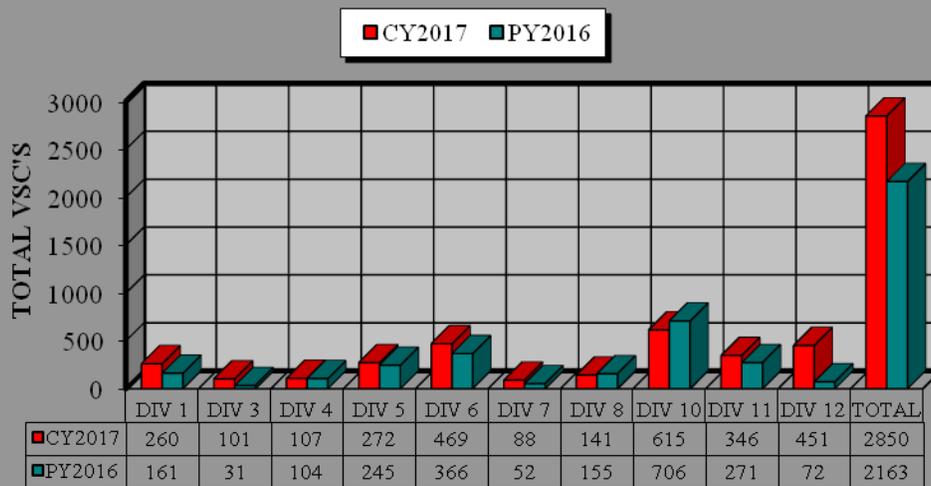


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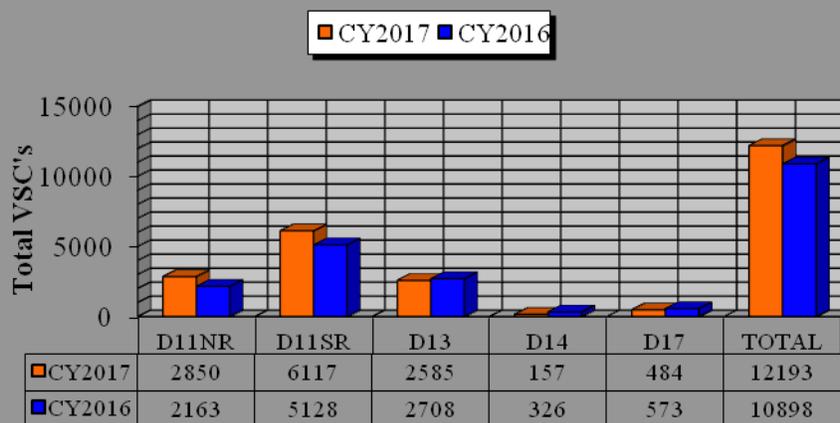
## District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU July 2, 2017



## PAC Area Statistics\*

PAC AREA VSC's Thru July 2, 2017



The 2017 goal for D11NR is 6,000 VSC's. We are 48% of our goal for the year and 130% of 2016 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 2,229 or 78% have passed the VSC, 1,158 or 40% are First Time VSC's, and 1,303 or 46% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 698 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 24% of our total VSC production.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru July 2, 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 28 examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately 12% 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>

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|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| David L. Beach    | 01-04 | Tommy W. Holtzman     | 03-03 |
| Curtis S. Han     | 05-02 | Paul P. Custance      | 07-03 |
| Jan Jewell        | 08-07 | Nicholas L. Patterson | 10-02 |
| Michael J. Lauro  | 10-02 | Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy  | 10-06 |
| Dana M. Englekirk | 11-04 | Dennis F. Hogan       | 11-04 |

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

#### **1. A minimum of three extra fenders are required on Operational Facilities**

- a. To be given to another vessel if needed.
- b. To throw overboard to a person in the water.
- c. To be used for side tow operations.
- d. None of these choices.

#### **2. A VSC is being performed on a 16' boat equipped with a 150 horsepower outboard motor. The capacity plate shows a maximum horsepower rating of 90. The VE should:**

- a. Award the decal but advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe.
- b. Award the decal since boat horsepower and capacity plates are not VSC requirements.
- c. Withhold the decal and advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe.
- d. Award the decal since horsepower and capacity plates are not VSC requirements, but advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe.

### Calendar

-Past Captains Training Fair (PCA)

September 9th

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 ended June 30. Any VSC activity performed after June 30, does NOT count in**

**the following years initial allocation. Hopefully everyone remembered to submit all 7038's on a timely basis.**

**Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE**

-A recently placed an inquiry to ANSC and found that there are **NO** "If Found" paddlecraft stickers. There is no ETA when they will receive an additional supply. I will try to keep you posted. Please consider "ML-5" as an alternative found on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>

**Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE**

### **District News**

**-PLEASE CHANGE MY EMAIL ADDRESS FROM: [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com) TO: [dso-ve11n@usa.com](mailto:dso-ve11n@usa.com). The juno address went out of service on May 19, 2017.**

-**NEW** Please pass the word that once again the Vessel Examiner class is coming to PCA Fair on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>. This class will provide an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved with the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program in the Auxiliary. Because of a scheduling conflict, this will be a 1-day class that includes a video, power-points, and complete text review for the member to take the on-line exam. 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>. The PCA flyer at: <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/calendar/district.html> has more information. If there are any questions, please have the member contact me at [dsove-11n@usa.com](mailto:dsove-11n@usa.com).

-**Eagle** eye Vessel Examiner Paul Custance FC 7-3, has discovered NON APPROVED lifejackets from China here in D11NR! While details are limited, these Blue Dolphin branded lifejackets apparently were purchased by a rental agency on EBAY. If you go to your D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under **HOTLINE MESSAGES** and click on the link, take look at the attached photos and the link, they appear exactly like approved lifejackets. I've run both the photos and the link by the National V-Dept and the Coast Guard RBS Dept., and even though they come with a whistle, crotch strap, and state they are impact rated to 50 mph, as well as stating 20 lbs of floatation they are **NOT** approved. When performing VSC's, please inspect **ALL** lifejackets closely and if you encounter any that are not approved, please be very diplomatic and politely explain why they are not approved and in addition, it might be a good idea to have an approved lifejacket to show the label and any differences.

**Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE**

**-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.

**-NEW!** Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS continues to make new updates and additions to **YOUR** VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. After the recent AUXINFO update, she updated the link to the District VSC totals and it now separates paddlecraft VSC's from boats. Please take a minute to check it out. 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 .

**-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, 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. "C" 7003 pg 1
2. "C" VSC Manual pg 3-28

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!

