



## Vessel Safety Check Report November 2018

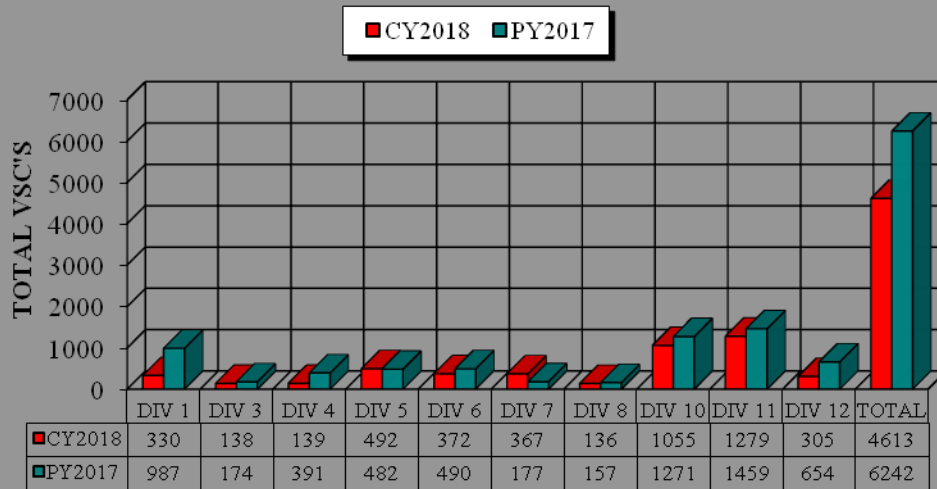


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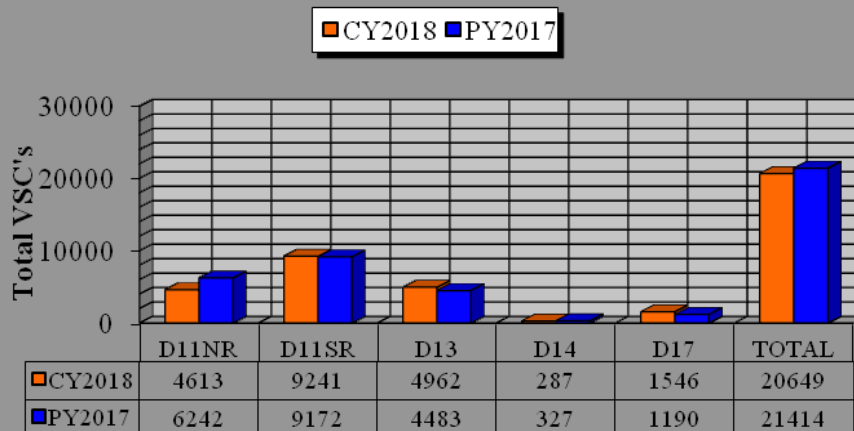
### District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU November 5, 2018



### PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru November 5, 2018



The 2018 goal for D11NR was 7,500 VSC's. We are 62% of our goal for the year and 74% of 2017 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 4,004 or 87% have passed the VSC, 1,827 or 40% are First Time VSC's, 1,619 and or 35% are High Risk VSC's. In addition Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 34% of our total VSC production. We currently have 153 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners(VE's)

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru November 5, 2018

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **60+ VSC** plateau for **2018**. This brings our total to **19** examiners for **2018** who are part of an elite group- approximately **12%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership(**153**). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

<b>Robert J. Aston</b>	<b>01-04</b>	<b>Jerel Berkov</b>	<b>01-04</b>
<b>Michael A. Brown</b>	<b>04-01</b>	<b>Gary N. Murray</b>	<b>05-05</b>
<b>Patrick W. O'Reilly</b>	<b>05-05</b>	<b>Wilfred A. Sumner</b>	<b>05-05</b>
<b>Craig L. Johnson</b>	<b>06-04</b>	<b>Anthony F. King</b>	<b>07-06</b>
<b>Charles M. Duncan</b>	<b>08-39</b>	<b>Karl G. Kellar</b>	<b>10-03</b>
<b>Michael J. Lauro</b>	<b>10-03</b>	<b>Billy Ray</b>	<b>10-03</b>
<b>Douglas T. Lazo</b>	<b>10-05</b>	<b>Thomas B. Henderson</b>	<b>11-01</b>
<b>Steven B. Perez</b>	<b>11-01</b>	<b>Dana M. Englekirk</b>	<b>11-04</b>
<b>Dennis F. Hogan</b>	<b>11-04</b>	<b>James L. Snell</b>	<b>11-04</b>
<b>James G. Losi</b>	<b>12-91</b>		

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2018**. This brings our total to **50** examiners for **2018** who are part of an elite group- approximately **33%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership(**153**). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

<b>Paul J. Brighton</b>	<b>05-07</b>	<b>Phillip E. Grove</b>	<b>10-05</b>
<b>William J. Stolz</b>	<b>11-01</b>		

### **Calendar**

PCA Training Fair-CGI      January 12-13  
D/TRAIN-Reno                March 22-24

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

### **VSC Questions**

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

**1. You are checking a brand-new 18' 175-hp stern drive vessel. The owner has purchased the "Coast Guard Kit" from the dealer. When you check the batteries you see that they are in their own enclosed compartment along with the battery switch. Can you issue the decal?**

- a. Yes, as long as the batteries are secured and the terminals are covered.
- b. Yes, since the owner has the Coast Guard Kit it is obvious that they have serious concern for the safety of the boat and passengers.
- c. No, having batteries in an enclosed compartment is dangerous since batteries need to vent excess hydrogen.

- d. No, a Coast Guard Kit has nothing to do with batteries and therefore is the owner's way of directing the VE away from this dangerous condition.

**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.

### **National and District News**

#### **National News**

-Official guidance in the form of an ALCOAST COMDT NOTICE (ACN) message number 013/18, has been distributed by the Coast Guard. It establishes procedures for the enforcement, examination and inspection procedures for various types of vessels relating to the recall of Walter-Kidde fire extinguishers. The complete ACN can also be found at [www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ACN/](http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ACN/)

The following is a summary of those procedures. These procedures are effectively immediately.

1. Educate the owner and/or operator of a vessel with a recalled Kidde fire extinguisher onboard about the recall and replacement process for getting a new fire extinguisher. The recall and replacement procedures can be found at the following websites:

- a. Consumer Products Safety Commission: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and>
- b. Marine Safety Alert: <http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/1217.pdf>.

2. Recalled fire extinguishers shall ***not*** prevent issuance of a VSC decal. Vessel Examiners shall issue a VSC decal to any vessel that receives a VSC in which a recalled fire extinguisher is on board and needed to meet carriage requirements when all other VSC requirements are met IAW Vessel Safety Check Manual, COMDTINST M16796.8A.

3. If a recalled extinguisher is found and fulfills a carriage requirement:

- a. The VE shall annotate the VSC form by placing an asterisk and the word "RECALL" next to item 5, Fire Extinguishers, and provide a copy of the recall notice to the vessel owner. NOTE: The Consumer Product Safety Commission recall notice can be found at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and> \*\*\*\*\*

- b. Vessel Examiners shall retain a copy of any VSC form annotated pursuant to this message until further notice.

c. Auxiliary vessel examiners shall inform anyone requesting a VSC of the recall and the prudence in replacing recalled fire extinguishers.

Source: Joe Reichal, DIR-V

**\*\*\*\*\*This EXACT information can easily be found on the D11NR Vessel Examiner(VE)**

**website:** <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under **HOTLINE MESSAGES**

Mike

### **District News**

**-Please pass the word that the Vessel Examiner Class** is planned for the weekend of January 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> PCA Training Fair. This will be a two-day class over and as in the past, the class starts PROMPTLY at 0730 each day and should be completed by 1600. The class will include the final exam on Sunday.

**-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 performed 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. "A" pg 3-28-29
2. "C" 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!**

