

The 2018 goal for D11NR was 7,500 VSC's. We hit 66% of our goal for the year and 68% of 2017 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 4,258 or 85% have passed the VSC, 2,006 or 40% are First Time VSC's, 1,170 and or 36% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 1,632 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 33% of our total VSC production. We currently have 153 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners(VE's) \*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru January 2, 2019

#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **RBS Device** for **2018**. This brings our total to **67** members who are part of a **VERY** elite group-approximately **5%** of our D11NR membership! These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page:

http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html

Michael A. Brown	04-01	Douglas J. Manifold	07-02
Karl G. Keller	10-03	Chester R. Bartalini	12-01

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2018. This brings our total to 56 examiners for 2018 and are part of an elite groupapproximately 33% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of 153. This is a 5% decrease from 2017 in which 59 examiners reached this plateau. These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <a href="http://rbsafety.dllnuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html">http://rbsafety.dllnuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html</a>

	01 02	Dala at T. Astau	01 04
Richard A. Saber	01-02	Robert J. Aston	01-04
David L. Beach	01-04	Jerel Berkov	01-04
Tommy W. Holtzman	03-03	James R. Goff	03-05
Michael A. Brown	04-01	James R. Minkel Jr.	05-01
Dennis T. Wilson	05-02	John R, Guaraglia	05-05
Gary N. Murray	05-05	Patrick W. O' Reilly	05-05
Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05	Paul J. Brighton	05-07
Benjamin S. Fowler	06-04	Michael W. Goldberg	06-04
Anthony T. Budlong	06-04	Craig L. Johnson	06-04
David W. Raymond	06-04	Robert G. Kay	06-04
Keith L. Simmons	06-04	Paul P. Custance	07-03
Anthony F. King	07-08	Riley A. Turpin	07-08
Charles M. Duncan	08-39	William E. Hale	08-39
Karl G. Keller	10-03	Joseph R. Chavoen	10-03
Michael J. Lauro	10-03	Nicholas L. Patterson	10-03
Billy Ray	10-03	Phillip E. Grove	10-05
Douglas T. Lazo	10-05	Donald L. Pierce	10-06
Steven W. Dicken	10-06	Kenneth L. Mc Sheehy	10-06
Roderick M. Rollins	10-06	Thomas B. Henderson	11-01
Ross M. Johnson Jr.	11-01	Steven B. Perez	11-01
William J. Stoltz	11-01	Linda R. Haynes	11-03
Richard P. Clark	11-04	Dana M. Englekirk	11-04
Dennis F. Hogan	11-04	James L. Snell	11-04
Laurence M. Boag	12-01	Frank R. Swift	12-01
Steven C. Busch	12-91	James G. Losi	12-91

# 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. Coastal waters may be:

- a. The US side of the Great Lakes.
- b. The territorial seas of the US.
- c. Where a bay is greater than two miles at the entrance.
- d. All of these choices.

### 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: <u>http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html</u>

# <u>National and District News</u>

#### National News

**-The** 2019 VSC decals have been released from ANSC during mid-December to the Flotilla Commander of record. Please see your FSO-VE at an upcoming flotilla meeting for your supply.

## District News

-Please welcome Nick Patterson as ADSO-VE/DEP. Nick joins Jan Jewell and me as a member of the D11NR VSC team. Nick brings a wealth of knowledge being a very active vessel examiner, RBS program Visitor, coxswain, instructor, past flotilla commander, and more. Nick replaces Phil Grove who retired after 15-years. In addition to being the ADSO-VE for many years, Phil was an active vessel examiner, instructor, and Coastie program manager. In addition to holding several flotilla offices, Phil was a past DCDR for Division 10. I appreciate Phil's service to the D11NR VSC program and wish him well!

-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. The last day for registration is January 9, 2019. 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. <u>NO VSC ACTIVITY MAY TAKE PLACE</u> <u>DURNING THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN</u>.

-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.dllnuscgaux.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 <u>PRIOR</u> to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

VE Test Question Answers

"C" 7003 P2
"D" pg 3-12

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!

