



# Vessel Safety Check Report January 2020

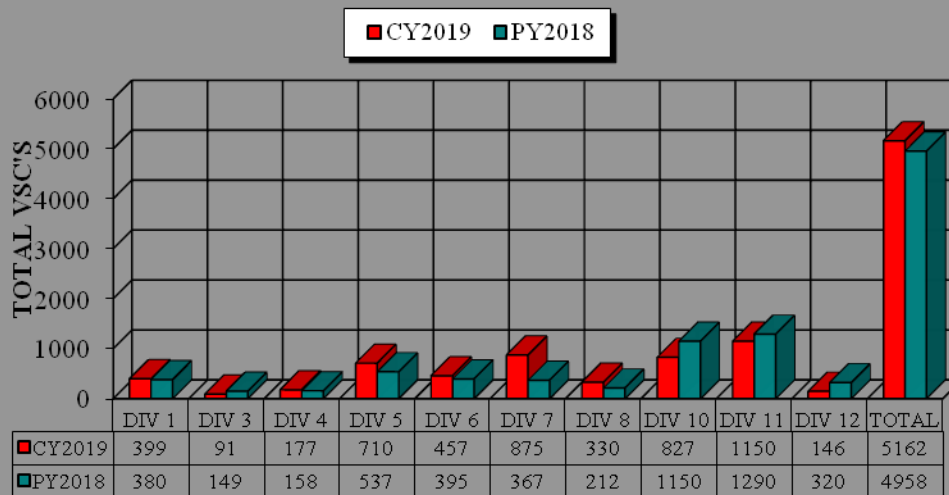


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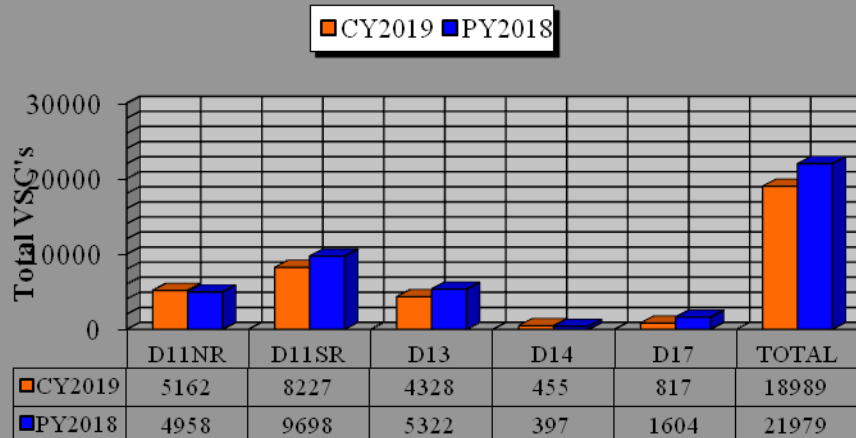
## **District Statistics\***

**D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU December 30, 2019**



## **PAC AREA Statistics\***

**PAC AREA VSC's Thru December 30, 2019**



The **2020** goal for D11NR is **5,500** VSC's, a 10% increase over 2019. We are **103%** of our goal for 2019 year and **104%** of 2018 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **4,481** or **87%** have passed the VSC, **1,838** or **36%** are First Time VSC's, and **1,555** or **30%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition **2,205** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **43%** of our total VSC production. We currently have **198 ACTIVE** Vessel Examiners(VE's)\*

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **December 30, 2019**



### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **60+ VSC** plateau for **2019**. This brings our total to **22** examiners and are part of an elite group-approximately **11%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of **198**. These member(s) have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page:

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

Robert J. Aston	01-04	William W. Burns	01-07
Tommy W. Holtzman	03-03*	Randy R. Tan	04-06
Karensue Galvin	05-03	Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05
John R. Guaraglia	05-05	Benjamin S. Fowler	06-04
Michael W. Goldberg	06-04	Craig L. Johnson	06-04
Keith L. Simmons	06-04	Phillip T. Mammano	08-08
William E. Hale	08-39	Joseph R. Chavoen	10-03
Karl G. Keller	10-03	Michael J. Lauro	10-03
Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03	Billy Ray	10-03
Steven B. Perez	11-01	Dennis F. Hogan	11-04
James L. Snell	11-04	Laurence M. Boag	12-01

\*Transferred to Flot 05-02

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2019**. This brings our total to **34** examiners for **2019** and are part of an elite group-approximately **18%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of **198**. These member(s) have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition

page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Richard A. Saber	01-02	Robert J. Aston	01-04
Jerel Berkov	01-04	Bill D. Bermudez	01-07
Roger M. Bazeley	01-07	William W. Burns	01-07
Tommy W. Holtzman	03-03*	James R. Goff	03-05
Randy R. Tan	04-06	Stephen M. Cramer	05-03
Karensue Galvin	05-03	John R. Guaraglia	05-05
Wilfred A. Sumner	05-05	Gary N. Murray	05-05
Jim D. Blackburn	05-07	Brian W. Babcock	06-04
Benjamin S. Fowler	06-04	Michael W. Goldberg	06-04
Craig L. Johnson	06-04	Robert G. Kay	06-04
Timothy J. Meroney	06-04	Keith L. Simmons	06-04
Frank B. Boice	07-03	Phillip T. Mammano	08-08
William E. Hale	08-39	Michael A. Rafatti	10-02
Joseph R. Chavoen	10-03	Michael J. Lauro	10-03
Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03	Billy Ray	10-03
Karl G. Keller	10-03	Nicholas L. Patterson	10-03
Richard S. Meyers	10-06	Brian D. Barton	11-01
Thomas B. Henderson	11-01	Steven B. Perez	11-01
Bruce K. Martin	11-04	Dennis F. Hogan	11-04
James L. Snell	11-04	Laurence M. Boag	12-01

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## VSC Questions

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

### 1. Paddle craft should be examined for the following:

- a. Sound producing device
- b. Navigation lights
- c. Capacity/certificate of compliance plate
- d. None of these choices

### 2. Vessels that must carry a fire extinguisher are:

- a. All motorboats 26 feet or more with outboard engines
- b. All boats with closed living spaces.
- c. All motorboats with inboard engines.
- d. All of these choices.

## Calendar

- PCA Training Fair -January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>
- D/Train-March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Nugget Sparks Nv.
- NSBW-May 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

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

## District and National News

### National News

- **ANSC#3004** - DECAL, CANOE, KAYAK, SUP OR ROWBOAT (ORANGE) (BR) - Vessel Identification Sticker - (IF FOUND - CONTACT). Weatherproof stickers provide room for the vessel owners name and two phone numbers emergency responders need when paddle craft are found adrift without an operator. **(MAX 50)**
- **ANSC#3004a** - PAMPHLET, BE SMART, BE SAFE HAVE FUN (BR) - A beginner's guide to safer paddling - Always wear your life jacket - Know your limits - Carry the paddling essentials. **(MAX 100)**
- **ANSC#3004b** - PADDLE TIP REFLECTOR KIT - A reflective waterproof decal label kit. One sheet contains four shiny reflective stickers for paddle tips and a sticker for identification for the kayak and owner. **(MAX 50)**

### District News

-**NEW**-Jan Jewell has completely updated the Vessel Examiner(VE) website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> with all new information for 2020. This includes; DSO-VE goals, decal graphics, power-points, and other useful VSC aids. All updated material is marked as "NEW"

-**Please** pass the word that once again the Vessel Examiner class is coming to PCA Fair over the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<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 and help rebuild our Vessel Examiner base. This will be a 2-day class that includes a video, power-points, and complete text review for the member and the final exam on Sunday. 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>.

-Recently I've received several reports that VSC decals have been handed to a boater or marina rental vendor without it being affixed to the vessel. **Just** a reminder that per the VSC Manual COMDTINST M16796.8A Page 2-5 Section "H" paragraph 1. When a boater qualifies for a VSC decal, it must either be affixed by you or the boater while in **YOUR** presence. You **CAN NOT** give it to the boater to have them affix it at a later time. Please see:

**"If a vessel examiner finds that a boat is in compliance with applicable federal and state boating laws and regulations listed on the vessel safety check form, he or she shall award the vessel safety check decal to the vessel's owner or operator and ensure that it is immediately affixed to a portion of the boat where it will be readily visible to law enforcement authorities.**

**NOTE:** The vessel examiner shall not give the decal to the boat owner to apply at a later date; such action could open the way for possible fraud if the decal were placed on another boat." This national policy was issued by the Coast Guard.

Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE

-**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.

-Our Vessel Examiner (VE) active database has dropped to 198 active examiners, with **101** in REYR. The active total is approximately 13% of our D11NR membership.

-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.

-**NEW**-VSC's ON RENTALS-At the request of Commodore Kirkwood, and after 18-years, the VSC Rental Program has been updated for 2019 and moving forward. **ANYONE** who performs rental VSC's on PWC's, fishing boats, houseboats, paddlecraft, etc. needs to be aware of the new changes after 1 June 2019.

Please go to the D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> and review ML-1 thru ML-5 and closely review and follow the instructions as **ALL** of these forms have been revised and approved by DCO Kirkwood.

Any 2019 currently signed agreements will be acceptable, but a copy must be emailed or mailed to the DSO-VE. Billy Ray, ADSO-VE will be administering this program, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Source: Mike Lauro DSO-VE

-This is a reminder that if you have not completed the Introduction to Risk Management course #100202 by 30 April 2019, you are now in REYR.



You must take the course to be removed from REYR status before any credit can be given for your VSC activities. The course is not a pass or fail course, and it takes 90 minutes and using AUXLMS will automatically record the course. If you've never logged into AUXLMS, here is a link to instructions and video:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxlms>. To access either, you must click on the word "here" and you will need to create 14 character password. Please do not delay if you plan to participate in NSBW activities. If you require additional assistance, please contact your FC or FSO-MT.

-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 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 at any the paint, hardware dept. or a Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc. A package of 6 is typically under \$10.

**DID YOU KNOW** that lemons contain more sugar than strawberries!

VE Test Question Answers 1. "A" pg 5-2 2. "D" pg 3-15

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!

