



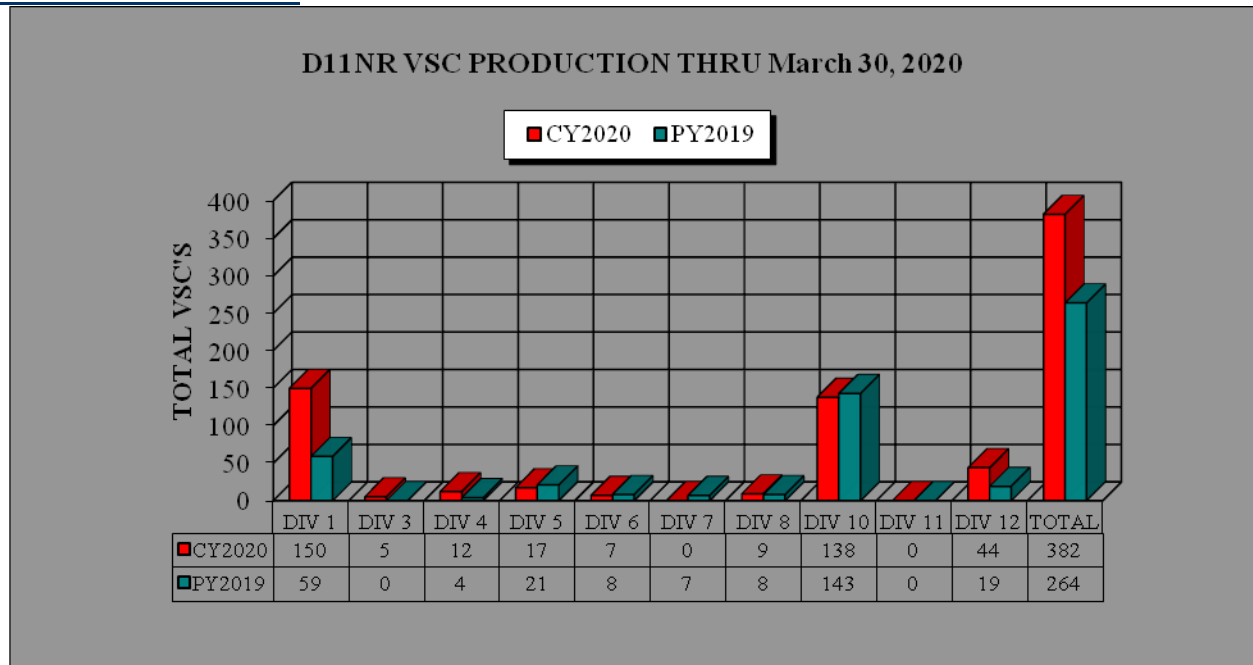
Vessel Safety Check Report April 2020



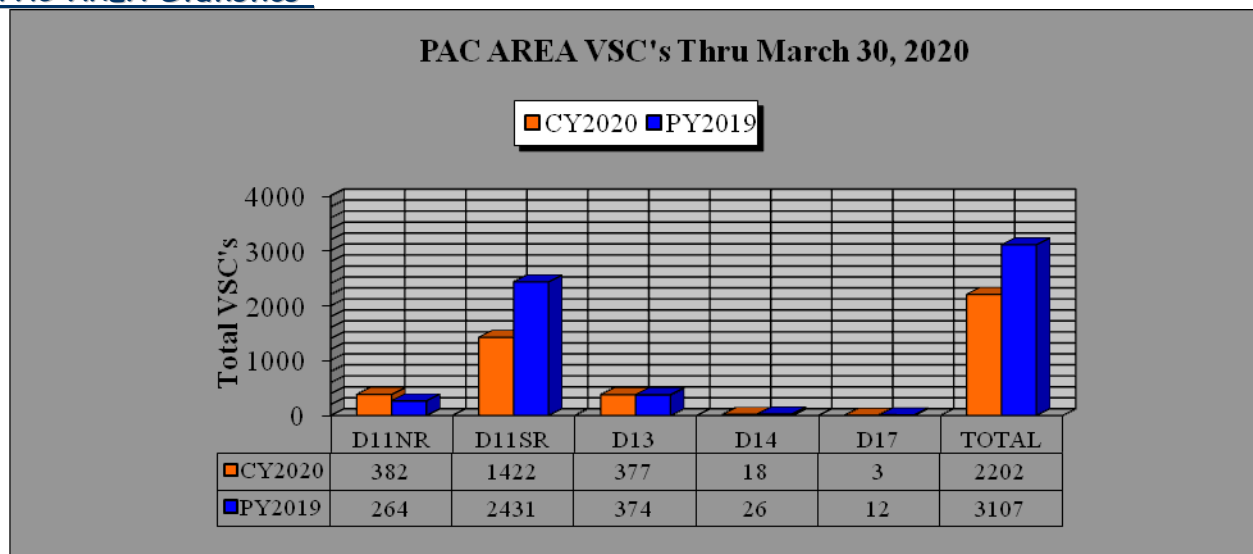
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District Statistics*



PAC AREA Statistics*



The 2020 goal for D11NR is **5,500 VSC's**, a 10% increase over 2019. We are **7%** of our goal for 2020 year and **144%** of 2019 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **341** or **89%** have passed the VSC, **100** or **26%** are First Time VSC's, and **108** or **28%** are High Risk VSC's. In addition **45** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **12%** of our total VSC production. We currently have **170 ACTIVE** Vessel Examiners(VE's)*

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru **March 30, 2020**



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2019**. This brings our total to **5** examiners for **2020** and are part of an elite group- approximately **2%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of **170**. These member(s) have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Michael J. Lauro

10-03

VSC Questions

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

1. You are checking a 25' stern drive boat built in 1995. What are the requirements for issuance of the decal relative to ventilation?

- a. This boat needs a working powered ventilation system that is properly installed and that contains a warning label by the ignition switch.
- b. Since this vessel is not technically an inboard boat, it does not need anything more than a natural ventilation system.
- c. Since this vessel is built after 31 July 1980, you can look at the Compliance Plate to make sure that it meets the ventilation requirements. This means you don't have to do anything further to verify the ventilation on the boat.
- d. Since the requirements are too complicated for most civilians to understand, the Vessel Safety Check Manual has made it easy for the VE. All you need to do is lift the cover of the engine compartment and smell if there are any gas fumes. If there are no gas fumes, you can issue the decal.

2. In checking a vessel's electrical installation, which of the following would be cause for withholding the VSC decal?

- a. Switches and fuse or circuit breaker panels exposed to rain or spray.
- b. Wiring harnesses that are routed high in the bilge and held in position with plastic wire ties.
- c. Wiring that uses manual reset circuit breakers instead of fuses.
- d. All of the choices.

Calendar

- NSBW-May 16th-22nd

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

District News

-Below is a link to the Coast Guard's corona virus website that includes frequently asked questions. Please take a minute to review it. You can also find a link to it on your D11NR V.E. website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. The U. S. C. G. COVID-19 website: <http://www.uscg.mil/coronavirus/>



-**Recently**, I announced a joint D11NR and National PowerPoint Vessel Examiner (VE) 2020 review. As a result of that email announcement, the hits on your D11NR VE website increased by over 120 hits! Hopefully everyone has been taking a few minutes to look over the review and take a closer looker look at other features on the website that Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS continues to add frequently.

-**According** to AUXINFO, our D11NR Vessel Examiner base has declined from 198 examiners to 170 examiners another 14% drop as of March 1, 2020. I attribute this additional drop from 101 in REYR to the fact that the additional 28 examiners are in REYR due to **NOT** having taken the Introduction to Risk Management. This makes 129 total Vessel Examiners in REYR.

-**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. **MUST** be aware of the new changes in effect 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 are acceptable, but any new vendors paperwork 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

-**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.

-**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.

-**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.



National News

-This is a list of items that have recently arrived and can be ordered thru ANSC. Please contact your Flotilla Commander or FSO-MA to order in time for possible use during NSBW.

- ANSC # 3010 children's coloring book
 - ANSC # 4010 inky the whale coloring book
 - ANSC # 3024 pamphlet on visual distress signals
 - ANSC # 3024 A discount cards to purchase product
 - ANSC # 3504 VSC event poster
- Source: ANSC

At a recent check, these supplies are still available from ANSC in the quantities shown, please see your Flotilla Commander or FSO-MA to place orders:

- 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)

DID YOU KNOW that 85% of ALL plant life is found in the ocean!

ve test answers 1 "A" see pgs 3-18,9, 2 "A" see page 3-20

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!

