

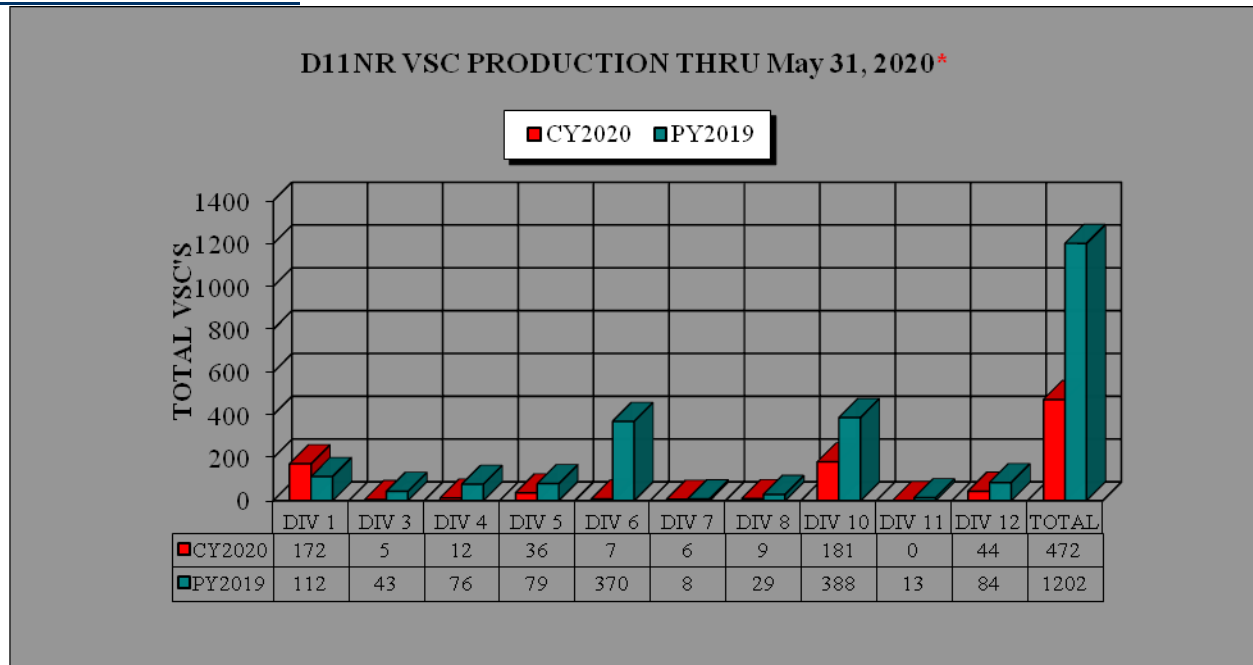


# Vessel Safety Check Report June 2020

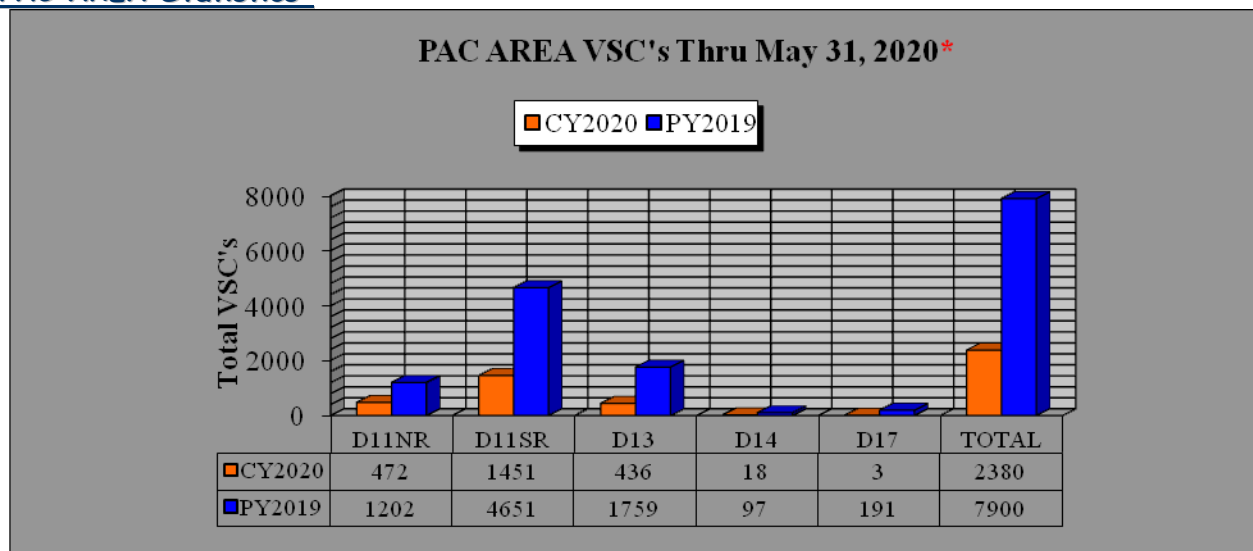


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## District Statistics\*



## 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 30% of 2019 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that 418 or 89% have passed the VSC, 132 or 28% are First Time VSC's, and 167 or 35% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 45 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 9% of our total VSC production. We currently have 170 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's)\*

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru May 31, 2020 which is frozen with AUXDATA II integration and ALL VSC activity has been halted since March 15, 2020 per ADM Gautier.



## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2019. This brings our total to 6 examiners for 2020 and is 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>

## **VSC Questions**

-These are actual questions. Answers can be found in another location in the report.

1. PFDs should be kept in their original packaging and stowed in a locked cabinet until needed in an emergency?

- a. True.
- b. False.

2. Each carburetor must have its own backfire flame control.

- a. True
- b. False

## **Calendar**

-PCA Training Fair/D11NR awards ceremony @ CGI September 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</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**

### **District News**

**-JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL VSC ACTIVITY IN D11NR HAS BEEN SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY BY ADM GAUTIER.**

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/>

-**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.

**ALL VSC ACTIVITY WAS SUSPENDED MARCH 15, 2020** ve test answers 1 "B" see pg 3-8 2 "A" see pg 3-20

-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**

- Recently the National V-Dept released guidance on how to conduct the new Virtual VSC. Please review the document under "HOTLINE MESSAGES" on your D11NR website:

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

Important facts to note:

1-This is **NOT** an official VSC, it is **ONLY** for educational/informational purposes, therefore there will **NOT** be any official records or reporting.

2-This requires at least 2 mobile communication devices equipped with cameras; to facilitate visual verification of safety equipment and standard safety items per vessel examination criteria. You are **NOT** to be on site!

3-The virtual inspection is **NOT** an official examination, therefore the official 7012 and 7012a will **NOT** be used. No VSC Decals will be awarded. This is a one-on-one educational exchange and an information and equipment confirmation only.

4-Using this link may help with the dialog in conducting a Virtual VSC. It follows the 7012 form.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check> or you may use the 7012 form as a guide.



5-This link may help with the dialog in conducting a Virtual VSC. It follows the 7012a <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=paddle-craft> or you may use the 7012A as a guide.

6-Your time will be recorded on the **7029 Form; Section 99 B. DO NOT** record any time/numbers on the 7038 form nor submit thru the I.S.

7-Provided the owner agrees, you may save the owner contact information for a future VSC and decal award.

**Getting the word out will be challenging!**

Ideas are:

\* Work with your local marinas within the social distancing guidelines to possibly place a contact person/phone on a poster. Consider modifying ML-9 or ML-10 which are word documents on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website:

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

\* Post this information on the local flotilla web sites

\* Discuss this new process at flotilla meetings as to ways on to promote this new idea. Ask your FC or FSO-PA for help.

\* Contact boat owners to see if they are interested in having Virtual VSC.

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Source: Dean McFarren DCSO/Stan Feldman Coast Guard Aux Assoc.

**DID YOU KNOW that an ostrich eye is bigger than it's brain!**

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!

