



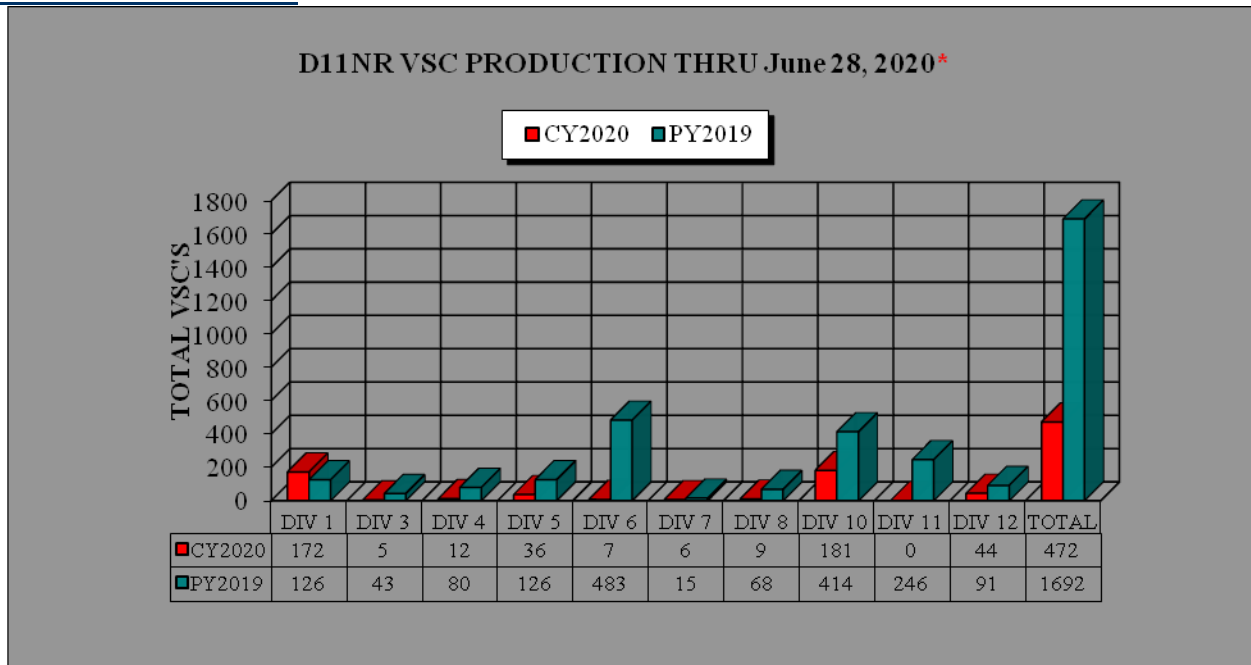
# Vessel Safety Check Report July 2020



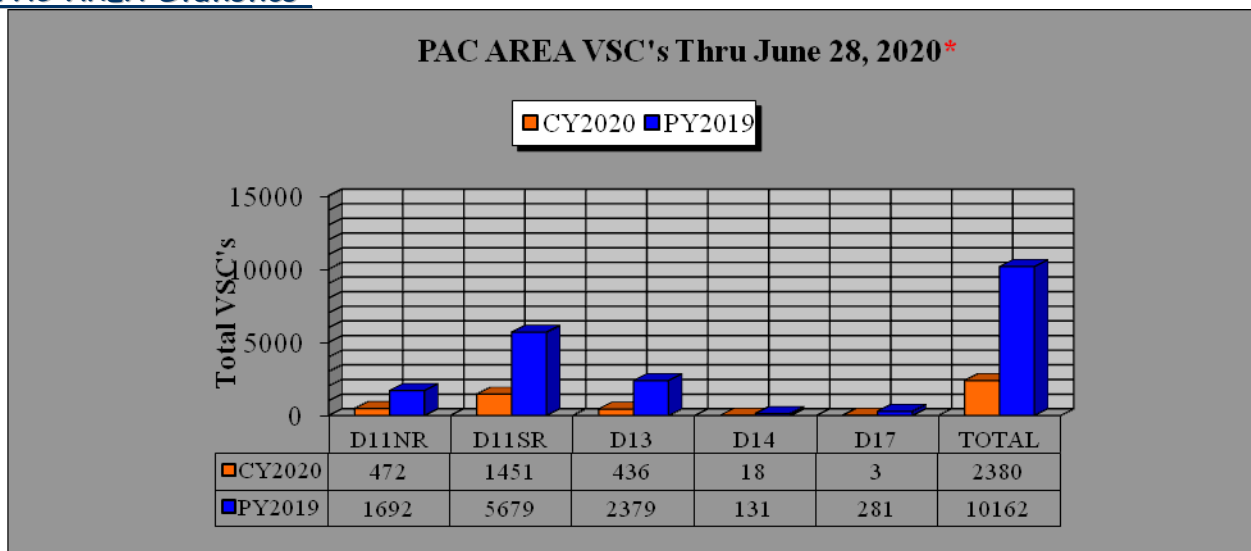
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## District Statistics\*



## 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)\*

\*Current statistics shown in AUXINFO are thru March 30, 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):  
<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

## **VSC Questions**

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

1. **Who accepts an operational facility offer of use and inspection?**
  - a. District Commodore
  - b. Flotilla Commander
  - c. Director of the Auxiliary (DIRAUX)
  - d. District Commander
2. **Boats registered with states must display the following (Mark all that apply):**
  - a. The letter-and-number combination on each side of the forward half of the vessel
  - b. Letters and numbers must be painted or permanently attached
  - c. They must be plain block letters and numbers at least three inches high
  - d. The state validation sticker should be affixed within six inches of the registration number, in accordance with state requirements.

## **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**

### **National News**

-**National** has released an easy to understand 4-page power point on the new labels for life jackets. You can find it under "Hot Line Messages" on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website:  
<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

Source: Ed Lieblein DVC-V E

-**There are still** 146 of the light blue, cotton Vessel Examiner golf-style shirts formally retailing for \$35, now for \$9.14 plus shipping for a discount of 74%! If interested please contact Vincent Pica at: [VPFA@cgauxa.org](mailto:VPFA@cgauxa.org) if interested.

Source: Vincent Pica AuxA

-**The Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety** issued Policy Letter 20-01. The purpose of the letter is to provide additional guidance to Vessel Examiners on portable fire extinguisher requirements for recreational vessels. Specifically, the Coast Guard now uses a performance-based classification system. This will impact recreational vessels constructed after August 22, 2016. The D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>



has a guidance letter from CAPT. Johnson to help Vessel Examiners understand the inspection of portable fire extinguishers. Note: these changes are already reflected in 46 CFR 25.30. which pertain to Fire Extinguishing Systems. Federal regulations require all boat manufacturers to place a "minimum number of 5-B portable fire extinguishers" on vessel built after August 22, 2016. This new regulation should benefit vessel examiners to expedite the Vessel Safety Check process Vessel examiners must ensure the 5-B is aboard for all vessels even for PWCs built after August 22, 2016.

**Source:** Perry Taylor BC-VCL

- **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.uscgauz.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://wow.uscgauz.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.



## 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. . ve test answers 1 "C" see pg 6-1 2 "A, B,C,D" see pg 3-3

### **ALL VSC ACTIVITY WAS SUSPENDED MARCH 15,2020**

-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.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Hawaiian alphabet has only 13 letters!

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!

