



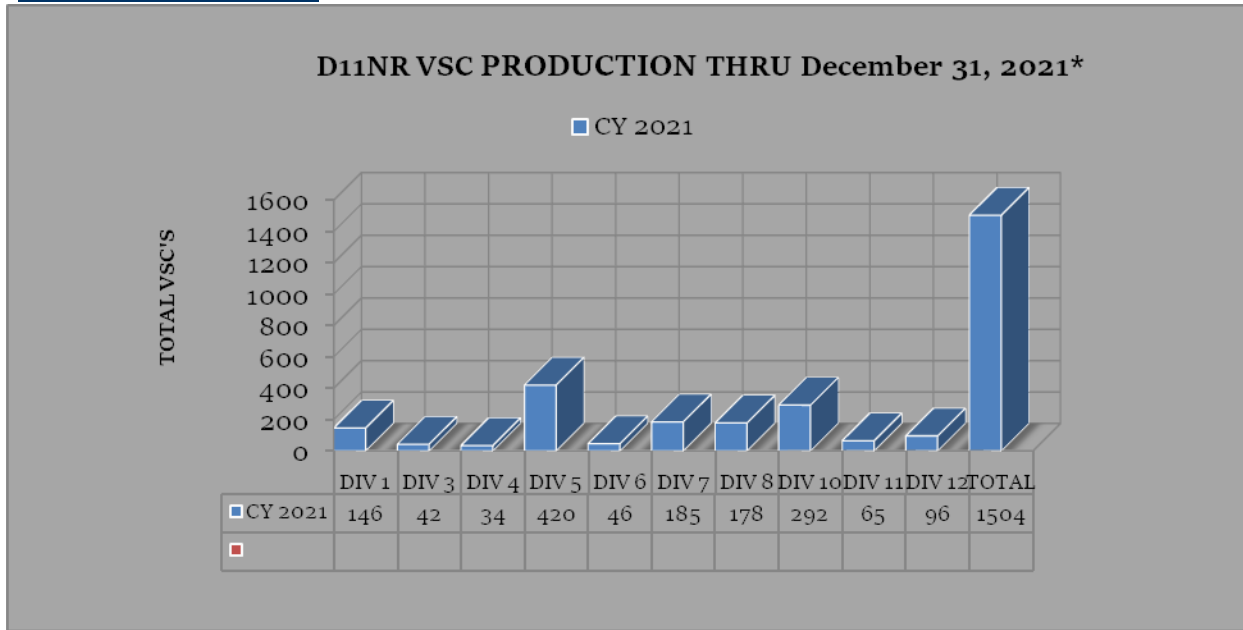
# Vessel Safety Check Report January 2022



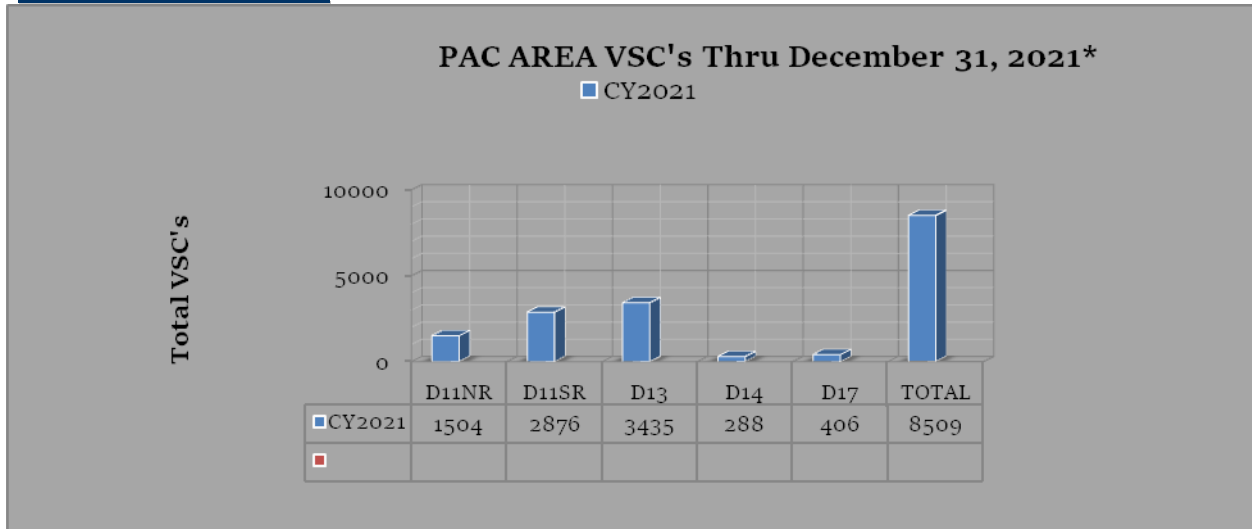
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## District Statistics\*



## PAC AREA Statistics



Due to the current conditions, there is no VSC goal for 2021 in D11NR. The data source is AUXDATA2\*. Additional stats from AUXDATA2\* indicates that 1241 or 83% have passed the VSC, 763 or 51% are First Time VSC's, and 651 or 43% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 277 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 18% of our total VSC production. We currently have 195 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's)

\*Current statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru December 31, 2021.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2021**. This brings our total to **17** examiners for **2021** who are part of an elite group- approximately **8%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership (**195**). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

<b>Robert Aston</b>	<b>01-04</b>	<b>John Fortner</b>	<b>01-04</b>
<b>Steven Johnson</b>	<b>05-01</b>	<b>Daniel Glenn</b>	<b>05-02</b>
<b>Lisa Curtis</b>	<b>05-03</b>	<b>KarenSue Galvin</b>	<b>05-03</b>
<b>Wilfred Sumner</b>	<b>05-05</b>	<b>John-Michael Zimmerle</b>	<b>07-03</b>
<b>Ann Zocchi</b>	<b>07-06</b>	<b>Philip Mammano</b>	<b>08-08</b>
<b>William Hale</b>	<b>08-39</b>	<b>Carl Pierce</b>	<b>08-39</b>
<b>Michael Lauro</b>	<b>10-03</b>	<b>Billy Ray</b>	<b>10-03</b>
<b>Thomas Henderson</b>	<b>11-01</b>	<b>Laurence Boag</b>	<b>12-01</b>
<b>Anna Stevens</b>	<b>12-01</b>		

### **Calendar**

-D/TRAIN March-25-26-27, 2022

-N/TRAIN-cancelled until mid/late March- date TBD

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

### **VSC Questions**

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

**1. What is the requirement regarding a sound producing device for paddlecraft?**

- a. There is no requirement.
- b. Some means of making an efficient sound signal (athletic whistle acceptable).
- c. Whistle required only when operating between sunset and sunrise.
- d. Some means of producing an efficient sound signal when operating in the vicinity of power-driven vessels.

**2. If there are multiple member owners of a facility being offered for use the 7-digit member ID entered on the 7003/7008 is:**

- a. The member who will be designated coxswain.
- b. Any member who is a part owner.
- c. The member holding the largest percentage of ownership.
- d. The member holding the highest elected/appointed office.

## National and District News

### National News

" Responding to a "Help Desk" question concerning VEs on recreational vessels more than 65 feet in length, the following clarification from the Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division was reached. Auxiliary VEs cannot perform VSCs on recreational vessels over 65 feet due to evaluation criteria beyond the scope of the current VE training syllabus. If an owner requests an exam on such a vessel, they should be referred to the Coast Guard. This will be a topic in the 2022 VE Workshop.

A complete revision of the National Testing Center VE Qualification Exam was completed. During the process, your comments and recommendations were incorporated. All the existing questions and answers were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. Revisions were made, as required. Additional questions were added to verify the potential VE has a current understanding of VE issues and procedures. The exam is been uploaded and should be online imminently. This follows a revision and update to the VE Practice Exam earlier this year.

A reminder that the Vessel Examiner Program/RBS Program Visitor Ribbon is only to recognize VEs and RBSPVs. It cannot be awarded for qualification as a Commercial Fishing Vessel, Uninspected Passenger Vessel, or Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner. This is because the CFV, UPV and UTV are programs in support of Coast Guard activities while VSC are authorized by Auxiliary Sector Commanders. In addition, the examiners for Coast Guard programs are recognized via the Marine Safety Training Ribbon.

A recent manipulation of the email functionality of the "I Want a VSC" occurred resulting in the system being taken off-line until the situation can be corrected. There was no data breach. You will be informed when the situation has been corrected."

**Source: Joseph Reichal DVC-VE**

### District News

**NEW**-Just a reminder that now that AUXDATA2 has been updated, the 2022 VSC decals will be shipped by mid-January to the FC or DCDR of record.

**NEW**-The newly updated "I Want A VSC" is now live. I've received a couple of requests pending the release of the 2022 decals. If your name was on the database, it will still be there.

**-VSC activity in D11NR has been reinstated with special Phase 3 guidelines. Please go to the D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. "HOTLINE MESSAGES" to find the complete file including uniform requirements, mask requirements, and the assignment to duty .**

**- VSC's ON RENTALS-**At the request of Commodore Kirkwood, and after 18-years, the VSC Rental Program was updated in 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.

ve test answers 1 "B" see pg 5-2 2 "C" see 7003 p3

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

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> and review ML-1 thru ML-4 and closely review and follow the instructions as ALL of these forms have been revised and approved by DCO Kirkwood.

Any 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

-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.

-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 longest street in the world is Yonge Street in Toronto Canada measuring 1,896 km or 1,178 miles!***

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!

