



# Vessel Safety Check Report April 2022

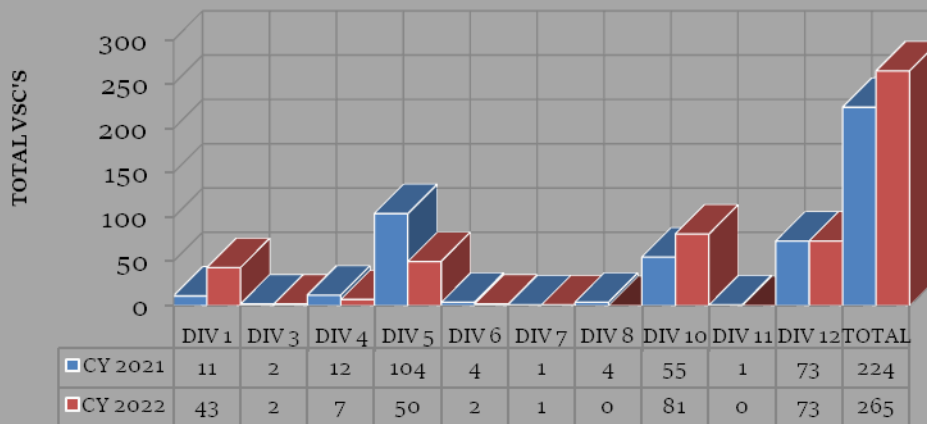


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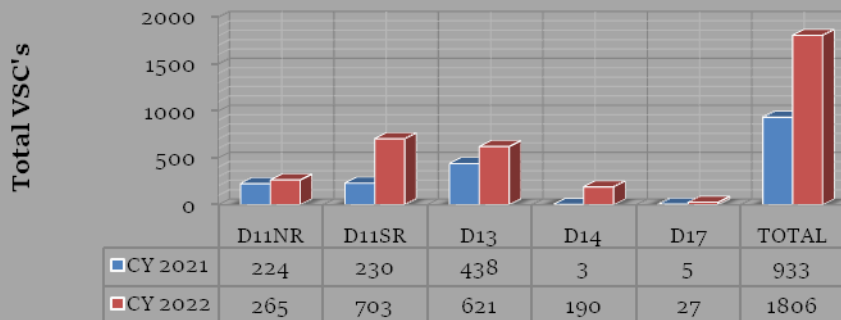
## District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU April 2, 2022\*



## PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru April 2, 2022\*



There is no VSC goal for 2022 in D11NR. The data source is AUXDATA2\*. Additional stats from AUXDATA2\* indicates that 241 or 91% have passed the VSC, 71 or 27% are First Time VSC's, and 66 or 25% are High Focus VSC's. In addition 32 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 11% of our total VSC production. We currently have 195 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's)

\*Current statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru April 2, 2022.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2021**. This brings our total to **4** examiner(s) for **2021** who are part of an elite group- approximately **.02%** 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>Herman G. Haluza</b>	<b>01-04</b>	<b>Laurence M. Boag</b>	<b>12-01</b>
<b>Anna M. Stevens</b>	<b>12-01</b>		

### **Calendar**

-NSBW- May 21-27, 2022

-PCA Training Fair- September 17-18, 2022

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. Because of unusual circumstances, you were unable to conduct five VSCs last year. What happens now?**

- a. You have to do ten this year to keep your qualifications and to make up for last year.
- b. You have to meet the full initial qualification criteria to regain your qualifications.
- c. You have to do at least two VSCs under supervision of a certified VE to regain your qualifications and then five for this year.
- d. You can't regain your qualifications. Once you miss a year you're too rusty to be an effective VE.

**2. Which of the following require an efficient sound signaling device to comply with the Navigation Rules?**

- a. Only Class I motorboats, from 16' to less than 26'
- b. Only Class II motorboats, from 26' to less than 40'
- c. Only Class A motorboats, less than 16', including PWCs
- d. All vessels

### **National and District News**

#### **National News**

-As you are no doubt aware, Paddle craft are a quickly growing area of recreational boating activity. To increase the focus on this growing community, DIR-V has authorized the Incentives Division (VI) to conduct a Directors Coin Challenge.

National will reward each Districts' Top Paddle craft Vessel Examiner (VE) with a DIR-V Coin. Data will be collected by the VI Division from AUXDATA II for the period 1 Jan 2022 to 31 Dec 2022. Coins will be distributed at the end of the month of February 2023 and the DCO and DSO-VE will receive notification of the winner."

**Source:** Tom Niles DVC-VI, V-Directorate

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** Please advise any new members wishing to take the online VE exam that a complete revision of the National Testing Center VE Qualification Exam was completed. All of 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. You can find a link to the National Testing Center (NTC) on your D11NR Vessel Examiner website;

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> on the left under "Member Quick Links"

**Source:** Mike Lauro DSO-VE

**NEW** -As in 2021, the National V-Dept has released a required 2022 workshop with a self-attestation form. The new 84 slide power point workshop covers updates on COVID guidelines, the new "I want a VSC" site, uniform info, VSC's on vessels over 65', Life jackets, ECOS, Virtual VSC info, Facility info, Recalls and safety defects, and Paddlecraft. Most of the information is review with a few new updates. **PLEASE** take about 20-minutes and complete this before the boating and VSC season gets underway. You can even download and complete the workshop on your smart phone as I did!

Finally, thanks to Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS, a link to the workshop is on your D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> In addition, the self-attestation form for 2022 is also located there. As in 2021, PLEASE print and fill in the required information and submit it to your FSO-VE.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Source:** Mike Lauro DSO-VE

**NEW** -While I attended our local D/Train in Sparks, Billy Ray ADSO-VE attended N/Train in St. Louis the same weekend. Billy is condensing his notes and will have a report that I will include in my May report.

**-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.

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

**"The California State Parks, the California Coastal Commission and The Bay Foundation in partnership with your organization are ready to start promoting our 2022 Dockwalker trainings. In 2022 we are offering a hybrid model combining virtual and some in-person Dockwalker trainings. During the virtual trainings (through the Zoom video conferencing system) the instructor will be live and participants will be able to ask questions! A reminder to current Dockwalkers, if you were trained 3 years ago it is time to get recertified. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, boaters continue to recreate in California's waterways. As such, the need to share clean boating practices with California's recreational community, while abiding to COVID-19 guidelines, remains important. *Last year thanks to your efforts, we were able to safely share clean boating practices and distribute the CA Boater Kits among 5,500 California Boaters throughout the state!***

For more information including dates, times, and locations, please contact: Vivian Matuk @ [vivian.matuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:vivian.matuk@coastal.ca.gov) at the California Coastal Commission, or [https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=29230](https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29230)

**Source: Vivian Matuk**

**-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. ve test answers 1 "C" see pg 1-8 "D" see pg 3-21**

**-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 each time you see the full moon  
you always see the same side!***

**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!**

