



Vessel Safety Check Report April 2023

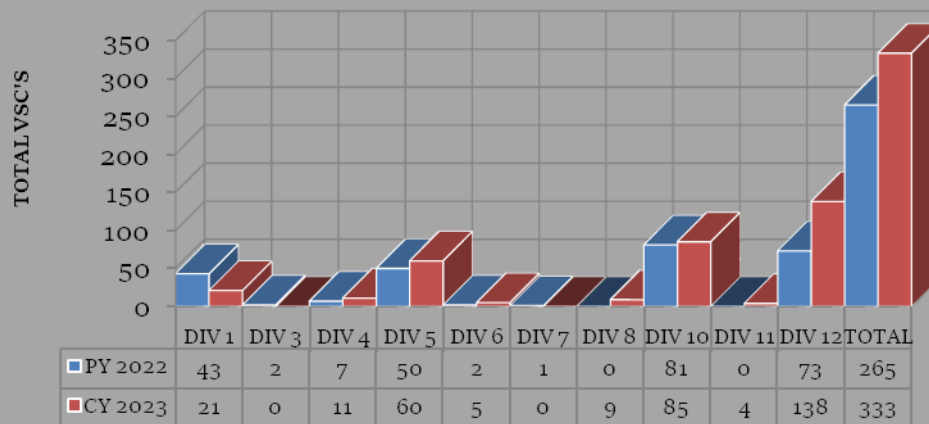


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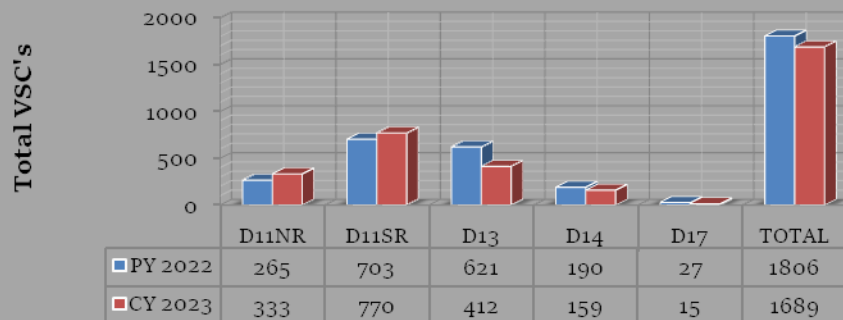
District Statistics*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU March 31, 2023*



PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru March 31, 2023*



The **NEW** D11NR VSC goal for 2023 is **3,000** VSC's. Currently we are **125%** of 2022 and have **20%** of the PAC AREA VSC total. The data source is AUXDATA2*. Additional stats from AUXDATA2* indicates that **2558** or **77%** have passed the VSC, **110** or **33%** are First Time VSC's, and **92** or **27%** are High Focus VSC's. In addition **21** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **6%** of our total VSC production. We currently have **119** ACTIVE Vessel Examiners (VE's) which averages **2.8** VSC's per examiner. National average is **20** VSC's per examiner.

*Current Year End statistics shown in AUXDATA2 thru March 31, 2023

Calendar

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

-PCA Training Fair September 16th-17th

VSC Questions

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

1. **PWC's must have a way of signaling by way of a whistle or horn**
 - a. The emergency distress signal.
 - b. Their intentions to other vessels.
 - c. When overtaking, crossing, and meeting another vessel.
 - d. All of the choices.

2. **A recreational vessel less than 65 feet MUST monitor channel 16 if a VHF-FM radio is carried onboard.**
 - a. True. Only if the radio is operating and not being used for communications
 - b. False. It is at the discretion of the operator
 - c. Only if it is an Operational Facility.
 - d. Only if required to have a FCC license.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2023. This brings our total to 6 examiner(s) for 2023 who are part of an elite group- approximately 5% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership (119). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page:
<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Billy Ray

10-03

Gerald V. Gragg

12-01

District and National News

District News

-NEW-When performing a Facility Inspection on either form ANSC 7003(boat) or ANSC 7008(PWC), please make certain that ALL boxes contain information in ALL SECTIONS, I thru VII. If particular box requiring information is not needed, draw a circle with a line thru it (⊖), or use "N.A." if that box does not apply. Leaving a box empty may imply missing information after the form reaches the DIRAUX office.

-NEW-PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE VSC DECAL ALLOCATION PERIOD FOR 2024 ENDS JUNE 30,2023. PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF YOUR VSC ACTIVITY PRIOR TO THE END OF JUNE.

-NEW- 59 examiners of the D11NR Vessel Examiner corps or 49% of the 119 shown in AUXDATA2 have now completed the National workshop.

-NEW- When qualifying a NEW examiner, and making the entry into AUXDATA2, PLEASE make certain that you list the member as a "TRAINEE", and not as a NON-LEAD. Please refer to ANSC 7038 for the correct listing and please remind your FSO-IS to review for this important information.

Source: Pam Berger DSO-IS

-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 vendor paperwork copy must be emailed or mailed to the DSO-VE. 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 10 for about \$10.

National News

-NEW- ANSC has just received in a NEW Item: **ANSC# 3021**, a 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2" (business card size) SARSAT/BEACON REGISTRATION INFORMATION CARD- EPIRB (NOAA). These are a pack of 50 per and should be handed out during VSC's especially in the coastal regions. They may be ordered by your FC or FSO-MA.

Source: Randy Ernst ANSC

-NEW- The USCG just released **Marine Safety Alert 03-23**, regarding DSC radios. While it is written for commercial vessels, everything in the alert also applies to recreational vessels with DSC radios. You can find the message on the your D11NR Vessel Examiner(VE) website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>

-NEW- The 2023 MANDATORY "VSC Workshop" has been released by National. Please complete the Workshop ASAP and as in the past, it is "required" to be completed by June 30, 2023. As with previous workshops, this is not a heavy lift and should take no more than about 15-20 minutes.

The workshop is easily accessible and downloadable VE test answers 1 "D" pg 3-20 "A" 4-2 from your D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. Please fill out the "Self-Attestation" form and as in the past, submit the signed form to your FSO-IS Officer to be entered into AUXDATA2. Completing the VSC Workshop can be done individually on your phone or desktop, or as a group, but each Vessel Examiner is individually responsible to complete & submit their own Self-Attestation.

The 2023 workshop review includes:

- Important educational talking points for Paddlecraft.
- Information about PFD "Intended Use" Label changes.
- Clarification about the new Fire Extinguisher requirements.
- Uniform Requirements

This is a National workshop/review and if not completed by June 30, 2023, you will be in REWORK. Any VSC's performed AFTER cannot be entered into AUXDATA2. After December 31, 2023, you will be in REYR status and will still to complete to workshop plus complete 2 mentored VSC's.

DID YOU KNOW: A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out!



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!

