



# Vessel Safety Check Report

## November 2023

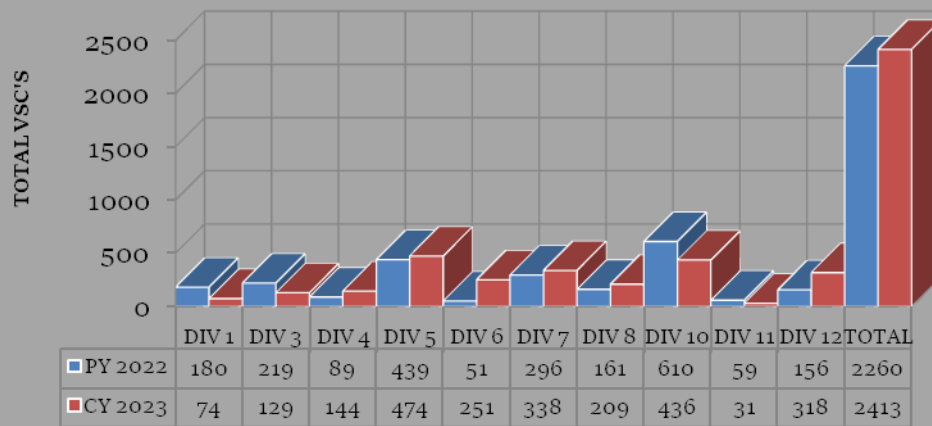
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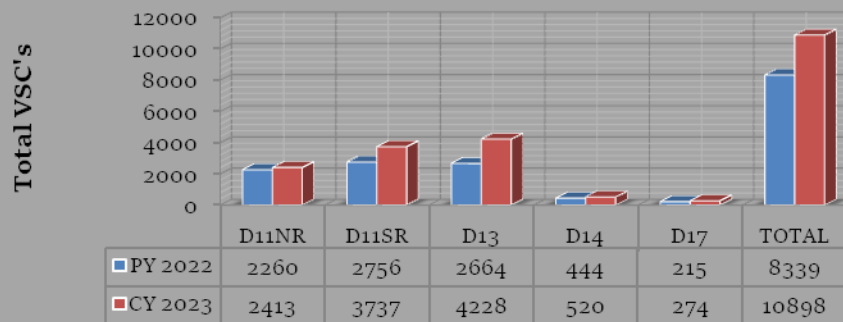
#### District Statistics\*

D11NR VSC PRODUCTION THRU October 31, 2023\*



#### PAC AREA Statistics

PAC AREA VSC's Thru October 31, 2023\*



The **NEW** D11NR VSC goal for 2023 is **3,000 VSC's**. Currently we are **106%** of 2022 and have **22%** of the PAC AREA VSC total. The data source is **AUXDATA2\***. Additional stats from **AUXDATA2\*** indicates that **1961** or **81%** have passed the VSC, **1435** or **59%** are First Time VSC's, and **1144** or **47%** are High Focus VSC's. In addition **702** Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately **29%** of our total VSC production. We currently have **114 ACTIVE** Vessel Examiners (VE's) which averages **218 VSC's** per examiner. National average is **20 VSC's** per examiner, PACARREA **22 VSC's** per Examiner.

\*Current Year statistics shown in **AUXDATA2** thru October 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	CGI	January 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> 2024
-D/TRAIN	CGI	April 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> 2024

## VSC Questions

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

1. You are checking a brand-new 18' 175-hp stern drive vessel. The owner has purchased the "Coast Guard Kit" from the dealer. When you check the batteries you see that they are in their own enclosed compartment along with the battery switch. Can you issue the decal?

- Yes, as long as the batteries are secured and the terminals are covered.
- Yes, since the owner has the Coast Guard Kit it is obvious that they have serious concern for the safety of the boat and passengers.
- No, having batteries in an enclosed compartment is dangerous since batteries need to vent excess hydrogen.
- No, a Coast Guard Kit has nothing to do with batteries and therefore is the owner's way of directing the VE away from this dangerous condition.

2. A VSC is being performed on a 16' boat equipped with a 150 horsepower outboard motor. The capacity plate shows a maximum horsepower rating of 90. The VE should:

- Award the decal but advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe.
- Award the decal since boat horsepower and capacity plates are not VSC requirements.
- Withhold the decal and advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe.
- Award the decal since horsepower and capacity plates are not VSC requirements, but advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 30+ VSC plateau for 2023. This brings our total to 18 examiner(s) for 2023 who are part of an elite group-approximately 15% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership (114). These members have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> test answers 1-

"A" pg3-28-29 -"C" pg 3-28

**Craig Johnson**

**06-04**

**Richard Gabor**

**12-01**

## District and National News

### District News

-NEW I'm pleased to report that Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS and Laruence Boag ADSO-VE/DEP will be continuing on as part of the DSO-VE team for 2024! Jan has been a staff member for 19 years dedicated to maintaining the D11NR VE website. Jan and Laurence are both highly valued staff members!

-NEW A power point presentation released at NACON providing interesting stats on Recreational Boating Fatality trends has been posted under HOTLINE LINE MESSAGES on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. Please take a few minutes to review this important information.  
Source: Curtis Han DCO

-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 \$12.

### National News

-The new ANSC 7012 dated 4/22 has been finally been released by ANSC. This replaces the previous 9/18 version. The new version adds the ECOS category. Previous versions may be used.

Source: Randy Ernst MGR ANSC

-NEW Just a reminder that the 2024 RED VSC decals will NOT be released until mid January AFTER the election cycle has been completed. Please plan accordingly.

Source: Randy Ernst MGR ANSC

**BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW:**

A strawberry is the only fruit with it's seeds on the outside!



Remember to wear your lifejacket as required for your safety when working around docks and climbing aboard large vessels. Consider wearing one while performing VSC's at the ramp to help set an example.

