



U.S.COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
District Eleven North Region
Vessel Examination REPORT
April - 2024



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 CC: District Board & Staff
 Subject: DSO-VE Report

From: Laurence Boag, District Staff Officer –Vessel Examination (DSO-VE)

Highlights:

1. Current status of District VSCs
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3. AUXDATA entries
4. REYR update
5. Upcoming activities
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DETAILS:

1. VSCs by Division to date

Division	Members Reporting	VSC Given	Passed	First Time	High Focus
Div 01	6	42	32	11	16
Div 03	4	37	33	33	34
Div 04	5	26	16	17	19
Div 05	14	91	64	46	39
Div 06	8	51	45	7	25
Div 07	0	0	0	0	0
Div 08	0	0	0	0	0
Div 10	0	0	0	0	0
Div 11	1	2	1	0	0
Div 12	11	103	89	34	9
Totals	49	352	191	148	142

Current VSC numbers might suggest that we are off to a slow start. The weather in many of the division's areas of operation might account for this. In Division 12, we have also noticed that there have been fewer sign-ups for VSCs at our PAVE events than in previous years. We have been working with our local marinas and Yacht Clubs in order to schedule some of our Paves for later in the Spring to see if this might increase our numbers. I anticipate an increase in VSCs as the weather warms up, especially on our inland waters.

2. Outstanding Vessel Examiners recognition for 2023

The following Vessel Examiners are commended for their hard work in achieving the number of VSCs in each of the following categories:

VE AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

1st PLACE AWARD	Paul Custance	07-03	332 VSCs
2nd PLACE AWARD	William Hale	08-39	198 VSCs
3rd PLACE AWARD	Bryant Grigsby	06-10	175 VSCs
120+ VSC AWARD	Daniel Glenn	05-02	129 VSCs

50-119 VSC CERTIFICATES:

Gerald Gragg	12-01	80 VSCs
Karensue Galvin	05-03	60 VSCs
Tommy Holtzman	08-08	60 VSCs

30-49 VSC CERTIFICATES:

Thomas Hurley	05-01	49 VSCs
Denver Drieberg	04-01	48 VSCs
Michael Rafatti	10-02	45 VSCs
Don Anderson	03-03	43 VSCs
Jimmin Chang	04-08	41 VSCs
Anna Stevens	12-01	41 VSCs
Joseph Heap	03-10	37 VSCs
Craig Johnson	06-04	37 VSCs
Richard Gabor	12-01	32 VSCs

It should be noted the Mike Lauro, outgoing DSO, accomplished 221 VSCs but DSOs do not qualify for an award.

3. AUXDATA

- A. Be sure your personal information is up to date. I have found some phone numbers, email addresses, and home addresses are not accurate.
- B. Be sure to enter your hours and number of VSCs accurately, splitting the 91A VSCs, and the 91H Paddlecraft VSCs.

4. REYR message from Pam Berger:

REYR processing is now being performed automatically, members who fail to meet the requirements to maintain currency in a competency will see their competencies set to REYR on the date the task is past due. For a competency to be set to Certified, the member must complete the task(s) that were missed, record the activity in AUXDATA and notify the DIRAUX Office, via the COLM, with a request to have the competency placed in Certified status.

According to policy, competencies that have had no activity in 5+ years have been set to Archive.

5. Upcoming activities:

BAY AREA

A. Coast Guard Island Shoreline Clean-Up

Saturday May 11 0900-1200 Hours

All tools and protective gear will be provided. Meet at Pt Welcome on Coast Guard Island. Lunch provided to all participants.

B. Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show

May 16-19

Westpoint Harbor, Redwood City. CGAUX members will be manning a booth there each day for 3 hour shifts informing folks about boating safety.

C. San Ramon Art + Wind Festival

Sunday May 26 + Monday May 27 (Memorial Day)

Set up hours: Sat 0900-1100

Shifts: Sat + Sun varies between 1100-1800

Break down hours: Sun 1800-2000

This is a humongous street fair, with us manning a booth as well as providing crowd entertainment with our USCG pilot landing a helicopter at the event! We'll also have Coastie present to entertain the kids.

(D) San Leandro Cherry Festival

Saturday June 1

Set up hours: Sat 0830-1000

Shifts: Sat varies between 1000-1800

Break down hours: Sat 1800-1900

We always have a great time meeting and greeting the public at this festival that takes over downtown San Leandro. We'll have numerous giveaways (life jackets, goodies for the kids) and we'll also have Coastie present to entertain the kids.

E) D11NR Activities

Our Auxiliary District 11NR will be hosting **DTRAIN 2024**, an extensive training day at Coast Guard Island on SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2024 starting at 0800 Hours.

F) National Activities

National Safe Boating Week will be held from **May 18-24, 2024**, reminding all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This is a great opportunity to conduct Marina VSCs.

To date, I have not received any reports from other Divisions than my own. I would hope to share some feedback in the future as to what folks are doing vis a vis accomplishments or activities. If you have photographs or something you would like to share in my report, feel free to email me at lboagcgaux@gmail.com

6. Paddlecraft update

There is a new SOP regarding the Whistles and Paddle Craft Kits.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eS_MLrHUIZM-wdH4D-M-uFNu2SetRH5V/view

AGENCY INTERACTION:

Program Visitations continue to supply information about the opportunity for Vessel Safety Checks along with supplying dealers, marinas, Yacht Clubs, Boat Yards, etc. with valuable pamphlets and brochures useful to the Boating Public.

7. VE Town Hall Zoom Meetings

Paul Custance, ADSO-VE, and I, Laurence Boag, DSO-VE, will be offering a bi-monthly “Town Hall” to address any questions or concerns any VE may have. We will have a short agenda and then give the floor to whomever wishes to speak.

The schedule will be as follows:

D11-NR Town Hall Meetings

Meetings will take place at 1900 Pacific Time on the following dates:

04-30-24

06-25-24

08-27-24

10-29-24

Paul Custance is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: D11-N VE Town Hall Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88253481326?pwd=zN2UcnwzCj2eINfkl7VD5mWiApsRL5.1>

Meeting ID: 882 5348 1326

Passcode: 029168

8. 2024 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Considering the number of VSCs performed by the District over the past two years (2,546 in 2023 and 2,152 in 2022) I think a reasonable goal for 2024 would be 3000.

2. Qualify 15 new VEs in the District. 2 new VEs to date.

I wish to thank Paul Custance (ADSO-VE) for his invaluable assistance with this report.