



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



To: COMO Curtis Han
 CC: District Board & Staff
 Subject: DSO-VE Report

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

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DETAILS:

1. VSCs by Division to date:

I wish to thank Paul Custance (ADSO-VE) for his assistance with these stats.

Division	Members Reporting	VSC Given	Passed	First Time	High Focus
Div 01	8	63	50	17	18
Div 03	4	47	43	38	39
Div 04	6	36	22	20	26
Div 05	17	118	83	60	50
Div 06	8	269	259	87	121
Div 07	3	16	12	4	14
Div 08	1	1	1	0	0
Div 10	4	29	29	12	2
Div 11	1	2	1	0	0
Div 12	11	128	107	46	13
Totals	63	709	607	284	283

VSCs by District to date:

Districts	VSC Given	Passed	First Time	High Focus
Dist-17th 170	29	25	9	10
Dist-13th 130	1271	1073	400	593
Dist-11NR 113	709	607	284	283
Dist-11SR 114	2760	2087	1693	1670
Dist-14th 140	295	248	154	149
Totals	5064	4040	2540	2705

2. 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.

3. Town Hall Zoom Meeting:

ADSO Paul Custance and I held our first of four Bi-monthly Town Hall meetings on April 30th. It was attended by 42 VEs and interested persons from throughout the District. After a brief presentation by Paul and myself vis a vis current updates and concerns regarding VSCs, we opened the floor to comments and questions. It was an outstanding exercise in sharing mutual information. Our guest speaker was Commodore Rod Collins who gave a brief but helpful lesson on entering information in AUXDATA II. The session lasted two hours with a few hanging on to share more stories after the 2100 scheduled cut off. It was a success!

4. Division Reports:

113-10-02

Michael Raffeti reports:

I want to thank everyone that attended the Oxbow Marina VE and PA day yesterday.

The weather was absolutely perfect and we had a great turnout. We have a great partnership developed with the Marina team and staff.

I want to give a great thank you to Kyle Cordes and Tommy Keller for helping to organize and providing transportation around the marina with golf carts. That really saved the day.

We also had a great partnership within our team. Mike was able to work with David so David can get his initial five VE's and I was able to work with Jo so she can get her initial five. They both did a fantastic job of working with the boaters as well as be able to be exposed to larger vessels and documented vessels.

Tom and Becky set up a PA booth at the marina with a good turn out and Tom was able to direct us to people that were not originally on the list. We also have an opportunity to provide a PE class to help the local boaters to get their boater card. More to come on that.

I want to congratulate both Jo and David for doing such a wonderful job as well as becoming 10-02's newest Vessel Examiners!!!! BRAVO ZULU

As was noted in the 2024 "VSC Workshop" the 7012 (VSC) form was being updated.

113-12-01 and 12-02

Division 12 continues to participate in PAVEs throughout the East Bay with very successful events at Emeryville and Richmond in April and two more scheduled for May. Division 12 will also be participating in the Westpoint Boat Show and will have an information table set up at West Marine on May 19 during National Safe Boating Week.

No other Divisions reported. **I hope to share more feedback in the future From other Divisions 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**

5. Upcoming activities:

BAY AREA

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. VE Zoom Course Offered

Paul Custance and I will be offering a VE Zoom course given over four two hour segments on May 13th and 28th and June 3rd and 10th.

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. A VE course will be offered as well as in September at the PCA Fair.

6. National Information

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.

From the May 2nd National Meeting with Craig Brown:

The primary change to the 7012 form was moving the Items 15a thru 15d (Overall Conditions: Deck, Electrical, Fuel, & Galley) from the "Requirements" section to the "Discussion" section of the form. Item 15e (Engine Cut Off Switch) remains in the "Requirements" section. The reason Items 15a thru 15d are removed from the Requirements section is because they are not items that apply to boat owners that Law Enforcement can issue a ticket. BSX (USCG Boating Safety Office) directed us that Items 15a-15d aren't enforceable.

The revision to the 7012 has been fully approved. The 7012 new edition will be available shortly in the "PDF Forms" section of the USCGAux National website. The new edition won't be avail from ANSC until the current edition inventory is reduced.

Therefore, we're now recommending Vessel Examiners do the following while using their existing supply of 7012 forms.

- Check the "N/A" box for Items 15a, 15b, 15c, and 15d (Overall Conditions: Deck, Electrical, Fuel, & Galley).
- Do not require Items 15a, 15b, 15c, and 15d to pass the VSC.
- Do require 15e (ECOS) to pass the VSC.
- Include in the "Discussion" section discussing Items 15a, 15b, 15c, and 15d.

There is also a ppt explaining best practices for submitting a “new” facility into AuxData 2. Also it provide pointers about removing a facility that is no longer offered for use. This was sent out to all of the Districts SO-VEs.

National VSC stats: Given: 20,788, Passed: 20,275, First Time: 9,922, High Focus: 15,481

7. 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

8. AGENCY INTERACTION:

Bay Area Divisions will be working the Westpoint Boatshow with Vivian Matuk from the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways/California Coastal Commission during NSBW.

Next 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:

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=zN2UcnwzCj2eINfki7VD5mWiApsRL5.1>

Meeting ID: 882 5348 1326

Passcode: 029168

9. 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.

