

The 2019 goal for D11NR is 5,000 VSC's. We are 81% of our goal for the year and 94% of 2018 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that 3,625 or 89% have passed the VSC, 1,388 or 34% are First Time VSC's, and 1,291 or 32% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 1,753 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 43% of our total VSC production. We currently have 198 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners(VE's)*

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru September 30, 2019



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the **20+ VSC** plateau for **2019**. This brings our total to **37** examiners for **2019** and are part of an elite group-approximately **18%** of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of **198**. These member(s) have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <u>http://rbsafety.dl1nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html</u>

Tommy W. Holtzman	03-03	Jim D. Blackburn	05-07
Michael A. Rafatti	10-02	Brian D. Barton	11-01
Steven B. Perez	11-01		

VSC Questions

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

- 1. What is the maximum, normal vessel length for a VE to inspect?
 - a. Under 65 feet.
 - b. Under 70 feet.
 - c. Under 40 feet.
 - d. No size limit

2. Paddle craft should be examined for the following:

- a. Sound producing device
- b. Navigation lights
- c. Capacity/certificate of compliance plate
- d. None of these choices

<u> Calendar </u>

D/Train-March 27th-29th Nugget Sparks Nv.

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

V District and National News

Wational News

-ANSC#3004 - DECAL, CANOE, KAYAK, SUP OR ROWBOAT (ORANGE) (BR) - Vessel Identification Sticker - (IF FOUND - CONTACT). Weatherproof stickers provide room for the vessel owners name and two phone numbers emergency responders need when paddle craft are found adrift without an operator. (MAX 50)

-ANSC#3004a - PAMPHLET, BE SMART, BE SAFE HAVE FUN (BR) - A beginner's guide to safer paddling - Always wear your life jacket - Know your limits - Carry the paddling essentials. (MAX 100)

-ANSC#3004b - PADDLE TIP REFLECTOR KIT - A reflective waterproof decal label kit. One sheet contains four shiny reflective stickers for paddle tips and a sticker for identification for the kayak and owner. (MAX 50)



<u> WDistrict News</u>

-NEW-Just a reminder that to qualify for special District recognition at your Division Change of Watch for completing 60+ VSC 's your 7038's must be submitted to your local I.S. and entered into AUXDATA prior to October 31st.

-Just a reminder, per the 2015 Vessel Examiner (VE) workshop, paddlecraft VSC's DO NOT count toward the initial VE qualification or requalification. The VSC may be performed a sailboat, powerboat or PWC.

-Our Vessel Examiner (VE) active database has dropped to 198 active examiners, with 101 in REYR. The active total is approximately 13% of our D11NR membership.

-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 <u>PRIOR</u> to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

-<u>NEW</u>-VSC's ON RENTALS-At the request of Commodore Kirkwood, and after 18years, the VSC Rental Program has been updated for 2019 and moving forward. <u>ANYONE</u> who performs rental VSC's on PWC's, fishing boats, houseboats, paddlecraft, etc. needs to be aware of the new changes after 1 June 2019. Please go to the D11NR Vessel Examiner (VE) website:

<u>http://rbsafety.dllnuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html</u> and review ML-1 thru ML-5 and closely review and follow the instructions as <u>ALL</u> of these forms have been revised and approved by DCO Kirkwood.

Any 2019 currently signed agreements will be acceptable, but a 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

-This is a reminder that if you have not completed the Introduction to Risk Management course #100202 by 30 April 2019, you are now in REYR.

You must take the course to be removed from **REYR** status before any credit can be given for your VSC activities. The course is not a pass or fail course, and it takes 90 minutes and using AUXLMS will automatically record the course. If you've never logged into AUXLMS, here is a link to instructions and video:

<u>http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxlms</u>. To access either, you must click on the word "here" and you will need to create 14 character password. Please do not delay if you plan to participate in NSBW activities. If you require additional assistance, please contact your FC or FSO-MT. VE Test Question Answers 1. "A" pg 1-5 2. "A" pg 5-2

-For Coast Guard liability insurance purposes, PRIOR to leaving the house for ANY VSC activity other than to participate at an organized station, PLEASE remember to notify member of the flotilla leadership (FC, VFC, and FSO-VE) of your planned activity. The notification could be in the form of an email, text message or a phone call. In the unlikely event of an incident, be prepared to provide proof of the notification. In addition, per the new VSC Manual please remember, you also need to be in uniform and if boarding a vessel you need to be wearing a lifejacket.



-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 at any the paint or hardware dept. or at Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc. A package of 6 is typically under \$10.

DID YOU KNOW that 85% of the earth's planet life is found in the ocean!

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!





