

The 2020 goal for D11NR is 5,500 VSC's, a 10% increase over 2019. We are 4% of our goal for 2019 year and 152% of 2019 production at this time. The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that 233 or 88% have passed the VSC, 62 or 24% are First Time VSC's, and 53 or 20% are High Risk VSC's. In addition 19 Paddlecraft VSC's have been performed, which is approximately 7% of our total VSC production. We currently have 170 ACTIVE Vessel Examiners(VE's)* *Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 1, 2020

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have passed the written examination (part 1) of the Vessel Examiner Course at the PCA Training Fair:

Cynthia Dragon	01-07	Jim Dragon	01-07
Jason Wu	05-05	Jewls Rathbun	05-07
Anna Stevens	12-01	Peter Todebush	12-91

Please assist them in completing their qualification ASAP.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have achieved the 20+ VSC plateau for 2019. This brings our total to 4 examiners for 2020 and are part of an elite groupapproximately 2% of our D11NR Vessel Examiner membership of 170. These member(s) have received special recognition and their names are listed on the member recognition page: <u>http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html</u>

Robert J. Aston	01-04	William W. Burns	01-07
Karl G. Keller	10-03	Laurence M. Boag	12-01

VSC Questions

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

- 1. Auxiliary Facility Inspections:
 - a. Must be approved by the Flotilla Commander first.
 - b. Can only be done by an Auxiliary Vessel Examiner.
 - c. May be done by any Vessel Examiner (Auxiliary or USPS).
 - d. Must be done on the water only.
- 2. Which of the following are good techniques for checking the ventilation on a gasoline powered inboard boat?
 - a. Ensure there are no blocked or obstructed openings that will prevent the free flow of fresh air.
 - b. Have the owner turn on the blower so that the air exhausting from the blower can be felt.
 - c. Check the date of manufacture and depending on that date, check that the type of ventilation is appropriate for the year of manufacture.
- d. All of the choices.

Calendar

- D/Train-March 27th-29th Nugget Sparks Nv.
- NSBW-May 16th-22nd

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> ve test answers 1 "B" see pg 6-1, 2 "D" see page 5-2

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Vistrict News

-There will be a non-mandatory 2 hr VE workshop at D/Train from 0915-1115 immediately after the opening ceremony. This time slot allows an opportunity to discuss Vessel Examiner(VE) access to AUXINFO and an ample opportunity to discuss ANY VSC related



questions that you may have. If you plan to attend D/Train, please plan to stop by the Redwood Room 8 to discuss any topic relevant to the VSC program. I look forward to seeing you there!

-According to AUXINFO, our D11NR Vessel Examiner base has declined from 198 examiners to 170 examiners another 14% drop as of March 1, 2020. I attribute this additional drop from 101 in REYR to the fact that the additional 28 examiners are in REYR due to **NOT** having taken the Introduction to Risk Management. This makes 129 total Vessel Examiners in REYR.

-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.

-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

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



<u>Vational News</u>

<u>At a recent check, these supplies are still available from ANSC in the quantities shown,</u> please see your Flotilla Commander or FSO-MA:

-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)

DID YOU KNOW that unless food is mixed with saliva, you can't taste it!

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!





