



**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
District 11 Northern Region  
Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah






## Vessel Safety Check Report

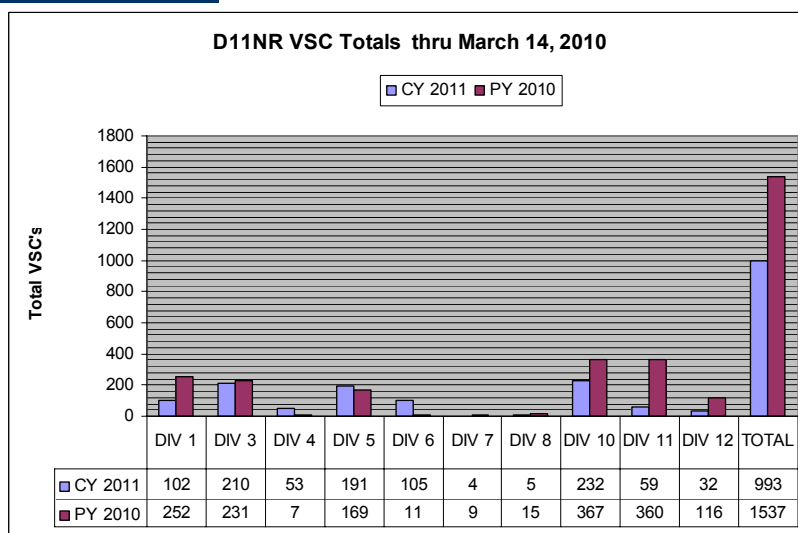
### March 2011

**Mike Lauro DSO-VE**

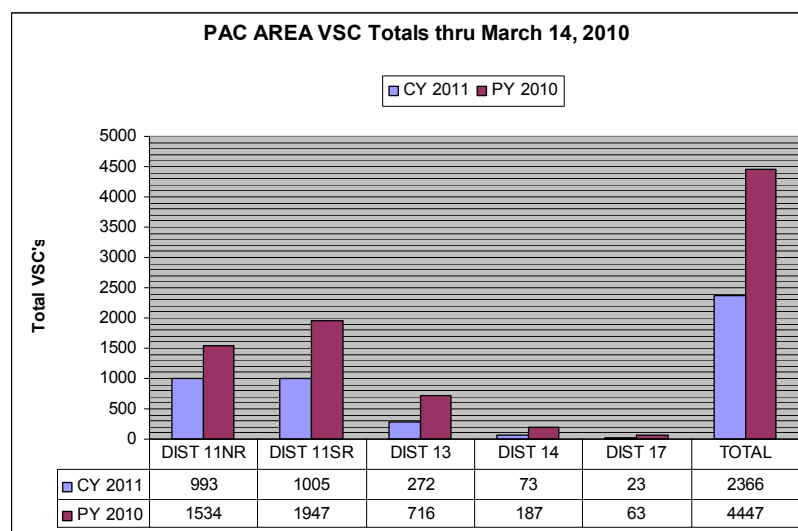
**James Goff ADSO-VE   Tony Budlong ADSO-VE   Phil Grove ADSO-VE**



### D11NR 2011 Statistics\*



### PAC AREA 2011 Statistics\*



The goal for D11NR is **11,000 VSC's**. We are **9%** of our goal for the year and **64%** of 2010 production! The data source is AUXINFO\*.

Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **500** or **50%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **483** or **49%** are High Risk VSC's.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 14, 2011

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following members who passed the Vessel Examiners class over the Past Commander Assoc. Training Fair over the weekend of February 19-20:

Michael Baskett	12-01	William Dodson	06-04
Chris Jewell	08-07	Shirley Johnson	06-04
Craig Johnson	06-04	John Loero	12-05
Nancy Marion	01-04	Scott Richert	06-10
Rob Ruby	01-04	Neil Shea	05-05
Tom Sprague	06-04	Dan Swett	01-05
Cathryn Villasenor	12-01	Julia Vincenzini	01-07
Delbert Worden	08-07		

Please offer assistance to help one of your flotilla members complete their qualification ASAP.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following examiners who have performed 20 or more VSC's during 2011:

Richard A. Saber	01-02	Robert J. Aston	01-04
James R. Goff	03-05	Tommy W. Holtzman	03-05
Lonny B. Singer	03-09	Dan W. Weggeland	03-09
Jimmin Chang	04-08	Steven M. Johnson	05-01
William A. Yawn	05-01	Gary N. Murray	05-05
Barbara R. Balch	05-07	Jim D. Blackburn	05-07
Richard L. Allen	06-07	Michael J. Lauro	10-02
Phillip E. Grove	10-05	Thomas B. Henderson	11-01
Ricky A. Thomas	11-05		

**This brings our total to 17 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 5% of the total District examiner base. 2010 had 10 examiners or 2% at this time. Where's your name?**

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 14, 2011

PLEASE be certain that all stats are reported MONTHLY using the CURRENT Form 7038 to your FSO-IS so you and your unit(s) will receive proper credit.

### **Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!**

With the addition of new examiners for 2011, our examiner base is now active examiners! This represents about 20% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

Christopher M. Poehlmann	01-04	Calvin J. Faulkner*	03-10
Joan A. La Chapelle*	03-10	Andrew E. Lai	04-03
Cecil L. Claspell	06-10	George W. Woltkamp	07-02
Ronald E. Ouimette*	12-91		

\*recertified

### Correction

In the 20+ VSC performers for 2010, Chester R. Bartalini was listed as being a member of Flotilla 12-02. He is actually a member of Flotilla 12-01. Mike Fiamingo from 04-01 was inadvertently left off the list.

### VSC Calendar

National Safe Boating Week-May 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

VSC Mega-Weeks-June 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

D11NR Inland Lake VSC Blitz Day- June 4<sup>th</sup>

National Marina Day-June 11<sup>th</sup>

### National and District News

#### Dockwalker News

**Dear Boating Partners and Dockwalkers:**

**THERE IS STILL SPACE AVAILABLE AND TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS:**

#### April 7, 2011 Redwood City

7:00 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.

Sequoia Yacht Club (441 Seaport Court Redwood City, CA 94063)

Partners: Sequoia Yacht Club and US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Flyer: Will be posted at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/dockwalkers.html#Trainings>

#### April 9, 2011 - Eureka

10 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Woodley Island Marina -- Conference room

601 Startare Dr. Eureka, CA 95502

Partners: Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District, Woodley Island Marina, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Humboldt Baykeeper.

Flyer: [http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/Eureka\\_2011\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/Eureka_2011_flyer.pdf)

I hope you can join us at a training session and become a volunteer Dockwalker!

Please help us to spread the word about the upcoming trainings.

Please feel free to contact me at (415) 904-6905 or [vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov) if you have any questions or to register.

-We are excited to announce a great upcoming event! The California Department of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commissions' Boating Clean and Green program and the Keep The Delta Clean Program will be distributing and promoting clean boating information at the Pacific Powerboat Expo and the Strictly Sail Pacific (<http://www.ncma.com/ncmaPPEIntro.html>). We will be participating in this show from Friday, April 16 to Sunday, April 18. This boat show will be in Jack London Square in Oakland (<http://www.ncma.com/ncmaPPEDirections.html>)

**This is an amazing opportunity to reach a huge audience but... we can't do it without your help.** Please consider volunteering with us for one (or more) of the following shifts below. It will be great if you could help us for two to four hours. Your assistance is really appreciated! Not only is it a rewarding experience, but the event is

tons of fun--hundreds exhibits, the new 2011 boat models and marine accessory products, contests, hands-on features, and much more.

Please consider the following days and shifts

- **Friday, April 15th: 10 am -6 pm**
- **Saturday, April 16th: 10 am - 7 p.m.**
- **Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: 10 am - 5 p.m.**

**Parking and Public Transportation** There is a new parking garage on that side of the show that will feed attendees right to that location. Please check the attached PDF. You may want to park in the blocks further out of the show area.

There are also some parking lots options found at

<http://www.jacklondonsquare.com/parking.html> *In this link you will also find the parking rates.*

Consider taking Public Transportation. This information is found at the bottom of the following link: <http://www.ncma.com/ncmaPPEDirections.html>

Thanks to the Boat show organizers, we will have a total of **8 passes per day.** Thus, your entrance will be Free to both shows! You can help us and then enjoy the boat show!

Booth Information: Our booth will be 866 found in the following map:

<http://www.strictlysailpacific.com/pdf/2011/2011SSPSiteMap.pdf> (Look for the FUN zone) to the right of the BOCANOVA RESTAURANT)

Please email or contact me ([vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov)) (415) 904-6905) if you are available to join us. **We will send out more details about volunteer logistics when you sign up.**

Many Thanks,

**Vivian Matuk**

Environmental Boating Program Coordinator

California Department of Boating & Waterways

### **District News**

**-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 PRIOR to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.**

-While **96.6%** of D11NR VSC's in 2010 were performed at **INLAND WATERS**, and in keeping with ADM. Castillo's and CAPT. Stowe's request to promote boating safety on INLAND LAKES in D11NR for 2011, I have designated Saturday June 4th as D11NR INLAND LAKE VSC BLITZ DAY. This date immediately follows NSBW, the Memorial Day weekend, and is the start of National's VSC Mega-Weeks promotion. While I know that many Flotilla's have adopted ramps and scheduled VSC stations throughout the Delta area, San Francisco Bay, and off-shore, I'd like to ask that if possible, each Flotilla promote this specific VSC day at a lake in their geographic area.

Flotilla's that have not adopted a lake and Flotilla's that need to order supplies from ANSC and elsewhere have plenty of advance notice to establish the necessary contacts and obtain supplies. In addition to the VSC station, a PA and Information table should also be considered to supply boating safety information to the boater. Lastly, consider a potluck BBQ at the end of the day making this a true Flotilla effort.

After the event, I would ask each Vessel Examiner to contact their local FSO-VE's and report their day's VSC count and the name of the location where the VSC Blitz occurred so results can be forwarded to me ASAP for my District report.

By working together we can make this a successful event for 2011 and the future, and have an impact on boating safety on inland lakes here in D11NR.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

-The Coast Guard has withdrawn its attempt to get an expanded Hull Identification Number (HIN) for recreational boats. This was the second attempt that started in 2008. The previous attempt was in 1994. CG-542 had tried to get a 17-character HIN in place of the 12-character one currently used. It was supposed to help with stolen vessel recovery, etc. LE agencies wanted it. Apparently not many others did.

Source: Paul Newman

11th District RBS Program Manager

-In keeping with the 2011 revised District 11NR Vessel Examiner communication process, there have been several email communications throughout the months of February and March. Some of the messages sent include: the Inland Lake VSC Blitz on June 4, 2011, DSC info, the revised public VSC website: <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/public.ve.html> and the new public VSC site locator website: <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/public.ve/vsc-ca-nv-ut.html>. For more information on these topics and past information, please refer to your D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

### **National News**

-"The "I Want A VSC" data base had not been updated for a number of years.

There have been concerns that names may have been listed that were no longer active or qualified VE's. To this end, Branch Chief Communications, Paul Mayer has worked closely with Bill Pritchard of the National IT department to resolve the issue. A solution was developed that resulted in a purge of outdated material, and now ALL current and qualified VE's - 7,522 in total are listed. There is no longer a need for Auxiliary members to request to be listed on the site. All VE's are listed and it will be automatically updated every month from AUXDATA.

The sign up page is changing to let Auxiliary Members know that we have gone to using AUXDATA and that only USPS VE's need to use the sign-up page.

The only drawback is that as in the past, new examiners will not be able to sign-up for more than one ZIP Code."

Source: Lillian Haines DIR-V

**-The newest edition of For Safety's Sake, Volume I - 2011** has been released. This new issue was released on February 24th and is available for downloading from the V Departments Newsletter page at: <http://safetyseal.net/Newsletters/> or through your D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

In this issue is: Promote Vessel Safety Checks With the "I Want a VSC" System; What's New in the V Department; Meet Lillian Haines, 2011 Director of the V-Department; Increasingly Popular Paddlesports Has Much to Accomplish This Year;

Thinking Outside the Box: Program Visitor Pointers; What are you doing to promote VSC's and PV's? Creative Ad Campaigns Increase VSC's and much more!

Download your copy and pass it on to your associates after you've read it.

Source: [Lillian M Haines DIR-V]

**-New for 2011 in AUXINFO.** When accessing AUXINFO, you will notice that VSC activity is now divided into Coast Guard Sectors. Thanks to Jan Jewell Webmaster of the District VE site, this will not cause any confusion in D11NR. However, if you access D11SR, D13, or other Districts throughout the country, you will note that VSC activity is divided into Sectors.

**Let's work together for our safety and the safety of others  
by setting an example and wear our lifejacket while  
performing VSC's especially when working around docks and  
when climbing aboard large vessels!**

