

# SO-VE STAFF REPORT

## DIVISION 10

April 16, 2018

All Flotillas are reporting activity for the year through 16APR18.

Some Numbers and a little fun fact:

FLOTILLA	ALL TIM VSC	2018 VSC	ALL TIME VSC BY VE
10-01	3564	95	DeSlaurier 638
10-05	3868	33	S. Reynolds 532
10-06	7479	26	Filipiak 222
10-07	721	49	Butler 123

I would like to note that 10-07 has completed 49 vessel safety checks this year through 16APR18 and completed 30 vessel checks in all of 2017. I have already had to re-supply this Flotilla with 2018 decals. To further show the emphasis placed on their vessel safety program Flotilla 10-07 sent three members to the VE/PV class held at Oak Island USCG Station on 14APR18.

I want to thank all members of 10-07 for their dedication to Recreational Boater Safety and especially the Vessel Examiner team at 10-07. That is SEMPER PARATUS.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK set for May 19-25 is quickly approaching and all plans should be in their final stages of completion. This week is a huge opportunity to educate our boating public.

In addition to NSBW normal activities there are numerous other promotions available. A web site call [SafeBoatingCampaign.com](http://SafeBoatingCampaign.com) has a wealth of information on boater safety promotions. One of those promotions I would like to see some activity in is the Ready, Set, Wear It Event. The event is so popular it was expanded from one date to a four date event. The dates are May 19, June 9, July 7 and August 11. Read up on these on the website. This is a great way to promote the use of a life jacket.

The DISTRICT 5 PADDLECRAFT SHORESIDE PLAN should be in full swing in all Flotillas. The designated owner of the program is the Flotilla Vice Commander. This is a District 5

Program to help raise awareness and education of our Paddle Craft users. Please get this in operation if you have not already done so.

Flotilla 10-05 hosted a VE/PV class for new members and any VE and PV that wanted a refresher class on any new topics. There were 13 members signed up for the class and very disappointingly only 6 showed up for the class.....and if you remember 3 of those were from 10-07. On a very positive note and the reason for the class.....Flotilla 10-05 has had one member take and pass the VE Test and is in the process of getting certified. Thanks to Peter Urgola and Jerry Suver for their help in facilitating this event. And thanks to all who attended.

Things to remember when completing vessel safety checks:

- Ensure you are knowledgeable of the Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall and follow all protocol when you find one on a vessel.
- ALWAYS request Assignment to Duty. This is very important.
- Check the USCG website for Beacon Alerts. You will find safety related and recall related information.
- Use and distribute the new Kayak Reflector Kit. They are becoming very popular. You can order these using #3004B and can order 50 at a time.

I want to remind all Vessel Examiners that we are in the business of educating our boating public. We want all Vessel Safety Checks to stress as quality and not so much quantity.

Remember, We are Educators first and Decal Stickers second.

Respectfully Submitted

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