

SO-VE STAFF REPORT

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DIVISION 10

Vessel Safety Checks for Division 10 are down 31% from last year. 2017-474 vs. 2016 686. The Division has put in 234 hours doing vessel safety checks this year and has performed 244 first time checks and 166 high risk vessels.

10-01 is down 29% from last year. 2017-222 vs. 2016-312.

10-05 is down 48% from last year. 2017-146 vs. 2016-283.

10-06 is down 57% from last year. 2017-80 vs. 2016-34.

10-07 is up 70% over last year. 2017-72 vs. 2016-21. Thank you all and let the rest of us in on your secret.

10-08 is showing 0 vessel safety checks for 2017 with 10 for 2016.

With Division 10 having a 31% decrease in vessel safety checks vs. last year comes some very sobering news as the USCG just released the Boating Statistics for 2016.

For 2016 the number of boating accident deaths

increased 12%.

80% of the fatalities were from drowning.

83% of those drowned were not wearing life jackets.

80% of boaters who drowned were in boats less than 21 feet in length.

77% of deaths occurred in boats where the operator did not have boater safety instructions.

These statistics show a need for all of our Vessel Examiners to get out and educate the public on safety. We can not continue to decrease the number of vessel safety checks we perform when people are in such grave danger due to lack of education.

It is important to try to get some Program Visitors to accompany the vessel examiners on their outings to educate the passengers of the boat being inspected while the vessel examiner is doing the inspection.

We can and must do so much more to help the public to be safer on the water. It is all about education.

And now some housekeeping notes: Be sure to key your 7038s promptly after completion of your outing. Note that you may lose the credits if you wait longer than 60 days.

Your Flotilla must show a usage of 50% passed vessel safety exams before additional decals can be issued.

I wish to thank all Vessel Examiners and all those

who assisted during National Safe Boating Week. National Safe Boating week traditionally kicks off the busy season and we put a lot of time and energy into the week. However, the boating season last all year and the education of the boater is just as important in October as it is in May. Keep the intensity going through out the entire year.
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Respectfully Submitted

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