

NEWPORT YACHT BASIN ASSOCIATION (NYBA) Vessel Safety Check

On Saturday April 27, 2019 the Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron (BSPS) will conduct **FREE, COURTESY, NO OBLIGATION Vessel Safety Check's** (VSC's) at the Newport Yacht Basin Marina. The VSC's are an onboard review of a vessel's equipment for compliance with Federal and State safety requirements. This VSC, performed at a vessel operator's convenience is similar to the safety checks conducted when boarded by US Coast Guard officials or other law enforcement agencies when a vessel is boarded while underway. *The Coast Guard has reported that on average 1 out of 4 boats boarded are found to have a violation(s) and are then ordered to immediately return to their home port.*

The Vessel Examiners performing this service have been trained to look for the common problems which might occur in your boat, tender or water craft or its associated safety equipment. VSC's will be conducted every half hour starting at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. From past years the BSPS usually have sufficient examiners to complete all VSCs during the first half of the day. When your vessel passes you will receive a VSC sticker, which is good for one year, to be displayed on your vessel indicating your vessel has been inspected and meets the safety requirements.

To ensure sufficient examiners are available, vessel owners are requested to register in advance prior to April 20, 2019. Upon registering owners will be furnished a handout entitled "How to Survive a Free Vessel Safety Check" which is an advisory of the safety requirements and what will be checked. As we get closer to April 27th all participants will be furnished an approximate time for the VSC.

Owners are requested to forward this information to their renters so they may also participate in this vessel safety program. PLEASE SIGN UP NOW

Please sign up in advance by April 20, 2019 by sending an email with the following information to sidrubin@hotmail.com who is the NYBA liaison with the BSPS.

Name, Slip Number, Cell Phone number, Boat Length, Manufacturer.