

{quote} No mate! I was saying that your posts in the past had even more details due to the fact you used to go into your entries. You've been there and done that and it's all there for people to see if they want to. Good points about VSA being discretionary. I think this has also been the problem for me in the past. Getting too bogged down identifying and looking for the perfect bar instead of trying to take in the whole picture and the overall aim of the SM.

Just messing with you Liam I knew what you mean't. I have been trying to be a bit more general in my posts as of late so as not to get bogged down with the finer details of trade taking. True enough though if people are willing to dig through my posts I have showed entries both after the fact and live so there is a nice mix for anyone that wants to find them. VSA is great don't get me wrong as finding it was the key turning point for my trading and has lead to my current trading methods. It all started with VSA. I struggled with all the same questions as many here do in that my charts volume didn't look the same as someone with a sierra feed or a different broker. That trade example HG posted had a great ND, perfect in fact but on my broker it was not. I work fulltime so wanted to trade 4 hour charts but again I couldn't compare to anyone else because my 4 hour bars were different based on server times. I consciously made a decision to learn as much as I could from others and then learn from myself by posting my own charts based on what I saw on them regardless of how my chart different from yours or Steve's or Malc's.

VZA is no different all you can do is identify the UHV zones even if they are different from mine. You can only trade what you brokers chart is saying and nothing else. Again if you have a good (again used loosely) broker with a deep liquity pool feeding from many sources then your charts and volume readings should be damn close to even the best of the paid for feeds.

As for entries you are right Liam. Many times people become too bogged down on finding the perfect ND or NS or test etc... and lose sight of what is staring them right in the face. Some of the best entries I trade are increasing volume bars, not the decreasing ones. While a nice low volume test into demand is great I am now more of the position that I would rather see increasing activity to enter and not a lack of it.

Think about it for a minute if you will... Long entries two very different scenarios and which one sounds better to you?

1. Going long after a low volume test bar showed you there were no sellers at a demand zone upon a return to the zone after seeing buying activity from that zone
2. Going long because a high volume test bar showed you that someone (hopefully SM) were again actively buying at a demand zone from which we had seen previous buying activity from that zone

This is how my thinking has changed over time and as I continued my studies. I am now of the position that want to be active when I see activity and not a lack of it. Do I still trade low volume entries? Yes I do but they are no longer my go to trade.

Take a look back at Malc's charts and tell me when you find one that is a low volume, perfect as we are taught ND, NS or test. I used to get so confused looking at his charts because I could not see the picture perfect VSA that I was reading about. Now looking back it all makes sense. He was trading when the SM were active, not when there was no activity (I may be way off on this but that is how I see his charts now with a new set of eyes).

If you take some time to expand your thinking about what the VSA bars really mean and how this can be good (at the right location with the right background) and can also be misleading (at the wrong location or even at the right location with the wrong background or at the wrong time) you will clear your mind and start to see PA in a whole new light and entries on low and high volume will start to become more clear.