



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 9 FEB 2024 MEBS PROGRAM

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The following is the status of the New York State Military Emergency Boat Service

1) ADMINISTRATION:

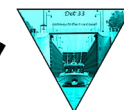
- a. Camp Smith garrison staff have reached out to us regarding their planning for a vision for the future. They are planning a vision charrette all next week, to which we will be invited. CAPT McKnight will attend the in-brief on Tuesday, 13FEB24; while LCDR Washington and OSCS Otty will attend the working group on Thursday, 15FEB24. There is discussion about dedicated facilities on the post for NYNM and NYG.
- b. CAPT Dutcher (NYNM N3) and CAPT McKnight (MEBS CDR) participated in the Swedish Armed Forces delegation visit to New York, on 8FEB24. The Swedes are planning to join in the State Partnership Program and looking to see which state meets their needs. NYS is competing with Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Maine. We ensured that the Swedish delegation (which had a Navy two-star and Marine Colonel) knew that we are the only state with a robust naval force. So, we coaxed the principal Swedes and TAG to board PB440 instead of the NYPD boat for a harbor tour, thus ensuring plenty of face time for the Swedish delegation to appreciate what the naval militia brings to the table. The event was a great success. The crews of MEBS DETS 2 & 3 were critical to creating this success.
- c. Upcoming events:
 - i. 13FEB24: Camp Smith Visioning Charrette In Brief; CSTS
 - ii. 15FEB24: Camp Smith Visioning Charrette Work Session; CSTS
 - iii. 26MAR24: LChamplain AMSC; Lake Placid
 - iv. 5 APR24: WESTCOM regional kick off weekend; Buffalo
 - v. (TBD) May-JUN 2024 NorthCom MEBS - ADVON RECON ISO Empire Challenge 2024 3-day event to occur
 - vi. 1 JUN 24: Hudson-Athens Lighthouse 150-year anniversary celebration; Hudson
 - vii. 23-24 JUL 24: USCG PREP Exercise; Port of Albany
 - viii. 6-8SEP24: Exercise Empire Challenge '24; Lake Champlain

2) INFORMATION: *PRESS-REPUBLICAN*. **Did You Know: Brianna's Law — what it means for NYS boaters**

Brianna's Law is named after Brianna Lieneck, an 11-year-old girl from Long Island who was killed in a boating incident 18 years ago. In August 2005, a 25-foot boat collided with a boat carrying 11-year-old Brianna Lieneck and her family in the Great South Bay off the coast of Bay Shore. Brianna was killed, but her family survived. The new law takes effect this year, requiring new boater safety training in New York.

Brianna's Law will require ALL operators of motorized watercraft, including personal watercraft such as jet skis, to complete a state-approved boating safety course by 2025. Operators of non-motorized boats, such as kayaks, canoes, and sailboats without a motor, are not required to have a boating safety certificate currently.

The law went into effect in 2020, requiring all operators of motorized watercraft to complete a state-approved boating safety course, but soon after the pandemic caused the cancellation of all in-classroom classes. But now, in-person classes can begin. The eight-hour course is now mandatory for boaters, with completion for all operators of motorized vessels by 2025. Failure to comply with this law could result in a fine between \$100 and \$250. Furthermore, boating incidents may not be covered by insurance if the operator does not have the proper certification.





If you were born after January 1, 1983, you will need a boating safety certification when operating a motorized vessel this year (2023).

If you were born between January 1, 1978, and January 1, 1983, you will need a boating safety certification when operating a motorized vessel in 2024.

All operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, will need boating safety certification by January 1, 2025.

3) OPERATIONS:

a. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	60	67	1	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	12	1	13 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	30	31	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	116	88	2	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	121.35%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	102.31%	1	100% Functionality
Equipment Maintenance	E-Rating	90%	98.70%	1	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks

Overall Readiness R-RATING

1.25	2
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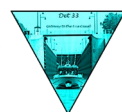
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b. ENCS Wittenzellner and BMCS Santos attended the Solar Eclipse Lay Down meeting at Niagara Falls, on 9FEB24. US Coast Guard Sector Eastern Great Lakes has submitted a request for NYNM assets to support the 8APR24 event. The request through DHSES has been forwarded by the western region coordinator, and we expect to hear in coming weeks on whether it is approved. The current request is for one day, two boats, six crewmembers. The Port Security Specialist for Eastern Great Lakes expressed interest for even great support. We will see if they actually request more services.

c. JTFES Naval Det activity for the past week:

- i. DET 1 Indian Point Activity: Federal Safety and Security Zone Patrol/Lower Hudson River Patrol.
- ii. DET 2 Staten Island Activity: Support to USCG Sector NY.





iii. DET 3 Jones Beach Activity: Support to JTFES and USCG Sector NY.



4) LOGISTICS:

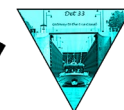




PB 300	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Maintenance	Steering repairs, electronics installation complete.
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
LC 350	Landing Craft	Leeds	PMC	Maintenance	Ignition coil issue. Replacing motors. New motors expected to arrive mid-March.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
PB 400	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	FMC	JTFES DET 1	Ready, in water.
PB 440	Patrol Boat	Staten Island	FMC	JTFES DET 2	Ready, in water.
F350-5274	Prime Mover	Camp Smith	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5275	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5327	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5329	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5339	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5340	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5619	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F550-5008	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	Service Truck	Ready. No long-range tows.
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Camp Smith	FMC	N/A	Ready
CT 8901	Cargo Trailer	Staten Island	FMC	N/A	Ready
CP 8902	C2 Trailer	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
MT 8903	Maint Trailer	Leeds	FMC	NA	Ready

5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES.

- a. Empire Challenge planning continues. In addition to boat and communications events, N97 has added medical response-on-water scenarios. We also anticipate that we will have the UAV program fully operational for this exercise. Partner groups and agencies involved at this point include: 109AW (NYANG), NY Guard comms, NYS DHSES OIEC, Civil Air Patrol, 42ID Combat Aviation Brigade (NYARNG).
- b. MEBS NORTHCOM is planning for a multi-day training event in preparation for Empire Challenge on Lake Champlain. They will take the designated landing craft through the Champlain Canal to Lake Champlain and return over a three-day period in early summer.





6) COMMUNICATIONS. N/A

7) TRAINING.

- a. NYS Safe Boater course was completed on 7FEB24, at Leeds. 12 NYNM members earned their "license."
- b. FAA Part 107 certifications on file: 2
- c. Authorized motor vehicle drivers: 42. With CDL: 5

