



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 10 JAN 2025 MEBS PROGRAM

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

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# KAU'S KWIZ

(A test of your nautical knowledge brought to you by BMC Bill Kaul, OIC of the "Black Jacks".  
**See answers at the end of OPSUM)**

On the 1970's sitcom "ALL IN THE FAMILY" Archie Bunker would routinely call his wife, Edith, a "Dingbat".

Q: What is the origin of the term "Dingbat"?

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1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. Service members are still awaiting reimbursement for travel claims for Exercise Empire Challenge '24. Master Chief Niemitalo has followed up with MNBF. The Travel Section is working through a tremendous amount of claims (including ASRS missions), but they have the claims "in the stack" for processing.

b. **With the approaching boat training season, we want to ensure that all MEBS members are prepared to receive pay.** Prior to the start of the boating season, all MEBS personnel need to update their records at NYNM HQ by submitting required, once per season documents through the PDF Document Upload Portal on the [MEBS LOG app](#). The PDF Document Upload Portal is a secure means (HIPAA-compliant) to send important documents to headquarters, thus avoiding the use of non-secure email for this purpose. The required documents at the start of the season are:

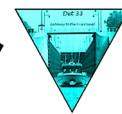
i. A current Direct Deposit form (AC-2772), of December 2022. The form is found on the [MEBS LOG app](#). Do not use any older version of this form.

(1) You must also include a PDF version of a voided check from your bank account, **or**

(2) a PDF version of your bank account screen shot that includes complete bank routing number and complete checking account number. **\*\*ACCOUNT NUMBER AND ROUTING NUMBER CANNOT BE HAND-WRITTEN OR ADDED AFTER THE FACT, it MUST come from the banking institution directly! \*\*** On the screenshot/printout, SMs must legibly write or type complete legal name, last 4 SSN, current date, and name of financial institution prior to submission.

(3) Federal regulations no longer allow **MyPay** screen shots as a support document for Direct Deposit.

ii. MNHS SAD form, also found on the [MEBS LOG app](#). The MNHS SAD form takes the place of BAH forms.





Note that [Pre/Post Deployment Medical Screening](#) forms are still required for each individual SAD period and must be submitted at the very start and very completion of each training event for which you are on SAD orders.

c. The Naval Militia requires NYNM Identification cards for all 900-series members. We are aware that the new DMNA ID Card machine has been received, but it is not yet functional. Persons with expired ID Cards will eventually get new cards. However, a new portrait photo will be required. The [NYNM OPS app](#) has been updated with a feature to upload a portrait image suitable for use on the ID card. This allows members to update their ID card remotely, not having to travel to a location with an ID card machine. Portrait photos MUST be taken with a plain, neutral backdrop.

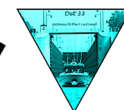
d. Upcoming Events:

- i. Cdr Site Visit/Underway Long Island Sound with MEBS DET 3; at New Rochelle
- ii. LaGuardia Water Rescue Planning IPC, 15JAN25; Queens
- iii. NYNM Leadership Meeting; 21FEB 25; Leeds
- iv. MEBS DET 30/N6 Training, 21-23 FEB25; Leeds
- v. Canal System opening, 16MAY 25; State-wide
- vi. Exercise Empire Challenge '25, 4-6JUN 25, Niagara County
- vii. Operation Commanding Force '25, TBD July 2025, Alexandria Bay
- viii. Canal System closing, 3 NOV 25; State-wide

2) INFORMATION: *Buffalo Maritime Center (BMC)*. In 2025, the Seneca Chief will embark on its Bicentennial Voyage from Buffalo to New York Harbor, commemorating Gov. DeWitt Clinton's 1825 inaugural journey. This voyage offers Buffalo and communities across New York State a chance to explore the past and plan for the future.



The Erie Canal Boat is central to the canal's history and the story of our state. The BMC will invite communities and organizations along the Erie Canal and Hudson River to educate and learn about the canal's past, present, and future. After the voyage, the Erie Canal Boat Seneca Chief will continue to travel and connect communities while sharing stories and techniques of traditional boatbuilding, exploring the history and impacts of the Erie Canal, and fostering a sense of responsibility for the environment.







**1825 - 2025**  
THE ERIE CANAL BOAT  
**SENECA CHIEF**  
BUFFALO MARITIME CENTER

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**BIGENTENNIAL VOYAGE**  
BUFFALO TO NEW YORK CITY

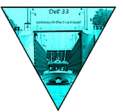
## 2025 ITINERARY

1. Buffalo - 9/24	8. Lyons - 10/1	15. Utica - 10/9	22. Troy - 10/17-18
2. Lockport - 9/24	9. Weedsport - 10/2	16. Herkimer - 10/10	23. Albany - 10/19
3. Medina - 9/25	10. Baldwinsville - 10/3	17. Little Falls - 10/11	24. Hudson - 10/20
4. Brockport - 9/26	11. Syracuse - 10/4-5	18. Canajoharie - 10/12	25. Kingston - 10/21-22
5. Rochester - 9/27	12. Brewerton - 10/6	19. Amsterdam - 10/13	26. Beacon - 10/23
6. Fairport - 9/28-29	13. Sylvan Beach - 10/7	20. Schenectady - 10/14	27. Piermont - 10/24
7. Newark - 9/30	14. Rome - 10/8	21. Waterford - 10/15	<b>28. New York City - 10/25-26</b>

PLEASE NOTE! Schedule and locations are subject to change.

3) OPERATIONS:

a. Sunrise 5 JAN25,  
Port of New York; VZ Bridge from PB-440  
(JTFES MEBS DET 2 photo by BM1 Schneider)





b. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	60	56	2	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	12	1	13 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	27	35	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	90	87	2	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	114.35%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	98.55%	1	100% Functionality
Equipment Maintenance	E-Rating	90%	95.65%	1	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks
<b>Overall Readiness R-RATING</b>			1.38	<b>2</b>	
<b>Date:</b>		<b>10-Jan-25</b>			

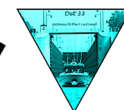
4) LOGISTICS:

a. SFY 2024-25 NPS Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost	Budget	Remaining	
General	\$16,583.53	\$10,000.00	-\$6,583.53	165.84%
Boat Maintenance	\$98,221.18	\$95,000.00	-\$3,221.18	103.39%
Truck Maintenance	\$1,881.38	\$3,000.00	\$1,118.62	62.71%
Trailer Maintenance	\$609.01	\$1,500.00	\$890.99	40.60%
Travel/Per Diem	\$15,020.37	\$20,000.00	\$4,979.63	75.10%
Boat Gasoline	\$12,215.13	\$18,000.00	\$5,784.87	67.86%
Truck Diesel	\$6,386.56	\$8,000.00	\$1,613.44	79.83%
Major Acquisition	\$43,712.62	\$47,000.00	\$3,287.38	93.01%
Grants Reimbursement	-\$20,492.54	-\$70,000.00	-\$49,507.46	29.28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$174,137.24</b>	<b>\$202,500.00</b>		% Year Gone: 84.44%
<b>Available:</b>	<b>\$28,362.76</b>			% SFY Remaining: 15.56%
				<b>% Money Obligated: 85.99%</b>

b. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

Bow / Bumper #	Boat / Vehicle	Location	Status	Mission	Comments
PB 220	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 230	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer





PB 280	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Leeds	NMC		Engines Removed
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
LC 350	Landing Craft	Glenwood Landing	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
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		Ready
F350-5275	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5327	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5329	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5339	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5340	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5619	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F550-5008	Prime Mover	Camp Smith	FMC	Service Truck	Ready
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Jones Beach	FMC	Service Truck	Ready
CT 8901	Cargo Trailer	Staten Island	FMC		Ready
CP 8902	C2 Trailer	Leeds	FMC		Ready
MT 8903	Maint Trailer	Leeds	FMC		Ready

5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES. The proposed 2025 boat deployment plan is below. Some of this is tentative and aspirational:

- a. PB 220, DET 22; Hudson
- b. PB 221, DET 30; Leeds Mobile Ops Det
- c. PB 230, DET 21; New Rochelle
- d. PB 280, DET 51; Rochester
- e. PB 281, DET 52; Buffalo
- f. PB 300, DET 12; Jones Beach
- g. PB 301, *Potential Upstate Ops TBD*
- h. LC 350, DET 3; Glenwood Landing JTFES
- i. LC 351, *Potential Downstate Ops TBD*
- j. PB 400, DET 1; Verplanck JTFES
- k. PB 440, DET 2; Staten Island JTFES







6) COMMUNICATIONS.

a. MEBS N6 Communications Team training at Leeds on 21-23FEB25. Service members are to submit requests for SAD through the [MEBS LOG app](#). This event will coincide with the NYNM Leadership meeting on Friday, 21 FEB 25. **Not only will senior NYNM leadership be attendance to observe the training and maintenance activities, but also TAG and DMNA Deputy Commissioner have been invited to attend.**

7) TRAINING.

a. Kaul's Kwiz Answer

**"Dingbat"** was a sailor's slang name for the deck mop made out of used rope ends. When swabbing the deck the teased out ends of the mop would fly about uncontrollably. Today, dingbat is slang for an idiotic, empty-headed person.

