



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

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

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KUL'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)

Q1: What is the minimum sound signaling equipment required aboard a vessel 24 meters in length?

- A. Any means of making an efficient sound signal
- B. A bell only
- C. A whistle only
- D. A bell and a whistle

Q2: "BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA"

the "devil" was the topmost plank of the ship's side closest to the deck. Caulking this long seam in the tight space was a grueling task. One false move and a sailor could find himself plunging into the water. Today, someone "between the devil and the deep blue sea" is in a lousy situation with no good options.

Q; which lights would be shown at night by a vessel which is restricted in her ability to deviate from her course?

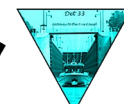
- A. three red lights in a vertical line
- B. three white lights in a vertical line
- C. three lights in a vertical line the highest and lowest white and the middle red
- D. three lights in a vertical line the highest and lowest red and the middle white

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1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. We are experiencing some issues with SAD orders requests. Some of these problems are at MEBS HQ. We have had some service members submit SAD requests that have not gone through the JotForm workflow correctly (Service Member requests SAD → SAD Pre-screen via NYNM mailbox → MEBS CDR approval → SAD orders written and sent to member via NYNM mailbox). We have conducted tests of the system, and it appears to work the way it is designed. However, we are also aware that some requests have not made it through the workflow, and we do not have an explanation. Everyone who submits a SAD order request through MEBS LOG should get an acknowledgement email, AND once an order request is approved, a second email. Once you get the second acknowledgement, your SAD orders should be sent to you via email.

b. Regarding SAD, everyone must be on written NYNM orders to perform either short term or long-term (standing mission) orders. Despite the glitches above, you must have written acknowledgement authorizing you to be on SAD.





c. As the 2025 boat training season begins, all service members are reminded of the pre-operational requirement for conducting risk assessments (GARs), completing boat manifests and float plans, and submitting after-action reports upon completion of the event.

d. Projected/Upcoming Events:

- i. Swedish **Chief of Navy (CHoN)** visit to NYC, 1-2 MAY 25
- ii. PB 280/281 movement to WESTCOM; 8 or 9 MAY 25
- iii. Multi-agency Communications Exercise; 12-15 MAY 25; Oriskany
- iv. Canal System opening, 16MAY 25; State-wide
- v. "City-Piece" MSPP events, 1-4 JUN 25, NYC
- vi. Exercise Empire Challenge '25, 4-7 JUN 25, Niagara County
- vii. Operation Mohawk Arrow, 10 & 12 JUN 25, Lake George
- viii. Operation Commanding Force '25 Phase 1, 24-26 July 2025, Alexandria Bay
- ix. Operation Commanding Force '25 Phase 2, 31 July – 2 August 2025, Alexandria Bay
- x. Exercise Northern Lights, TBD Late August, Rouses Point
- xi. Canal System closing, 3 NOV 25; State-wide
- xii. Exercise Kraken, 2-8 NOV 25; Gothenburg

2) INFORMATION: N/A

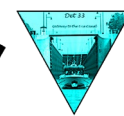
3) OPERATIONS:

a. 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	11	1	13 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	27	35	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	92	83	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
Overall Readiness R-RATING			1.38	2	
Date:		11-Apr-25			

4) LOGISTICS:

a. PB 281 lower end units were "shortened" from XXL to XL by Coeymans Landing Marina. The port engine lower unit appears to have too much play in it, so we are returning this to Coeymans Landing for resolution. As such, the vessel remains NMC.



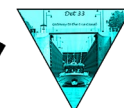


b. SFY 2025-26 NPS Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost	Budget	Remaining	
General	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%
Boat Maintenance	\$2,253.43	\$43,000.00	\$40,746.57	5.24%
Truck Maintenance	\$177.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,323.00	2.36%
Trailer Maintenance	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
Travel/Per Diem	\$1,772.40	\$20,000.00	\$18,227.60	8.86%
Boat Gasoline	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%
Truck Diesel	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0.00%
Major Acquisition	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	0.00%
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$4,202.83		% Year Gone:	9.72%
Available:	-\$4,202.83		% SFY Remaining:	90.28%

c. 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	New Rochelle	FMC		Ready, in water.
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready, On trailer
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Leeds	NMC		Engines replaced. Awaiting OPTTEST
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready, On trailer
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	FMC	JTFES DET 1	Ready, in water.
LC 350	Landing Craft	Glenwood Landing	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC		Ready, in water.
PB 400	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC		Ready, in water.
PB 440	Patrol Boat	Staten Island	FMC	JTFES DET 2	Ready, in water.
F350-5274	Prime Mover	Leeds	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	Camp Smith	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. Exercise Empire Challenge EXORD with MODS 1 and 2 have been issued. From the MEBS boat perspective, our intent is to participate with crews manning PB280, PB281, and LC350 from 4-6JUN25.

6) COMMUNICATIONS. Call Signs for Exercise Empire Challenge:

- a. PB 280: GENESEE
- b. PB 281: ARROW
- c. LC 351: EAGLE
- d. CP-Trailer: DOLPHIN
- e. Drone: SPARROWHAWK

7) TRAINING.

a. We have been authorized pay for training, like last year. Persons that are on other paid SAD (JTF SENTINETL) are not eligible to receive additional pay for MEBS training. Working with your regional coordinator, training event planners should begin planning and scheduling these events. The same as last year, if a MEBS service member does not submit their intention to train and receive pay, we will divert these funds to other members. We expect to make this determination in July (probably around the middle of the month). The point of this is that each service member should plan for a minimum of two training events this season and getting them done early is preferred.

b. Kaul's Kwiz Answers:

Answer 1: D (A bell and a whistle)

Answer 2: D (. three lights in a vertical line the highest and lowest red and the middle white)

