



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 14 JUN 2024 MEBS PROGRAM

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

1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. Realistically, the boat training season is already 35% complete. With the new policy of having all eligible MEBS members get paid for training, it is imperative that each member (not currently assigned to JTFES or Asylum Seeker mission) provide their regional coordinator with input for the training schedule. An email was sent to all MEBS this week providing guidance on how to get paid. The process for getting paid training approved is reiterated here:

All MEBS, in order to get paid for training events (minimum two required for each member per year), follow this flow chart and ensure compliance. Your regional coordinators are key to making the training schedule. As a reminder, here are the regional coordinators:

SOUTHCOS: ABCM Charles Dick (gtdehoop@hotmail.com)

NORTHCOS: MMC Robert Hill (rfhill57@icloud.com)

WESTCOS: BMCS James Bruce (james.bruce7@me.com)

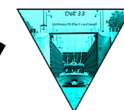
MEBS Training Pay Requirements Chart

Regional Coordinators provide input to Seasonal Training Plan. This will serve as a training schedule with pre-loaded dates of training. This document can be adjusted. Like an annual drill schedule for the Reserves, this Seasonal Training Plan will serve as a MEBS Training Event pre-approval.

MEBS members must have provided completed copies of NYNM INDOC and Direct Deposit form to HQ. Medical exam requirements must be current.

MEBS members submit SAD orders request in MEBS LOG app. In-pay requests are to adhere to the Seasonal Training Plan (see above). With advance coordination (at least two weeks), additional paid training events can be added.

SAD orders for paid training are approved and issued from HQ. No pay is authorized without orders specifying in-pay.





Members complete the Pre/Post Medical Screening and submit to HQ (document upload portal) prior to and after the training.

At the start of the training event, all participants complete the SAD Attendance Register in MEBS LOG. This is to be done on just one person's smartphone. Do not fill out the Individual Attendance Register.

b. Our Non-Personnel-Services (NPS) budget for the current state fiscal year has been adjusted and the numbers are reflected below. Due to agency-wide challenges with the NPS budget, we in MEBS are reducing our budget from \$300,000 to \$202,500. **NPS funding has nothing to do with pay.** These figures reflect some sacrifices in certain areas and that we are over-spending on boat maintenance. Here are the changes we are making in the year-long budget:

- i. General: Reduced by \$5000 to \$10,000.
- ii. Boat Maintenance: Increased from \$80,000 to \$95,000
- iii. Truck Maintenance: Remains constant at \$3000
- iv. Trailer Maintenance: Reduced from \$3000 to \$1,500
- v. Travel/Per Diem: Reduced from \$30000 to \$20000
- vi. Boat Training Fuel: Remains constant at \$18,000
- vii. Truck Diesel Fuel: Remains constant at \$8000
- viii. Major Acquisition: Projected slight increase to \$47,000. This reflects a purchase of new SeaPro engines for LC-351, but not the purchase of new 4-Stroke 250HP engines for PB 281, which is being deferred.

c. Upcoming events.

- i. 17JUN24: NYNM Promotion Board, Latham
- ii. 28-30 JUN 24: ECX ADVON; Lake Champlain
- iii. 11-12JUL24: OCF '24, Phase 1; Alexandria Bay
- iv. 23-24 JUL 24: NYS UAS Summit; State Fairgrounds, Syracuse
- v. 25-26JUL24: OCF '24, Phase 2; Alexandria Bay
- vi. 6-8SEP24: Exercise Empire Challenge '24; Lake Champlain

2) INFORMATION:

a. **Port of New York and New Jersey:** In April 2024, the port moved a total of 709,469 TEUs (396,517 containers), a 9.4% increase compared to the same period last year. Year-to-April cargo volumes reached 2,710,918 TEUs (1,501,276 containers). Imports were strong, totaling 349,792 TEUs (196,960 containers) in April 2024, a 9% increase from April 2023. The port ended the first quarter of 2024 with a surge, surpassing 700,000 TEUs for the first time. Total volume reached 701,648 TEUs (386,868 containers), a 22% increase from March 2023.

b. **New York City Ferries:** New York City is commissioning its first public, hybrid-electric ferry. The vessel is expected to begin transporting tourists from Lower Manhattan to Governors Island in the summer of 2024. Additionally, New York Water Taxi plans to launch a high-speed, zero-emission, battery-powered ferry developed by Sweden's Green City Ferries





3) OPERATIONS:

a. MEBS is currently supporting the JTFES naval mission with three full-time detachments and four boats (PB-400 with DET 1 Verplanck, PB-440 DET 2 Staten Island, LC-351 DET 3 Jones Beach, and PB-300 DET 4 Tappan Beach). Since JTFES has only three full-time crews currently authorized, the DET 3 team is going back and forth with Jones Beach and Tappan Beach. To provide operational platforms for these four locations, we are juggling maintenance and boats to accommodate. We have some down-time slated for certain vessels, and these maintenance periods will be dependent on funding, parts, and the clearing of work before the next step can be taken.

- i. Our highest priority is LC-351 repairs, which are expected to be completed next week under warranty.
- ii. The next highest priority is PB-301 lower end unit repair. We must order a new lower end unit for this boat.
- iii. PB-400 needs to have bottom work. While the boat is currently FMC, our intent is to have the boat hauled for bottom inspection, sandblasting, and epoxy coating. We will also have inspection of the port strut to see if repairs are needed there that are causing problems with the port shaft. This combined work is estimated to be in the \$15-20K range. To support these jobs, PB-301 will have to be completed and then sent to DET 1 to replace PB-400.

b. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	60	64	1	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	12	1	13 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	27	28	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	104	90	2	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	104.49%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	99.64%	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

1.25 **2**

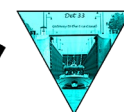
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4) LOGISTICS:

a. LC 351 is expected to go into All Island Marine on 18JUN for warranty work on the motor hydraulic trim. The motor has been slipping and it is a known problem with Mercury Marine. They have already sent the replacement part to the vendor.

b. PB 301 has been moved down to Station Jones Beach from Tappen Beach. On Tuesday, the LC 351 will be going in for Repairs and maintenance and PB301 will serve in its place.





c. PB 301 is NMC due to failure of the lower end on the port motor.

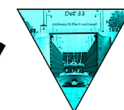
d. PB 400 is FMC. The vessel was taken to Whites Hudson River Marina for shaft inspection which found that the alignment is satisfactory. However, there may be issues with the port strut that is causing the shaft to not turn smoothly. We will need to have the boat hauled out to inspect the bottom.

e. SFY 2024-25 NPS Expenditures to date: (Table adjusted with new figures)

Cost Area	Cost	Budget	Remaining	
General	\$2,667.42	\$10,000.00	\$7,332.58	26.67%
Boat Maintenance	\$26,474.18	\$95,000.00	\$68,525.82	27.87%
Truck Maintenance	\$878.70	\$3,000.00	\$2,121.30	29.29%
Trailer Maintenance	\$405.59	\$1,500.00	\$1,094.41	27.04%
Travel/Per Diem	\$1,997.20	\$20,000.00	\$18,002.80	9.99%
Boat Gasoline	\$7,981.43	\$18,000.00	\$10,018.57	44.34%
Truck Diesel	\$2,285.51	\$8,000.00	\$5,714.49	28.57%
Major Acquisition	\$0.00	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	0.00%
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Total	\$42,690.03	\$202,500.00		% Year Gone: 27.22%
Available:	\$159,809.97			% SFY Remaining: 72.78%

f. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

Bow / Bumper #	Boat / Vehicle	Location	Status	Mission	Comments
PB 220	Patrol Boat	Hudson	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Training	Ready. On trailer
PB 230	Patrol Boat	New Rochelle	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Buffalo	FMC	Training	Ready. On trailer
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Buffalo	FMC	Training	Ready. On trailer
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 4	Ready, in water.
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Leeds	NMC	Maintenance	Bad port lower end unit
LC 350	Landing Craft	Coxsackie	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
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	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5275	Prime Mover	Camp Smith	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5327	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5329	Prime Mover	Buffalo	FMC	N/A	Ready





F350-5339	Prime Mover	Buffalo	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
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Leeds	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. We are approximately 2 ½ months out from **Exercise Empire Challenge**. This event is slated for 6-8 SEP24 and all persons will be in a pay status. The following billet gaps at Port Douglas (Lake Champlain) are open (notify MEBS HQ of your interest in participating):

- i. E8 MEBS boat evaluator
- ii. E8 Task Element Senior Enlisted Leader
- iii. E6-E8 Drone Operations
- iv. E7(2) Boat Operators
- v. E6 Boat Operator
- vi. E6 Drone Operations
- vii. E6 Corpsman
- viii. E5(2) Boat Operations

b. **Operation Commanding Force** is comprised of two phases in support of US Navy Reserve Medical units from Portsmouth VA and Jacksonville FL. Each of the approximately 75-person units will conduct on-water survival training at US Coast Guard Station Alexandria Bay on 11-12 JUL (Portsmouth) and 25-26 JUL (Jacksonville). MEBS will support these exercises with PB220 and PB221 providing platforms for the medical unit members to jump into the St Lawrence River and be “rescued” by the Coast Guard. We also intend to conduct direct boat to boat training with the Coast Guard as part of these exercises.

6) COMMUNICATIONS. N/A

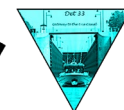
7) TRAINING.

GET ONBOARD!

CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR.

a. **Paid Training Events** currently planned:

- i. 20 JUN24; New Rochelle
- ii. 26 JUN24; New Rochelle
- iii. 27 JUN24; Albany
- iv. 2 JUL24; Long Island
- v. 4 JUL24; New Rochelle





- vi. 6 JUL24; New Rochelle
 - vii. 11-12JUL24; Alexandria Bay
 - viii. 25-26JUL24; Alexandria Bay
 - ix. 2-3 AUG24; SOUTHCOM Classroom and Boat training
- b. FAA Part 107 certifications on file: 2. One individual is TNPQ.
- c. Authorized motor vehicle drivers: 45. With CDL: 7

