



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM **17 MAR 2023** MEBS PROGRAM

The link to the MEBS LOG APP is <https://www.jotform.com/app/build/222037196822152>

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

1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. Out of Date Physical Exams: There are currently NINE members of MEBS who are overdue for physical exams. The new policy is that a physical exam expires 400 days from the last one. These nine members exceed the 400 days requirement. All members are strongly encouraged to schedule their next physical exam (a year out) as they check-out of the doctor's office at their current exam. Waiting to schedule your examination is always problematic. **Persons without a current physical exam are NOT ELIGIBLE for SAD.**

b. MEBS Kick-off Weekend Update:

- i. Travel to MEBS KOWE for most personnel will take place on Friday, 28APR.
 - (1) For SOUTHCOM personnel the following arrangements are in the works:
 - i. Long Island personnel meet at Jones Beach for movement by water onboard LC-351.
 - ii. Staten Island and Manhattan personnel meet at USCG Staten Island for movement by PB-440
 - iii. Westchester/Rockland/Bronx personnel meet at Viking Boat Yard, Verplanck for movement by PB-400
 - iv. Truck 75 will also be moving from Camp Smith
 - (2) For WESTCOM personnel, an early trip with ENCS Wittenzellner is being planned. In addition, we will have a DMNA van/driver pick up Buffalo and Rochester personnel on Friday for movement to the Hudson/New Baltimore area.
 - (3) With certain exceptions, NORTHCOM personnel will travel on Saturday morning in a MEBS truck from Latham.
- ii. The location of the training will be the Hudson Power Boat Assn, on the Hudson River, in Hudson (Columbia County). Classroom and boat docks are at this location.
- iii. Lodging for all will be in New Baltimore.

c. The joint JTFES/MEBS meeting with the Director, Joint Staff has been postponed due to scheduling conflict. It was supposed to take place at Camp Smith on 16MAR23.

d. Upcoming events: (new events **highlighted**)

- i. 20MAR23 (re-sked): Operation AEGIS planning meeting; SPTC Oriskany
- ii. 7APR23: NYNM Leadership Meeting; Latham
- iii. 11-12APR23: Civil Support Operations Conference; Ft. Hamilton-Brooklyn
- iv. 19APR23: Oil Spill Exercise; Ft Wadsworth-Staten Island
- v. 19APR23: Port of New York AMSC meeting; Bayonne
- vi. 28APR23: Travel day to MEBS Kick-off Weekend
- vii. 29-30APR23: MEBS KICK-OFF Weekend; Hudson
- viii. 8-12MAY23: Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course (MPVOC); LGeorge
- ix. 19MAY23: State Canal System Opens
- x. TBD JUN23: Operation Aegis; LChamplain
- xi. TBD JUN23: North Hudson SAR/LE Council Exercise (2-day)
- xii. 20-21JUL23: WESTCOM Multi-Day/Operation Commanding Force: Alexandria Bay
- xiii. TBD JUL/AUG 23: Operation Aegis; LErie
- xiv. 4-6AUG: Exercise Western Horizon '23; Sodus Point/Oswego/Rochester
- xv. TBD SEP23: Operation Aegis; Hudson River
- xvi. TBD SEP23: North Hudson SAR/LE Council Exercise (2-day)
- xvii. 4-6OCT23: Exercise Empire Challenge '23; Brooklyn
- xviii. 11OCT23: State Canal System closes



xix. 28-29OCT23: Fall Round-up; Leeds

2) INFORMATION:

a. **Help Wanted:** Now Hiring Navigational Aid Crewmembers. Deadline to apply is March 27, 2023. Join NYS PARKS seasonal crew involved in maintaining the New York statewide navigational buoy marker system, which plays an important role in providing critical safety information to boaters. This position is based out of Sampson State Park in Romulus, NY (Seneca County). Please see job and application details here: <https://statejobs.ny.gov/public/vacancyDetailsView.cfm?id=126153>

b. **New Regulation – North Atlantic Right Whales:**

The North Atlantic right whale is one of the world's most endangered large whale species; the latest preliminary estimate suggests there are fewer than 350 remaining. With vessel strikes being a contributing factor to the survival of these whales, expanded regulations have been put into place to help reduce the risk of vessel strikes. What does this mean for boaters?

- Most vessels that are 35 feet in length or larger must not exceed speeds of 10 knots when operating in seasonal speed zones.
- Speed zones run down the entire Atlantic coast and extend up to 100 nautical miles from shore.
- Speed limit regulations are **seasonal** and are in effect from November 1 – May 30 in this region.
- Federal law requires you to give Right Whales 500 yards of space (the length of 5 football fields)

c. **Aquatic Invasive Species Decontamination Updates:** Statewide/Watercraft Inspection Steward Program: Protecting New York's Waters. Boat stewards are volunteers or paid members of your community who help protect New York State's waters. An encounter with a steward will involve being asked if you already practice preventive measures and receiving instruction about how to inspect and "clean, drain, and treat" your watercraft and equipment. You will also be asked which waterbody you last visited so that the steward can determine if you are coming from infested waters and what species are there. Boat stewards will have access to this information for many lakes and ponds through the [iMapInvasives website](#).

Locations of Watercraft Inspection Steward Programs: Since 2008, the number of watercraft inspection steward programs has been steadily increasing. As of 2020, boat steward programs are active at 211 locations across New York State. Many types of organizations host watercraft inspection steward programs including lake associations, colleges and universities, not-for-profits, county soil and water conservation districts, and municipalities. [Use the interactive map](#) of watercraft inspection steward locations to find one near you. Find your nearest boat steward or decontamination station using this interactive map: [NYS Public Boat Launches with Boat Stewards or Decontamination Services \(arcgis.com\)](#) For more information about public boat launches in New York State, visit the webpage on [all boat launch locations](#).

Decontamination Stations: If aquatic invasive species are found on your watercraft during inspection, you may be sent to a decontamination station where a trained technician will wash down your boat and trailer using high-pressure hot water.

3) OPERATIONS:

a. Readiness Rating:



MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	90	78	2	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	9	1	9 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	30	30	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	116	69	3	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	99.93%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	94.89%	1	100% Functionality
Equipment Maintenance	E-Rating	90%	86.36%	2	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks

Overall Readiness R-RATING

1.63	2
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Date:

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- b. 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.

4) LOGISTICS:

- a. Status of new trucks. We spoke with Van Bortel Ford, who reports that the vehicles are "in production." There is no ship date set by Ford yet. This is likely due to the vehicles still need certain parts that are not available yet.
- b. SFY 2023-24 Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$114.10
Boat Maintenance	\$551.34
Truck Maintenance	\$48.00
Trailer Maintenance	\$0.00
Travel/Per Diem	\$0.00
Boat Gasoline	\$0.00
Truck Diesel	\$73.08
Major Acquisition	\$0.00
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00
Total	\$786.52
Available:	

- c. SFY 2022-23 Expenditures to date:



Cost Area	Cost
General	\$14,695.23
Boat Maintenance	\$51,170.51
Truck Maintenance	\$1,442.54
Trailer Maintenance	\$677.43
Travel/Per Diem	\$8,810.52
Boat Gasoline	\$13,746.54
Truck Diesel	\$6,373.89
Major Acquisition	\$251,957.88
Grants Reimbursement	-\$42,797.96
Total	\$306,076.58
Available:	\$24,249.42

d. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

Bow / Bumper #	Boat / Vehicle	Location	Status	Mission	Comments
PB 220	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 230	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
LC 350	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
LC 351	Landing Craft	Verplanck	FMC	JTFES DET 1	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
F350-5344	Prime Mover	Leeds	NMC	Red-lined	Emergency use only
F350-5345	Prime Mover	Leeds	NMC	Red-lined	Emergency use only
F350-5346	Prime Mover	Leeds	NMC	Red-lined	Emergency use only
F350-5347	Prime Mover	Leeds	NMC	Red-lined	Emergency use only
F350-5619	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F550-5008	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	Maintenance vehicle	Ready
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
CT 8901	Cargo Trailer	Staten Island	FMC	NA	Ready
CP 8902	C2 Trailer	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
MT 8903	Maint Trailer	Leeds	FMC	NA	Ready

5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES. The Exercise Empire Challenge '23 Initial Planning Conference is slated for 17MAR23.



6) COMMUNICATIONS. The JFHQ communications working group has largely completed their tasking. GySGT Hauschen (MEBS N6) has done a great job of compiling and coordinating this effort.

7) TRAINING.

a. Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course (MPVOC); 8-12 MAY 23: Candidates are BU1 Steve Putney and MA1 Gary Walsh.

b. There is a "free app" on google play titled BOAT MASTER PARKING AND NAV. The app is free for the one style of boat (motorboat) ONLY. It allows the player to dock a twin engine vessel using throttles only. There are 5 levels of difficulty. The player can increase the difficulty level with wind and current etc. Work on your "dock crashing" skills and have fun at the same time.



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N4 team working on LC350 engine lower end, on 16MAR23.