



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 21 JUL 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. QMC Tim Petersen has been assigned as the new MEBS N1 (Admin).
- b. The grant application for a FY2023 port security grant was not successful.
- c. JTF Empire Shield has stood up new MEBS DET 3. This detachment operating out of USCG Station Jones Beach. The full-time crew consists of BMC Benjamin Flad, BM1 Tracy Sandoval, and EM2 Glenn Malik. The initial craft will be LC-350 with long term plans to use LC-351. The creation of this new detachment means that we will eventually have just one vessel in MEBS DET 1. The Indian Point detachment's role will expand to include the lower Hudson River valley.
- d. MNFE has distributed placards that will be placed in each of the nine MEBS vehicles describing rules/regulations for operating and occupying the trucks. All members are to comply with these regulations.
- e. We have received the announcement for the Fall 2023 MPVOC in Lake George. We will be nominating two candidates.
- f. We have created a new virtual **"Command Master Chief Suggestions Box"** on the NYNM Operations App. This is a means for crewmembers (and any in the naval militia) to be able to reach out to the force Senior Enlisted Advisor with suggestions or concerns. It is accessible on the NYNM Operations App which can be reached from the MEBS LOG app.
- g. We have also created the **"Attestation of Official Duty"** feature on the MEBS LOG app for those who are seeking EZ Pass credit for official duty tolls (Thruway and MTA). Fill out and submit the form and you will receive the PDF official cover letter back by email that you can submit to EZ Pass for the toll credit.
- h. Upcoming events: (new events **highlighted**)
 - i. 25 JUL 23: State Directors tour onboard PB440; NYC; *CWard, Schneider, Stefandel*
 - ii. 28-31JUL23: Operation Lake Thunder, Buffalo/Niagara; *Niemitalo, Wittenzellner, Pease, Gerard, Kaul, Hauschen, Oliveras, JWard*
 - iii. 19-20 AUG 23: Communications Rodeo.
 - iv. 28-29 AUG 23: Operation Aegis; LChamplain/Plattsburgh
 - v. Week of 6-8 SEP23: Operation Aegis; Hudson River
 - vi. TBD SEP/OCT: CTZ 3 Exercise, Lower Hudson River
 - vii. **25-29 SEP 23: Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course; LGeorge**
 - viii. 3-5OCT23: Exercise Empire Challenge '23; SOUTHCOM
 - ix. 11OCT23: State Canal System closes
 - x. 28-29OCT23: Fall Round-up; Leeds
 - xi. 30-31MAR24: MEBS Kick-Off Weekend 2024

2) INFORMATION: (APNews, 15JUL23) American boat patrols waters around new offshore wind farms to protect jobs.

— One early morning this week in ocean waters off the coasts of Rhode Island and New York, signs of the nascent wind industry were all around. Giant upright steel tubes poked from the water, waiting for ships to hoist up turbines that will make electricity driven by wind. A battleship-gray vessel was on the prowl. In this ramp-up for U.S. offshore wind, American marine companies and mariners fear they'll be left behind. So Aaron Smith, president of the Offshore Marine Service Association, was looking through binoculars to see



whether ships servicing the new wind farms were using foreign-flagged vessels instead of U.S.-made ships with American crews. “It really makes me upset when I think about the men and women I know who can do this work. American citizens, fully capable, sitting at home while foreign nationals go to work in U.S. waters,” Smith said. “It’s unfair.” The ship is named the Jones Act Enforcer, after the century-old law that says the transport of merchandise between U.S. points is reserved for U.S.-built, owned and documented vessels. The motto: “We’ll be watching.” Smith was documenting operations to show to federal law enforcement officials and members of Congress. The Offshore Marine Service Association says it strongly supports the offshore wind industry. Many of its member companies are already working in it. Smith said this effort is about securing their future — decades of jobs and investments. The U.S. could need roughly 2,000 of the most powerful turbines to meet its goals to ramp up offshore wind to dramatically cut its use of fossil fuels to protect the atmosphere and reduce climate change. The Enforcer made several trips to where Danish energy company Ørsted is developing the South Fork Wind project with the utility Eversource. This will likely be the first U.S. commercial-scale wind farm to open. Approaching the site Tuesday, Smith saw a large crane ship sailing under the Cyprus flag, smaller Belgian-flagged vessels, and U.S. fishing and offshore supply vessels near the turbine bases. The Associated Press was the only media outlet aboard. The U.S. fleet doesn’t yet have massive ships specialized for offshore wind to install foundations and turbines. But some of the foreign-flagged vessels working in wind development areas along the East Coast are tugs and smaller supply ships. U.S. ship operators told the AP they have similar vessels that can do this work. Ørsted responded that 75% of the vessels supporting South Fork Wind’s offshore construction are U.S.-flagged, including barges, tugs, crew transport vessels and fishing vessels that monitor for safety and marine mammals. But the larger U.S.-flagged offshore wind vessels aren’t built yet. Even so, the installation vessels for South Fork Wind have American union workers on board, the company told the AP. “While the U.S. industry continues to mature, we’re designing our projects to tap as many American workers, contractors, suppliers and vessels as possible. We’re proud that South Fork Wind is putting hundreds of American mariners and union workers to work at sea in a wide range of roles,” Bryan Stockton, head of regulatory affairs for Ørsted, said in a statement Thursday. Ørsted’s offshore work is complying with Jones Act provisions, Stockton added.

3) OPERATIONS:

a. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	90	80	2	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	11	1	11 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	30	31	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	122	84	3	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	100.67%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	94.89%	1	100% Functionality
Equipment Maintenance	E-Rating	90%	91.30%	1	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks

Overall Readiness R-RATING

1.50	2
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Date: 21-Jul-23

b. **Operation Commanding Force** is taking place at Wellesley Island, 21JUL23. LC 351 is the supporting vessel for USNR medical personnel conducting AT at USCG Station Alexandria Bay.



c. **Operation Lake Thunder** is approved for the period 28-31JUL23. The Section 6 SAD for NYNM members will be in support of US Coast Guard Sector Buffalo on both Lakes Erie and Ontario. EXORD 230717 applies. Operation Lake Thunder replaces the previously planned Exercise Western Horizon '23.

d. 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: Initial detachment stand-up and familiarization.

4) LOGISTICS:

a. Maintenance issues:

i. PB 400 shaft repair work. After meeting with Lou from FPS Propeller, we have determined that the most expeditious and straight-forward repair for this DET 1 asset is to get completely new propeller shafts. FPS expects to receive the new shafts and couplers on 24 JUL 23. They will then be turned over to Stormy Bay Marine Services for the installation back into the boat. Confirming purchase orders will be created and submitted upon completion of these two vendors' work.



ii. As reported last week, we have struggled to properly load LC 351 onto its trailer at boat ramps. On 17JUL, we launched the boat so that we could examine the trailer against its sister from LC350. Although the two boat hulls are identical, the Tuff Trailers are not. We reached out to Munson Boats who initially provided the Tuff Trailers. They agree that additional support on the LC 351 trailer is needed and we are providing trailer specs so that they can procure and send trailer bunk outriggers. Jesse Munson did comment that most of their customers with large vessels such as ours typically load the boats onto trailers using a travel lift. The fact that we often load the trailers at a boat ramp is not typical. One of the additional measures we will take is to add bunk slicks to both trailers to ease loading. LC 351 is currently on the LC 350 trailer and will remain so until the upgrades are made to the newer trailer.



OLD (LC 350 2018 Tuff Trailer)

NEW (LC 351 2021 Tuff Trailer)

b. PB 220 will be placed in Waterford after 6AUG23. Due to event conflicts, the dock space at the waterfront is not available until then. We have determined that the previous location on the public "fishing" dock is not suitable.

c. SFY 2023-24 Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$984.35
Boat Maintenance	\$88,302.12
Truck Maintenance	\$246.14
Trailer Maintenance	\$1,172.12



Travel/Per Diem	\$10,826.71
Boat Gasoline	\$8,092.25
Truck Diesel	\$1,770.38
Major Acquisition	\$245,094.88
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00
Total	\$356,488.95
Available:	

d. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

<u>Bow / Bumper #</u>	<u>Boat / Vehicle</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Comments</u>
PB 220	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Training	Ready
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Training	Ready
PB 230	Patrol Boat	New Rochelle	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Rochester	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Buffalo	FMC	Training	Ready
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Leeds	NMC	Maintenance	Oil Leak, port engine. ETR 31AUG23
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	FMC	JTFES DET 1	Ready, in water.
LC 350	Landing Craft	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Alexandria Bay	FMC	Training	Ready
PB 400	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	NMC	Maintenance	Hauled out for shaft work. ETR 4AUG23
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	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	Rochester	FMC	N/A	Ready



F550-5009	Prime Mover	Buffalo	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. For Empire Challenge '23, we have made hotel reservations for only three expected lodgers at the Holiday Inn Express at Fort Hamilton; CAPT Pedersen, CAPT McKnight, and GySgt Hauschen.

6) COMMUNICATIONS. We have added use of encrypted hand-held radios as part of Exercise Empire Challenge.

7) TRAINING. N/A

