



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 25 APR 2025 MEBS PROGRAM

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

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)**

Q: a "head on" situation shall be deemed to exist at night when a power-driven vessel sees another power-driven vessel ahead and....

- A. one sidelight and the masthead light are visible
- B. the vessels will pass closer than 1/2 mile
- C. both vessels sound 1 prolonged blast
- D. both sidelights and masthead light(s) are visible

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### 1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. We are actively seeking new MEBS members in the Buffalo, Rochester, and Capital Region. If you know someone who would be a good candidate for MEBS (including being, or eligible to be a Naval Militia member), have them submit NYNMFOM 1155 to NYNM Headquarters. The form can be found here:

[https://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYNM\\_Form\\_1155\\_MEBS\\_Enrollment\\_Application123.pdf](https://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYNM_Form_1155_MEBS_Enrollment_Application123.pdf)

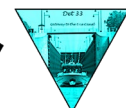
b. Whenever an issue arises where the words "boat" and "naval militia" happen in the same sentence, chances are extremely likely that it is a MEBS issue. **If you have a MEBS issue, it is proper to address it through your MEBS chain of command.** That means that if there is a training, exercise, personnel, or equipment issue, **the FIRST PERSON to discuss it with is your MEBS Regional Coordinator.**

c. All boat VISA credit cards will expire in June 2025. Replacement cards (good for 3 years) are on the way and expected by the middle of May. They will be distributed from NYNM HQ.

d. **All** Visa credit card purchase receipts **must be itemized** and match the R1 Form.

e. Projected/Upcoming Events:

- i. Swedish Chief of Navy (CHoN) visit to NYC, 1-2 MAY 25
- ii. **24<sup>th</sup> CST landing craft embark rehearsal, New Rochelle, 2MAY25**
- iii. PB 280/281 movement to WESTCOM; 8 or 9 MAY 25; Leeds to Youngstown
- iv. Multi-agency Communications Exercise; 12-15 MAY 25; Oriskany
- v. Canal System opening, 16MAY 25; State-wide
- vi. "City-Piece" MSPP events, 1-4 JUN 25, NYC
- vii. Exercise Empire Challenge '25, 4-7 JUN 25, Niagara County
- viii. Operation Mohawk Arrow, 10 & 12 JUN 25, Albany & Lake George





- ix. Operation Commanding Force '25 Phase 1, 24-26 July 2025, Alexandria Bay
- x. Operation Commanding Force '25 Phase 2, 31 July – 2 August 2025, Alexandria Bay
- xi. Exercise Northern Lights, TBD Late August, Rouses Point
- xii. Canal System closing, 3 NOV 25; State-wide
- xiii. Exercise Kraken, 2-8 NOV 25; Gothenburg

2) **INFORMATION:** Mariners are advised that, conditions permitting, all portions of the New York State Canal system are scheduled to open Friday, May 16, 2025, for the annual Navigation Season. As the Canal Corporation continues to recruit seasonal staff, lock operating hours may differ from previous seasons at various locations. All mariners are encouraged to read the schedule below carefully. As staff positions are filled, hours will be adjusted and communicated through the Notice to Mariners notification program. There are no tolls or fees for recreational use of the Canal system this year.

The hours of operation for the 2025 season are as follows:

Standard hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily until November 3, 2025.

### 3) OPERATIONS:

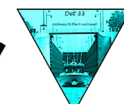
#### a. Readiness Rating:

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	96	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
<b>Overall Readiness R-RATING</b>			1.38	2	
<b>Date:</b>		<b>25-Apr-25</b>			

### 4) LOGISTICS:

a. PB 400 had received some bad diesel fuel from the vendor and reported on 11APR. We initially placed the vessel NMC due to the apparent extent of the problem. However, with a change of fuel filters, it looks like we will get by. The boat is FMC. However, we are planning a comprehensive cleaning of the fuel tanks on this vessel.

b. LC351 - Was moved from HPBA to Kingston City Marina yesterday 4/23/2025. Additionally, a total of 4.6 hours motor time was completed and the "Break In" of the new Seapro motors is going well (No issues).





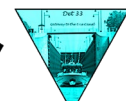
c. PB281 - Repowering with V8 4 Stroke 250 HP motors. The shaft conversion was completed, and the PORT lower unit was not correct. Coeymans completed "Rework" and the motors have been completed configuration for usage on this asset. Today the N4 shop attempted to "Wet test" and Sea trial this asset. Motors both run but seem to be running hot. Port motor has a slight ringing rattle sound that we have not yet been able to identify. Both motors were running hot. Asset returned to shop to check the function of thermostats. Coeyman's Landing Marina has been notified of the ringing sound from Port motor via voice mail. We will continue trouble shooting and advise.

d. SFY 2025-26 NPS Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost	Budget	Remaining	
General	\$0.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	0.00%
Boat Maintenance	\$6,733.21	\$43,000.00	\$36,266.79	15.66%
Truck Maintenance	\$263.80	\$7,500.00	\$7,236.20	3.52%
Trailer Maintenance	\$48.96	\$3,000.00	\$2,951.04	1.63%
Travel/Per Diem	\$1,772.40	\$20,000.00	\$18,227.60	8.86%
Boat Gasoline	\$1,128.55	\$15,000.00	\$13,871.45	7.52%
Truck Diesel	\$213.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,787.00	2.66%
Major Acquisition	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	0.00%
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$10,159.92	\$198,000.00		% Year Gone: 13.61%
Available:	-\$10,159.92			% SFY Remaining: 86.39%

e. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

Report Valid As Of: 20250425					
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. Still a few warranty tweaks before we are set to go with this boat.
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready, On trailer
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 1	Ready, in water.
LC 350	Landing Craft	Glenwood Landing	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Kingston	FMC		Ready, in water.
PB 400	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	FMC		Ready, in water.
PB 440	Patrol Boat	Staten Island	FMC	JTFES DET 2	Ready, in water.
F350-5274	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
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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. N/A

6) COMMUNICATIONS. N/A

7) TRAINING.

a. Kaul's Kwiz Answers:

Answer 1: D (both sidelights and masthead light(s) are visible)

