



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 27 DEC 2024 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

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KAU'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. You are the coxswain aboard PB221 making way N/B on the Hudson River traversing the Malden on Hudson Reach.

You are being overtaken by each of the following vessels. **In each situation who has the right of way?**

1. Vessel Not Under Command
2. Vessel Restricted in Ability to Maneuver
3. Vessel Constrained by Draft
4. Vessel Engaged in Fishing
5. Sailing Vessel
6. Power Driven Vessel
7. Seaplane



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1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. To have a sustainable manpower pool available for JTF Empire Shield boat missions, MEBS personnel should ensure their interest in participating is known by the chain of command. A candidate for JTFES boat duty must be a member of MEBS. They must also be able to pass a background check conducted by the task force, as well as additional requirements. Selection of candidates is also based on paygrade and qualifications. As a force provider, Commander MEBS makes the determination on who will be assigned to the task force. MEBS members should ensure their MEBS Regional Coordinator is aware of their interest, as well as contact CAPT McKnight at donald.k.mcknight.nfg@army.mil to express their interest. Service members are expected to REFRAIN from spreading **misinformation**, including on social media/facebook about this process.

b. In April 2025, CAPT Mark Pedersen, the Naval Militia's Assistant Chief of Staff N6-Communications will retire. As the ACoS N6, he has been instrumental in helping the MEBS Communications Team achieve great success. A radio propagation subject matter expert, his talents will be sorely missed.

c. Upcoming Events:

- i. MEBS DET 30/N6 Training, **21-23 FEB25**; Leeds
- ii. Exercise Empire Challenge '25, 4-6JUN 25, Niagara County
- iii. Operation Commanding Force '25, TBD July 2025, Alexandria Bay





2) INFORMATION:



a. Dear Capt. McKnight and the **New York Naval Militia**,

As we reflect on this extraordinary year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support you have shown the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse during its **150th Birthday celebrations**.

Your generosity, time, and dedication were instrumental in making this milestone truly unforgettable. The success of our community, school, and fundraising events has brought heightened awareness and a lasting positive impact to our cherished beacon.

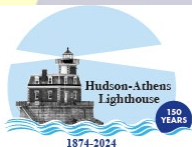
We remain committed to preserving and restoring the lighthouse, and we'll keep you updated on its progress through email and on our website at **HALPS.org**.

On behalf of our President, Kristin Gamble, and the entire HALPS team, we extend our heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes for a new year filled with peace, joy, prosperity, and good health for you and your loved ones.

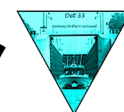
Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Together, we're ensuring the lighthouse continues to shine for generations to come.

With gratitude,
Kathleen

Kathleen Tan
Hudson-Athens Lighthouse
Preservation Society



Let's forever keep the light.



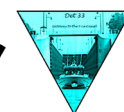


b. While we do not endorse any show or product, when a good thing comes along, we will share. For those interested in the history of the U.S. Navy, Amazon Prime streaming service offers a 24-part "The History of the UNITED STATES NAVY," by Professor Craig Symonds. It is an excellent historical record of the U.S. Navy from its inception to present. For those not interested in all of it, we suggest at least watching the last episode which provides a great overview of what the Navy is facing in current times.



3) OPERATIONS:

a. PB 400 underway on the Hudson River south of the Bear Mountain Bridge, 23 DEC24



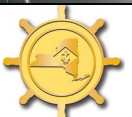
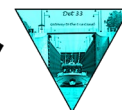


b. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	60	56	2	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	12	1	13 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	27	35	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	90	91	1	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			1.25	2	
Date:		27-Dec-24			

4) LOGISTICS:

a. The **Big Engine Swap** has commenced. PB 281 OPTIMAX engines have been removed in preparation for installation of Mercury 4-Stroke engines from LC 351.



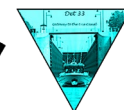


b. SFY 2024-25 NPS Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost	Budget	Remaining	
General	\$16,520.55	\$10,000.00	-\$6,520.55	165.21%
Boat Maintenance	\$95,265.70	\$95,000.00	-\$265.70	100.28%
Truck Maintenance	\$1,881.38	\$3,000.00	\$1,118.62	62.71%
Trailer Maintenance	\$529.03	\$1,500.00	\$970.97	35.27%
Travel/Per Diem	\$14,438.37	\$20,000.00	\$5,561.63	72.19%
Boat Gasoline	\$12,215.13	\$18,000.00	\$5,784.87	67.86%
Truck Diesel	\$6,386.56	\$8,000.00	\$1,613.44	79.83%
Major Acquisition	\$43,712.62	\$47,000.00	\$3,287.38	93.01%
Grants Reimbursement	-\$20,492.54	-\$70,000.00	-\$49,507.46	29.28%
Total	\$170,456.80	\$202,500.00		% Year Gone: 80.83%
Available:	\$32,043.20			% SFY Remaining: 19.17%
				% Money Obligated: 84.18%

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	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Leeds	NMC		Engines Removed
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
LC 350	Landing Craft	Glenwood Landing	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
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	Camp Smith	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	Leeds	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





5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES. N/A

6) COMMUNICATIONS.

a. MEBS N6 Communications Team training at Leeds on 21-23FEB25.

b. We are investigating the feasibility of adding a Westchester County 911 radio to PB400 to help DET ONE with lower Hudson River valley response.

7) TRAINING.

a. Kaul's Kwiz Answer

In all scenarios PB221 has the right of way. Vessels being overtaken always have the highest priority. here is a memory aid for right of way priority for all vessels not being overtaken "Non Rates Can Fool Senior People Sometimes" (NRCFSPS) = from highest to lowest, **N**ot Under Command, **R**estricted in Ability to Maneuver, **C**onstrained Draft, **F**ishing, **S**ailing, **P**ower Driven, and **S**eaplanes

b. The planned training evolution at Leeds on 21-23 FEB24 is expected to include not only MEBS DET 30, but elements of MEBS NORTHCOM, NYNM ACoS N6 and ACoS N7. The UAS unit has also been invited to participate in furtherance of integration between the command post and the operational UAV.

