



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 28 MAR 2025 MEBS PROGRAM

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

1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. A free NYS Safe Boater course has been added for 10 APR25, at DMNA. This course serves as the foundational training for MEBS, and is now also required by NYS Law ("Kendra's Law") for all boat operators in the state. The registration link for students is at: <https://my.register-ed.com/student/proctorcreatestudent/226787>

b. Next Tuesday, 1 APR 25 marks the start of the new state fiscal year (SFY 25-26). Although we have already been spending non-personnel service (NPS) funds that will be paid from the new SFY, we will not have authorization for expected personnel service (PS) payroll for Proficiency Training until the budget is enacted by the legislature and monies distributed to and by the agency.

c. Like last boating season, we expect to be able to pay MEBS personnel to conduct their required minimum proficiency training. If you have not already submitted your updated paperwork, you need to get it submitted through the PDF Document Upload Portal ASAP. So:

d. Prior to the start of the boating season, all MEBS personnel to need to update their records at NYNM HQ by submitting required, once per season documents through the PDF Document Upload Portal on the [MEBS LOG app](#). The PDF Document Upload Portal is a secure means (HIPAA-compliant) to send important documents to headquarters, thus avoiding the use of non-secure email for this purpose. The required documents at the start of the season are:

i. A current Direct Deposit form (AC-2772), of December 2022. The form is found on the [MEBS LOG app](#). Do not use any older version of this form.

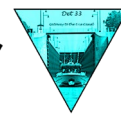
(1) You must also include a PDF version of a voided check from your bank account, **or**

(2) a PDF version of your bank account screen shot that includes complete bank routing number and complete checking account number. **\*\*ACCOUNT NUMBER AND ROUTING NUMBER CANNOT BE HAND-WRITTEN OR ADDED AFTER THE FACT, it MUST come from the banking institution directly! \*\*** On the screenshot/printout, SMs must legibly write or type complete legal name, last 4 SSN, current date, and name of financial institution prior to submission.

(3) Federal regulations no longer allow **MyPay** screen shots as a support document for Direct Deposit.

ii. MNHS SAD form, also found on the [MEBS LOG app](#). The MNHS SAD form takes the place of BAH forms.

Note that [Pre/Post Deployment Medical Screening](#) forms are still required for each individual SAD period and must be submitted at the very start and very completion of each training event for which you are on SAD orders.





e. For personnel who have been assigned to the mission supporting Corrections (NYS DOCCS), there is no provision to release a member for MEBS training or operations. At this time, we only have permission for NYNM members to attend Federal Drills as required. We do not have an agreement for MEBS training to be released from DOCCS.

f. The DOCCS emergency mission is transitioning to an enduring mission effective 1APR25, under Joint Task Force SENTINEL.

g. We were approved to request a grant from the NYS Canal Corporation to support MEBS personnel pay on public-safety patrols. These patrols (if approved by the Canal Corp) will primarily be on the Champlain Canal, in addition to the east and west ends of the Erie Canal. When we receive word on the status of our application, we will solicit MEBS personnel to man these patrols in the Capital Region and in Erie, Niagara, and Orleans Counties.

h. We have received tacit approval from the City of New Rochelle to conduct training and exercises with the landing craft beaching on Davids Island in Long Island Sound. We intend to work with the 24<sup>th</sup> CST to accomplish these training objectives in the near future and be able to conduct a demonstration for a Swedish Navy delegation on Tuesday, 3 JUN 25.

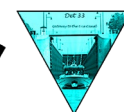
i. Our long-range plan is to move the command post and communications detachment into the NYNM UAS/Comms unit, under Maj Golden, at some point after Exercise Empire Challenge in June. We are in a transition phase where Maj Golden is working on getting new persons trained up and exercised. The Oriskany multi-agency exercise in mid-May is under his cognizance. Once the transition is complete, MEBS DET 30, the "MOD-SQUAD" will effectively be dis-established. The maintenance trailer and boats assigned to DET 30 will remain with MEBS. A plan for funding and maintenance for the communications personnel and assets has been developed between the two commands.

j. Projected/Upcoming Events:

- i. AMSTEP Exercise, 31MAR-4APR, NYC – JTFES Squadron ONE
- ii. PB 230 movement to New Rochelle, 2 or 3 APR25
- iii. MEBS SOUTHCOM Kick-off Weekend, 4-5 April, Glenwood Landing
- iv. Safe Boater Course (Free), 10APR25, Latham
- v. NYNM Leadership Meeting, 11 APR 25, Latham
- vi. Swedish Chief of Navy (CHoN) visit to NYC, 1-2 MAY 25
- vii. PB 280/281 movement to WESTCOM; 8 or 9 MAY 25
- viii. Multi-agency Communications Exercise; 12-15 MAY 25; Oriskany
- ix. Canal System opening, 16MAY 25; State-wide
- x. "City-Piece" MSPP events, 2-4 JUN 25, NYC
- xi. Exercise Empire Challenge '25, 4-6 JUN 25, Niagara County
- xii. Operation Mohawk Arrow, 10 & 12 JUN 25, Lake George
- xiii. Operation Commanding Force '25 Phase 1, 24-26 July 2025, Alexandria Bay
- xiv. Operation Commanding Force '25 Phase 2, 31 July – 2 August 2025, Alexandria Bay
- xv. Exercise Northern Lights, TBD Late August, Rouses Point
- xvi. Canal System closing, 3 NOV 25; State-wide
- xvii. Exercise Kraken, 2-8 NOV 25; Gothenburg

2) INFORMATION: N/A

3) OPERATIONS:



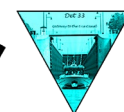


a. We have several anticipated operations that have been updated on the MEBS calendar. MEBS N3 (Operations) MNMCM Niemitalo has been working diligently to coordinate multiple events along with each of the Regional Coordinators to make these happen. MEBS personnel need to be aware of the status.

- i. Boats for SOUTHCOM will all be in place by 3 APR 25, and the Kick-off days are Friday and Saturday, 4-5 APR at Glenwood Landing on Long Island's North Shore. ABCM Dick is coordinating.
- ii. The two boats for WESTCOM will be delivered to USCG Station Niagara around 8 MAY25. This location is in anticipation of Exercise Empire Challenge in June and Erie Canal patrols in that AO.
- iii. If we receive the grant funding from the Canal Corporation for public safety patrols, we anticipate using NORTHCOM and WESTCOM boats to make the patrols previously mentioned. While pay will be contingent upon the Proficiency Training pay being enacted, the grant will offset 75% of pay, fuel, and any docking required. We will need 2-3 personnel per boat patrol. We have proposed 18 patrols on the Champlain and eastern Erie Canal areas, and six patrols in Erie, Niagara, and Orleans Counties. We anticipate that each local area will be able to suggest those patrol dates that best work for them (subject to approval, of course).
- iv. Prior to Exercise Empire Challenge, a delegation of Swedish Navy personnel will visit New York State. The contingent will first visit New York City area for briefs and demonstrations of MEBS, Naval Militia, and partner agency operations. This will include underway periods with JTFES Naval Squadron boats, including 24<sup>th</sup> CST maritime strike team demo on western Long Island Sound. After this "city piece," the delegation will move to the Buffalo/Niagara region for Empire Challenge.
- v. For Exercise Empire Challenge 4-6 June, we are planning for the two, dedicated WESTCOM boats in addition to a landing craft to operate out of Station Niagara. We will also have the command post trailer there to support this multi-agency exercise. The manning document is largely complete, however there may be changes and additions. Master Chief Niemitalo is the POC for this.
- vi. Operation Mohawk Arrow is a significant event for multiple state Civil Support Teams, taking place in the greater Capital District of New York. We currently have crews assigned for 3 out of 4 boats planned for the exercise which will take place on 10 & 12 JUN. The first operational day is Tuesday in the Port of Albany. The second operational day is Thursday on Lake George. We still have three openings that could be filled by MEBS personnel.
- vii. Operation Commanding Force will once again take place in two phases to support the USNR Medical Training units out of Portsmouth VA, and Jacksonville, FL. Using two of our smaller boats trailered to Alexandria Bay, each of these phases will end up being a 3-day/2-night training opportunity. NYNM Commander, RDML Perry and Chief of Staff, CAPT Nolan are expected to observe Phase 1, from 24-26 JUL; and CAPT Nolan will also observe Phase 2, taking place from 31 JUL to 1 AUG.

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	82	82	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
<b>Overall Readiness R-RATING</b>			1.25	2	
<b>Date:</b>		<b>28-Mar-25</b>			

4) LOGISTICS:

a. We have moved several vessels around in the greater NYC area to support mission assignments. PB 400 has been moved to Jones Beach and will, along with PB 440 support the AMSTEP exercise next week in the New York Bight. PB 300 has been relocated to DET ONE, at Verplanck.

b. To better support the JTF Empire Shield naval squadron, we are planning to obligate four vessels. In this plan, DETS One and Two will remain largely the same at Verplanck and Staten Island. DET Three will generally operate out of Glenwood Landing and support a part-time DET Four out of Jones Beach. There are several factors that influence the use of DET Four, including weather, OPTEMPO, vessel maintenance, and status of manpower. There is NO plan at this time to change the number of personnel required to man vessels.

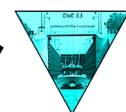
c. PB 281 is currently at Coeymans Landing Marina where the lower end drive shafts are being replaced. We are converting the XXL drive shafts to XL due to the configuration of the transom on that boat. Coeymans Landing has a technician skilled in the replacement of drive shafts.

d. PB 400 smoking issues was determined to be related to cold start/operations while cold. The heating grids have been replaced at Atlantic Service and the vessel is operational. However, the vessel is limited to 30 knots as when more than that speed a significant vibration is noted in one of the shafts. Suspect damaged propeller fluke. We will be looking at a haul out to inspect in the near future.

e. SFY 2024-25 NPS Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost	Budget	Remaining	
General	\$16,944.88	\$10,000.00	-\$6,944.88	169.45%
Boat Maintenance	\$107,179.77	\$95,000.00	-\$12,179.77	112.82%
Truck Maintenance	\$1,881.38	\$3,000.00	\$1,118.62	62.71%
Trailer Maintenance	\$609.01	\$1,500.00	\$890.99	40.60%
Travel/Per Diem	\$12,600.97	\$20,000.00	\$7,399.03	63.00%
Boat Gasoline	\$375.00	\$18,000.00	\$17,625.00	2.08%
Truck Diesel	\$6,942.24	\$8,000.00	\$1,057.76	86.78%
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$169,753.33</b>	<b>\$202,500.00</b>		
<b>Available:</b>	<b>\$32,746.67</b>			

% Year Gone: 106.11%  
 % SFY Remaining: -6.11%  
 % Money Obligated: 83.83%



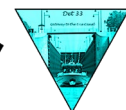


f. SFY 2025-26 NPS Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost	Budget	Remaining	
General	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%
Boat Maintenance	\$604.98	\$43,000.00	\$42,395.02	1.41%
Truck Maintenance	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
Trailer Maintenance	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
Travel/Per Diem	\$1,772.40	\$20,000.00	\$18,227.60	8.86%
Boat Gasoline	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	0.00%
Truck Diesel	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0.00%
Major Acquisition	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	0.00%
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$2,377.38	\$200,000.00		% Year Gone: 6.11%
Available:	-\$2,377.38			% SFY Remaining: 93.89%

g. 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		Awaiting lower end replacements on engines. ETR 15APR25
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	FMC	JTFES DET 1	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, in water.
PB 400	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC	AMSTEP Ex	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
MT 8903	Maint Trailer	Leeds	FMC		Ready

5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES. Exercise Empire Challenge is fast approaching, taking place on 4-6 June.

a. All participants are expected to travel and arrive on Wednesday, 4 JUN. For those travelling from SOUTHCOM, they are expected to use MEBS trucks currently located at Camp Smith Training Site and go directly to the assigned hotel in Niagara Falls. POV is generally not authorized with out express authorization.

b. WESTCOM and NORTHCOM participants will be using that Wednesday to travel and set up equipment as needed. It is scheduled as a preparation and training day.

c. The uniform for all participants in the working uniform.

d. We are expecting a significant presence of partner agencies as well as foreign observers and participants.

e. We are planning this as a 3-day paid event. This means that there may be a non-pay travel day for certain individuals.

f. Hotel lodging for O-3 and below is double occupancy.

6) COMMUNICATIONS.

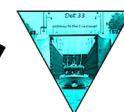
a. For Exercise Empire Challenge, the assigned boats and assets will be using their call signs:

- i. PB 280: "Genesee"
- ii. PB 281: "Arrow"
- iii. LC 351: "Eagle"
- iv. Command Post: "Dolphin"

b. Maj Golden has the communication team involved in a multi-agency communications exercise at the State Preparedness Training Center, in Oriskany on 12-15 MAY. He is also working on fleshing out the personnel assigned to this team.

7) TRAINING.

a. Petty Officers Timothy Nugent and Glenn Malik have completed their Mercury Marine Outboard Technician certification and are now eligible to wear the special device on their uniform. With the completion of this training, MEBS now has six certified Mercury Marine Outboard Technicians.





Petty Officer Bhola at the helm of PB 300 during a MEBS DET ONE patrol of the Tappan Zee, in support of JTF Empire Shield. 22MAR25

