



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 31 MAY 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

1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. It is required that all non-drilling members complete the NYNM INDOC course before being issued any type of SAD orders. For those who have not completed this one-time requirement, the link to take the course and the quiz is here:

https://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/training/NYNM_INDOCTRINATION_Link_Information.pdf

b. **PAY FOR TRAINING UPDATE.** We are beginning to pay MEBS members for training. The intent of paid training is to maximize the number of MEBS members getting the minimum-required two days per year participation. We have made pay projections based on the number of members in MEBS. In order to share the wealth, with a minimum of two paid training days for each member during this season, certain events will not be in-pay.

i. **All members** are expected to participate in MEBS Proficiency Training and letting MEBS HQ know ASAP of desired projected training dates. Communicate with your regional coordinator.

ii. The following members are not eligible for MEBS training pay:

- (1) MEBS HQ and N4
- (2) JTFES
- (3) ASRS
- (4) Federal mobilized

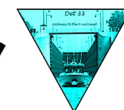
iii. Certain members are authorized additional paid training days due to their MEBS staff billet (i.e. regional coordinators, UAS/DET 50, N7, etc).

iv. To receive pay for training, all members must submit an updated Direct Deposit form and Pre/Post Deployment medical screening form before going on SAD. These forms are available on **MEBS LOG** and are to be securely submitted using the app's **Document Upload Portal**. **FOR ALL MEMBERS, YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM (WITH CANCELLED CHECK) INTO THE DOCUMENT UPLOAD PORTAL, NOW.**

v. For paid training days, there are generic, minimum standards of performance to be accomplished and DOCUMENTED. These requirements are:

GENERIC PAID MEBS TRAINING DAY REQUIREMENTS

- 1) CONDUCT PRE-OPERATIONAL CHECKS
- 2) MAKE INITIAL REPORTS (SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE MEMBERS, OR JUNIOR MEMBER)
 - a) GAR RISK ASSESSMENT
 - b) CREW MANIFEST
 - c) FLOAT PLAN
- 3) CONDUCT DOCKING/GETTING UNDERWAY EVOLUTIONS. 3 PER CREWMEMBER UNDER SUPERVISION
- 4) UNDERSTAND, ENERGIZE, AND USE ALL ELECTRONIC GEAR AVAILABLE, INCLUDING:
 - a) MARINE VHF





- b) AIS
- c) CHART PLOTTER SYSTEMS
- d) DEPTH SOUNDER
- e) ENGINE AND FUEL MONITORING/ALARM SYSTEMS
- 5) CONDUCT TRANSIT
 - a) SELECT DESTINATION AND ROUTE
 - b) USE NAVIGATION RESOURCES TO DETERMINE SAFE ROUTE
 - c) FUEL BOAT IF LESS THAN HALF FULL
- 6) RETURN TO PORT. STOW BOAT
 - a) SECURE VESSEL
 - b) REMOVE ALL TRASH AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS
 - c) REPORT MAINTENANCE REQUESTS
 - d) REPORT INCIDENTS/AFTER ACTION
- 7) FOUR HOURS ON-SITE MINIMUM, FROM START TO FINISH. **EIGHT HOURS IS GOAL.**

- c. **Crew search.** We are looking for crewmembers for the following events:
 - i. 11-12JUL24: OCF '24, Phase 1; Alexandria Bay
 - ii. 23-24 JUL 24: USCG PREP Exercise; Port of Albany
 - iii. 25-26JUL24: OCF '24, Phase 2; Alexandria Bay
 - iv. 6-8SEP24: Exercise Empire Challenge '24; Lake Champlain

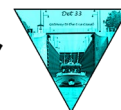
2) INFORMATION: *WKBW-Buffalo (21MAY24).*

New international shipping port proposed for Niagara County could create hundreds of jobs The cross-lake shipping corridor is designed to create a new supply chain capacity and cut down on emissions. The Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority announced a new agreement Tuesday that would establish a shipping terminal in Niagara County and create a port-to-port trade link between Somerset and Oshawa.

SOMERSET, N.Y. (WKBW) — Niagara County could become the site of Western New York's newest shipping terminal.

The Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA Ports) announced an agreement Tuesday that would establish a new port 37 miles south of Oshawa in Somerset, New York at the former location of New York's last coal plant which closed down in 2020.

A map shows the distance between Oshawa and the proposed port in Somerset.





The goal is to establish the Lake Ontario short sea shipping corridor run by HOPA with the United States. The owner of Singer Farm Naturals and co-owner of Innocense Cannabis Tom Szulist is excited to see his area get even busier.

"It's really quite exciting because anytime you can bring commerce and jobs to a rural area and this area used to have a power plant here," Szulist says. "Which employed a few people and since the powerplant shut down, there have been various proposals, but this sounds like something that can have some real good backing and support."

Ian Hamilton, CEO of HOPA Ports, tells 7 News reporter Yoselin Person that industrial goods will be traveling back and forth.

The agreement is between HOPA Ports and an affiliate of Beowulf Electricity & Data Inc., the owner of the 1,800-acre site on the southern shore of Lake Ontario.

"There are some big manufacturers in Oshawa like General Motors that we believe would be a potential user of the service," Hamilton says. "There's even some manufacturers from Buffalo and even some food products coming out of the area in Somerset."

The two parties have pledged to enhance a \$494 billion annual US-Canadian trade partnership by creating a new two-way trade route. HOPA Ports says the new route would significantly reduce carbon emissions and border congestion from truck traffic by creating this new marine transportation option.

"If you look at the economy around the Great Lakes, it'll be the third largest economy in the world so we're one of the greatest partnerships we have," the CEO says. "And anything we can do to enhance that and further that and further enhance the friendship in the United States is a very positive thing."

The old coal plant in Somerset has been undergoing redevelopment as New York State looks to transition it into something new while making use of its existing energy infrastructure and access to hydropower. The site is currently home to the Lake Mariner Data Facility, a high-tech campus that works on computational applications like Bitcoin mining and artificial intelligence.

"Somerset's promising future has long been anchored in its advantageous location along the shores of Lake Ontario, bolstered by valuable energy infrastructure and the exceptional quality of our local workforce," said Paul Prager, CEO of Beowulf. "We are thrilled that HOPA has recognized these same qualities and sought to partner with us on this exciting transportation project."

HOPA Ports says it will begin work right away on a detailed market analysis of the cargoes currently moving across the border by truck with an origin or destination point at each port. The study will be used to determine how valuable a new marine service would be including transportation cost savings and greenhouse gas reductions.

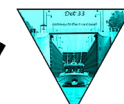
Both partners involved in this project also believe the Port of Somerset would develop over time to create hundreds of direct and indirect jobs in Niagara County and the Buffalo area.

"Niagara County's location as a border community with Canada has always been a major focus of our efforts to drive economic growth and opportunity, and today's announcement will unlock that potential and result in significant investment in our region," said Becky Wydysz, Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature. "The fact that the port would be sited at the former Somerset coal plant is a tremendous reuse of that property and needed in a community that took a big hit in the loss of revenue and jobs when the coal plant closed."

HOPA hopes to begin the move sometime in 2025.

3) OPERATIONS:

a. On 05/29/2024, at approximately 0830, NYNM JTFES Naval Detachment 3 was patrolling the white zone in New York Harbor near the Verrazano Bridge when they received a distress call on Channel 16 reporting an unconscious person in the water. LC351 was first on the scene and took the lead, discovering a deceased individual floating in the water. They secured the area, corralling the body to prevent it from being swept away by the currents and ensuring that no vessels would accidentally run over it. PB 440, which was also patrolling the area, then responded to assist LC351 at the location.





LC351 notified Coast Guard Sector New York, which then made the necessary notifications. FDNY and NYPD Harbor units arrived shortly thereafter and took over the body recovery operations. The NYPD will generate an Investigate D.O.A. complaint report and lead the investigation. The identity of the victim is currently unknown.



b. Readiness Rating:

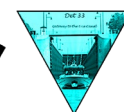
MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	60	65	1	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	12	1	13 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	27	28	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	106	90	2	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	104.49%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	99.64%	1	100% Functionality
Equipment Maintenance	E-Rating	90%	100.00%	1	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks

Overall Readiness R-RATING

1.25	2
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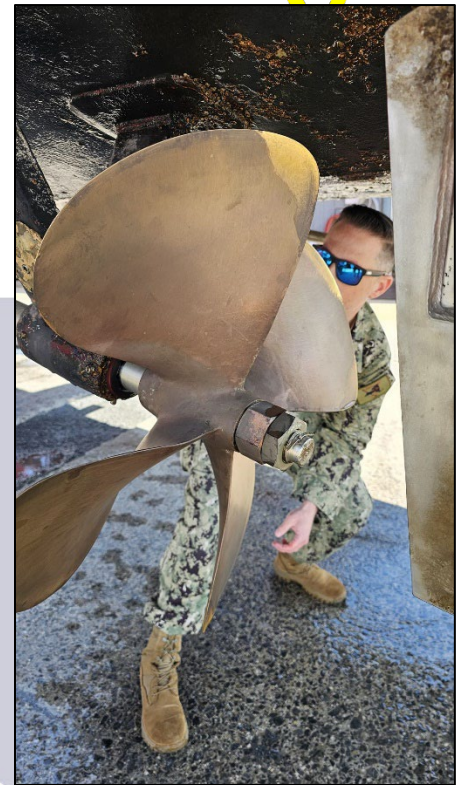




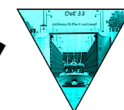
4) LOGISTICS:

a. PB 400 was hauled out at Viking Boat Yard due to a noise coming from the starboard shaft. It turns out to be a loose zinc anode which was fixed. However, there appear to be some additional maintenance issues with the bottom that will need to be addressed including shaft seals not aligning properly. The projected plan is to replace PB 400 with PB 300 on the DET 1 mission, and have bottom work contracted out to a vendor within the region. Our best estimate at this point is that the propeller shafts that were replaced last year need some tweaking in alignment. In addition, the boat is due for 500-hour engine maintenance. We are also looking at bottom sand-blasting and epoxy-coating. Another job will be the starboard side window glass replacement. It had broken a number of years ago during an Orient Point mission and was replaced with plexiglass. That plexiglass has now become difficult to see through.

The boat is currently back on mission until such time that we can get it into the vendor for an estimate.



b. LC 350 is FMC with new Mercury SeaPro motors installed.
<https://www.facebook.com/NYNM.admin/videos/991812632574461>



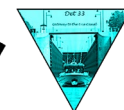


c. SFY 2024-25 NPS Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$2,195.04
Boat Maintenance	\$25,761.26
Truck Maintenance	\$878.70
Trailer Maintenance	\$387.59
Travel/Per Diem	\$1,997.20
Boat Gasoline	\$4,590.29
Truck Diesel	\$1,842.50
Major Acquisition	\$0.00
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00
Total	\$37,652.58
Available:	\$262,347.42

d. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

Bow / Bumper #	Boat / Vehicle	Location	Status	Mission	Comments
PB 220	Patrol Boat	Hudson	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Training	Ready. On trailer
PB 230	Patrol Boat	New Rochelle	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Buffalo	FMC	Training	Ready. On trailer
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Buffalo	FMC	Training	Ready. On trailer
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Coxsackie	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Tappen Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 4	Ready, in water.
LC 350	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 3	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
F350-5327	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5329	Prime Mover	Buffalo	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5339	Prime Mover	Buffalo	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	Leeds	FMC	Service Truck	Ready
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
CT 8901	Cargo Trailer	Staten Island	FMC	N/A	Ready
CP 8902	C2 Trailer	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
MT 8903	Maint Trailer	Leeds	FMC	NA	Ready





- 5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES. N/A
- 6) COMMUNICATIONS. The Alinco HF transceiver has been shipped to WO1 Martino, NYG for updates to digital capability.
- 7) TRAINING.
 - a. FAA Part 107 certifications on file: 2
 - b. Authorized motor vehicle drivers: 45. With CDL: 7

