



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 8 SEP 2023 MEBS PROGRAM

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

1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. UAV Program Update:

i. EOCS Scott Pease has completed a week of SAD at Latham cobbling together proposals for the NYNM UAV program. The following are the intentions going forward.

ii. Our initial plan will include a new MEBS DET 50 with 3-6 personnel focused on UAV operations. At least two will be FAA Part 107 certified Remote Pilot in Charge (RPIC). We have two members who are near completion of this requirement already.

iii. We have a proposed training and proficiency plan that will take advantage of DHSES opportunities at the State Preparedness Training Center in Oriskany.

iv. We have joined the state UAV Working Group and participated in our first virtual meeting on 7SEP23. As a member, we will have preferred access to the limited training opportunities.

v. TAG has limited our equipment acquisition to those products available on the Blue UAV clear list. From that list, we have identified the Vespar sUAS bundle from Vantage Robotics as our primary candidate for purchase through GSA. The bundle is \$9,292.48. We have already received the required purchase order document (APP A) from the vendor.

vi. EOCS Pease has developed a draft policy, training, and qualifications document that we expect will be turned into a NYNM Instruction.

b. We have whittled down the candidates for the MEBS second mechanic position at Leeds. There are currently four viable candidates.

c. Upcoming events: (new events highlighted)

i. 14SEP23: Directors Fam Tour onboard LC350; Coxsackie

ii. 15SEP23/1000: ECX MSEL development meeting: Latham

iii. 15SEP: MEBS N6/DET 30 HF Setup and Demo; Leeds

iv. 25-29 SEP 23: Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course; LGeorge; Putney, Carey

v. 3-5OCT23: Exercise Empire Challenge '23; Ft Hamilton, Tottenville, Jones Beach, Saugerties, New Rochelle, Verplanck; MEBS DETS 1, 3, 11, 21, 22 & 30

vi. 11OCT23: State Canal System closes

vii. 28-29OCT23: Fall Round-up; Leeds

viii. 30-31MAR24: MEBS Kick-Off Weekend 2024

2) INFORMATION:

a. (DAILYMAIL.CO.UK) Long Island couple killed in boat crash after twice bigger fishing vessel and capsizing as divers recover wife's body still inside the cabin. A New York couple was killed over Labor Day Weekend after their boat crashed with a vessel twice as big and capsized. The bodies of Louis Deritis, 53, and his wife Renee, 50, were recovered in Great South Bay near Fire Island after their boat capsized on Sunday night.





Deritis was operating his 27-foot 1989 OC/MA boat when it collided with a 44-foot fishing boat. He was ejected from the vessel and his body was found in the water on Monday after an overnight search. Renee's body was earlier found in the partially submerged boat's cabin by a team of rescue divers, police said. The larger boat was operated by Ferdinand Caravousanos, 61, who was on a fishing trip with friends and not injured. The West Babylon resident's four passengers were not hurt in the collision. Suffolk County police said the incident appears to be a 'tragic accident.' Chief William Scrima said on Monday that Caravousanos's vessel, the Henriques, was heading southwest in the bay while Deritis's boat was heading east. At some point, for reasons unknown, Deritis's boat made an abrupt turn north and into the path of the Henriques. While Caravousanos made his best effort to swerve, he could not avoid colliding with the Deritis' boat. Chief Scrima could not say at what speed the boats were traveling. He added there's no reason to believe alcohol or drugs were a factor in the tragic crash.

b. (CBSNEWS New York) *Boat sinks after catching fire near City Island* A boat caught fire near City Island on Tuesday. The FDNY says the boat caught fire after crashing into a pillar in the area just before 6 p.m. Officials say about 60 FDNY members responded to the fire and were able to prevent flames from spreading to the dock and surrounding buildings. The boat sank around 6:30 p.m. Police say a 41-year-old man suffered severe arm trauma. A police officer applied a tourniquet, and the patient was taken to a local hospital in stable condition.

3) OPERATIONS:

a. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	90	78	2	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	12	1	13 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	30	31	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	122	87	2	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%	94.35%	1	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks

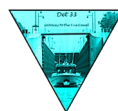
**Overall Readiness R-RATING**

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Date:

8-Sep-23

b. JTFES Naval Det activity for the past week:





- River Patrol.
  - i. DET 1 Indian Point Activity: Federal Safety and Security Zone Patrol/Lower Hudson
- Sector NY.
  - ii. DET 2 Staten Island Activity: Support to USCG
  - iii. DET 3 Jones Beach Activity: Support to JTFES and USCG Sector NY.



4) LOGISTICS:

a. Maintenance issues:

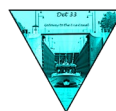
i. An attempted repair to Truck 08 clutch fan relay was not successful. Replacing the relay did not solve the issue, so troubleshooting continues.

b. SFY 2023-24 Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$1,992.44
Boat Maintenance	\$99,868.42
Truck Maintenance	\$868.39
Trailer Maintenance	\$1,172.12
Travel/Per Diem	\$11,728.11
Boat Gasoline	\$8,997.61
Truck Diesel	\$2,512.28
Major Acquisition	\$245,094.88
Grants Reimbursement	-\$52,061.39
Total	\$320,172.86
Available:	\$124,922.02

c. 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
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	Port engine oil seal replacement and lower end blown. ETR 1OCT23 (parts)
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Tottenville	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
LC 350	Landing Craft	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC	Training	Boat is having some work done, but is fully capable.
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	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5339	Prime Mover	Rochester	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5340	Prime Mover	Buffalo	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5619	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F550-5008	Prime Mover	Leeds	PMC	N/A	Clutch fan actuator failure. Cannot tow loads
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Eventually slated for Jones Beach
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.

a. Current list of Empire Challenge NYNM participants:

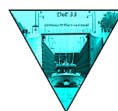
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Hauschen, Paul	Fort Hamilton	Command Post/JTF/CP trailer
Johnson, Zachary	Fort Hamilton	Command Post/JTF/CP trailer
Bhola, Bharath	Verplanck	MEBS Boats
Campanelli, Michael	New Rochelle	MEBS Boats
Chang, Lester	Fort Hamilton	White Cell/Evaluators/Observers
Dick, Charles	Tottenville	MEBS Boats
Dutcher, Jay	Fort Hamilton	White Cell/Evaluators/Observers
Egan, Anthony	Tottenville	MEBS Boats
Fenty, Wilson	Verplanck	MEBS Boats
Flad, Benjamin	Jones Beach	MEBS Boats
Golden, Michael	Fort Hamilton	Aviation White Cell/Evaluators/Observers
Gunusen, Zachary	Tottenville	MEBS Boats
Hill, Robert	Saugerties	MEBS Boats
Kaul, William	New Rochelle	MEBS Boats
Malik, Glenn	Jones Beach	MEBS Boats
McKnight, Donald	Fort Hamilton	Brazil Escort /Evaluators/Observers
Niemitalo, Glenn	Saugerties	MEBS Boats
Oliveras, Jon	Fort Hamilton	Command Post/JTF/CP trailer
Otty, Timothy	Saugerties	MEBS Boats
Pease, Scott	Fort Hamilton	Aviation White Cell/Evaluators/Observers
Pedersen, Mark	Fort Hamilton	White Cell/Evaluators/Observers
Sandoval, Tracy	Jones Beach	MEBS Boats
<i>Shea, Brian TBD</i>	Fort Hamilton	Command Post/JTF/CP trailer
Vega, Christopher	Verplanck	MEBS Boats
Walsh, Gary	New Rochelle	MEBS Boats
White, Keith	Saugerties	MEBS Boats

- 6) COMMUNICATIONS. MEBS N6 will be conducting a test of the command post trailer HF setup on 15SEP, at Leeds.
- 7) TRAINING. This past Labor Day Weekend 2 tragic events occurred on the water. **Remember:**
- always turn engine off when refueling
  - Ventilate all spaces before restarting engine after fueling
  - Always be mindful of speed, especially at night or during periods of reduced visibility
  - Energize all running lights
  - CBDR Constant Bearing Decreasing Range
  - Maintain a lookout
  - Use Sound Signals





- h. Utilize VHF radio to communicate
- i. Change course sufficiently so as to be obvious to other vessel
- j. Utilize radar
- k. 5 short blasts = DANGER!!!

