



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 14 JUL 2023 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. We have added a feature in MEBS LOG to identify major retailers with which we have tax exempt accounts. Purchases must be made using the assigned state procurement credit card at any of these retailers. Do not attempt to place purchases “on account.” The button, “Tax Exempt Accounts” can be found on the bottom of the first (Maintenance) page on the MEBS LOG app.

b. The MEBS LOG “**Incident Report**” function (found at the top on the third, or BOAT OPS page) has been expanded to include operation/exercise after-action reports. Rather than send an email reporting incidents or AARs, use this function on the MEBS LOG app. This will automatically log the report into a searchable database that will essentially be kept forever.

c. Upcoming events: (new events **highlighted**)

- i. **J6 communications working group meeting; virtual**
- ii. 20-21JUL23: WESTCOM Multi-Day/Operation Commanding Force: Alexandria Bay; *Niemitalo, Otty, Putney, White*
- iii. 25 JUL 23: State Directors tour onboard PB440; NYC; *CWard, Schneider, Stefandel*
- iv. 28-31JUL23: Operation Lake Thunder, Buffalo/Niagara; pending approval; *Niemitalo, Wittenzellner, Pease, Gerard, Kaul, Hauschen, Oliveras, JWard*
- v. **19-20 AUG 23: JTF 2 CPX likely cancelled; Camp Smith. It may turn into a “Communications Rodeo.”**
- vi. 28-29 AUG 23: Operation Aegis; LChamplain/Plattsburgh
- vii. Week of 6-8 SEP23: Operation Aegis; Hudson River
- viii. TBD SEP/OCT: CTZ 3 Exercise, Lower Hudson River
- ix. 3-5OCT23: Exercise Empire Challenge '23; SOUTHCOM
- x. 11OCT23: State Canal System closes
- xi. 28-29OCT23: Fall Round-up; Leeds
- xii. 30-31MAR24: MEBS Kick-Off Weekend 2024

2) INFORMATION: [**NYS FreshConnect Checks**](#)

In collaboration with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Veterans Benefits Advisors with the New York State Department of Veterans’ Services are offering FreshConnect checks to Active Duty members, Veterans and their immediate family members, as well as un-remarried surviving spouses of Veterans. New York State employees who are Veterans and their immediate family members are eligible to receive FreshConnect checks. Recipients can use FreshConnect checks for fresh produce and other food items at participating farmers markets throughout New York State. Veterans Benefits Advisors distribute FreshConnect checks on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the state of New York. The FreshConnect “season” generally begins in July and runs until December.

3) OPERATIONS:

a. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	90	80	2	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	10	1	11 Key Staff



Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	30	31	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	122	82	3	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%	91.30%	1	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks

Overall Readiness R-RATING

1.50	2
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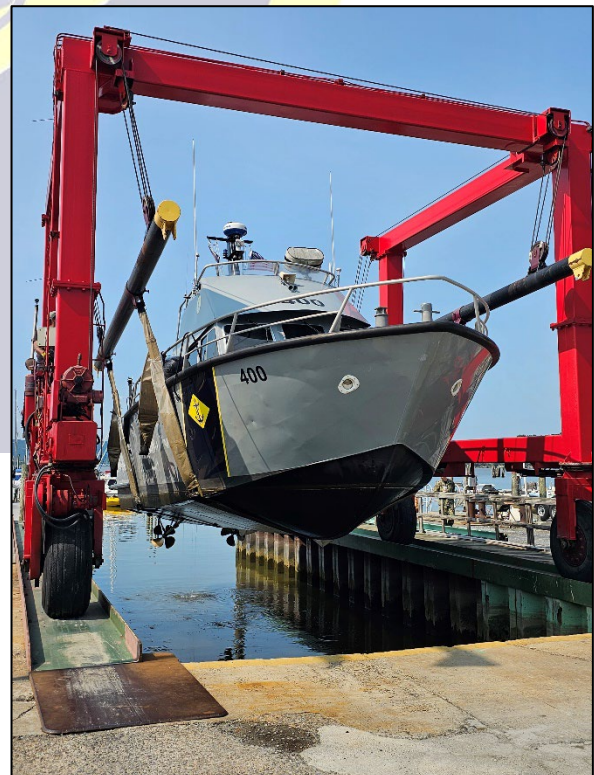
b. JTFES Naval Det activity for the past week:

- i. DET 1 Indian Point Activity: Federal Safety and Security Zone Patrol/Lower Hudson River Patrol. PB 301 has been moved from Tottenville to Verplanck to cover for the NMC PB 400 and PB 300.
- ii. DET 2 Staten Island Activity: Support to USCG Sector NY.

4) LOGISTICS:

a. Maintenance issues:

- i. LC 351 trailer needs work. The boat is not sitting on the trailer bunks correctly. We need to splash the boat next week in order correct that problem before the boat goes to A-Bay on 20JUL.
- ii. PB 300 port engine has a likely engine oil seal failure that will require the power head to be removed. We have the capability to do this work at the [MEBS Maintenance Facility](#) in Leeds.
- iii. PB 400 is out of the water at Verplanck, with propeller shafts removed. The shafts are being returned to FPS Propeller in Ravenna, for turning. The previous repairs have proven to be insufficient, causing friction and noise during rotation. ETR TBD





iv. PB 220 and 221 are still at NRC Schenectady, and they will need to be recovered and returned to their training mission sites.

b. SFY 2023-24 Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$984.35
Boat Maintenance	\$17,697.92
Truck Maintenance	\$246.14
Trailer Maintenance	\$1,172.12
Travel/Per Diem	\$10,934.96
Boat Gasoline	\$8,092.25
Truck Diesel	\$1,770.38
Major Acquisition	\$245,094.88
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00
Total	\$285,993.00
Available:	

c. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

<u>Bow / Bumper #</u>	<u>Boat / Vehicle</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Comments</u>
PB 220	Patrol Boat	Schenectady	FMC	Training	Ready
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Schenectady	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	Oil Leak, port engine
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	FMC	JTFS DET 1	Ready, in water.
LC 350	Landing Craft	Jones Beach	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC	Training	Ready
PB 400	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	NMC	Maintenance	Hauled out for shaft work. ETR TBD
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	Schenectady	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5339	Prime Mover	Schenectady	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	Rochester	FMC	N/A	Ready
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Buffalo	FMC	N/A	Ready
CT 8901	Cargo Trailer	Staten Island	FMC	NA	Ready
CP 8902	C2 Trailer	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
MT 8903	Maint Trailer	Leeds	FMC	NA	Ready

5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES. Empire Challenge '23:

a. Exercise Empire Challenge is shaping up to be a smaller event than originally planned. While we still intend to exercise plenty of communications capabilities as a primary function, there does not appear to be a significant personnel requirement for the Naval Militia outside of MEBS. Most of the NYNM participants will be local to the NYC/Long Island area with the exception of a handful manning the MEBS command post trailer at Fort Hamilton, in Brooklyn.

The critical day of activity is Wednesday, 4 OCT 23.

The landing craft at Jones Beach will be a primary vessel for the south shore activities. This boat will be manned (most likely) by JTFES crewmembers.

We would also like to have participate as communicators:

- 1) MEBS DET ONE at Indian Point, IVO Camp Smith
- 2) MEBS DET 11 at Tottenville, in lower NY Harbor
- 3) MEBS DET 21 at New Rochelle, western Long Island Sound.

NYNM expects to cover the cost of lodging for those that need to travel to the event. As of now, we have no one besides MEBS personnel (maybe 6 people?) that need hotel rooms. If there are additional training activities and more participants, now is the time to speak up.

The tentative schedule is:

Mon, 20OCT: Travel for CP trailer/crew to Ft Hamilton

TUES, 30OCT: JTFES CPX and Empire Challenge commence with in-briefs, set-up, and training

WED, 4OCT: day-long of exercise

THUR, 5OCT: Final exercise pieces with exercise hot-wash, wrap-up and return to home station.

6) COMMUNICATIONS.

a. J6 working group meeting is taking place on 19JUL23 at 1000. Planning for Communications Rodeo to take place on 19-20 AUG23.

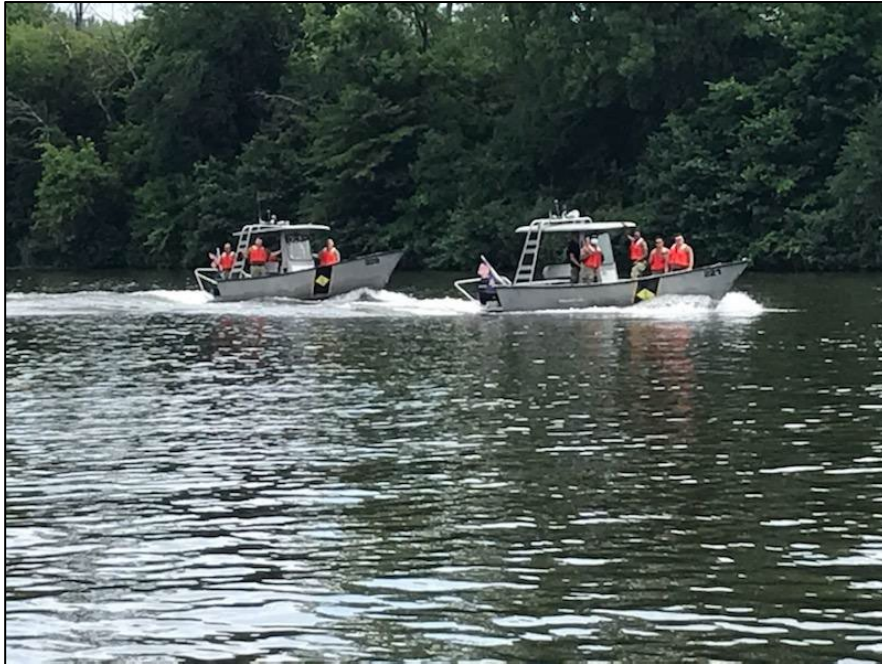
b. Comms work needed:

- i. Acquire CB antennas for new trucks (5)
- ii. Install CB radios in new trucks (4)
- iii. Install AIS on LC 351
- iv. Install Kenwood tactical radio on LC 351
- v. Install second marine VHF radio on LC 351



7) TRAINING.

- a. DET 33 supported NORTHCOM's Naval Militia Day at NRC Schenectady, on 8JUL23. PB 220 and 221 were used on the Mohawk River for MEBS familiarization with SELRES from the reserve center.



- b. We recognize that operational and maintenance requirements have disrupted potential training activities at several MEBS detachments. Both DETS 11 and 12 are affected with vessel re-assignments, as well as the problematic DET 33 docking situation in Waterford.

We expect a return of a boat to Hudson next week (from Schenectady), likely swapping PB 220 and 221 for that purpose.

LC 351 will be in Alexandria Bay next week before returning to Leeds for maintenance. It is not likely to return to Coxsackie, but eventually to Jones Beach, where it will replace LC 350.