



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 24 MAR 2023 MEBS PROGRAM

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

1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. Upcoming events: (new events highlighted)

- i. 7APR23: NYNM Leadership Meeting; Latham
- ii. 19APR23: Oil Spill Exercise; Ft Wadsworth-Staten Island
- iii. 19APR23: Port of New York AMSC meeting; Bayonne
- iv. 28APR23: Travel day to MEBS Kick-off Weekend
- v. 29-30APR23: MEBS KICK-OFF Weekend; Hudson
- vi. 8-12MAY23: Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course (MPVOC); LGeorge
- vii. 19MAY23: State Canal System Opens
- viii. Week of **20-23 JUN23**: Operation Aegis; **L Erie/ Buffalo**
- ix. TBD JUN23: North Hudson SAR/LE Council Exercise (2-day)
- x. 20-21JUL23: WESTCOM Multi-Day/Operation Commanding Force: Alexandria Bay
- xi. Week of 24-28 JUL 23**: Operation Aegis; **L Champlain/Plattsburgh**
- xii. 4-6AUG: Exercise Western Horizon '23; Sodus Point/Oswego/Rochester
- xiii. Week of **6-8 SEP23**: Operation Aegis; Hudson River
- xiv. TBD SEP23: North Hudson SAR/LE Council Exercise (2-day)
- xv. **3-5OCT23**: Exercise Empire Challenge '23; Brooklyn
- xvi. 11OCT23: State Canal System closes
- xvii. 28-29OCT23: Fall Round-up; Leeds

2) INFORMATION: Rates for shipping containers from east Asia and China to both US coasts fell further this week. Rates to the West Coast are about 93% lower than a year ago, and 30% lower than they were at any point in 2019. Rates to the East Coast are 87% below year-ago levels. It remains unclear if volumes that shifted to the East Coast because of backed-up ports and potential labor disruptions will be returning to the West Coast. Shipping analysts said that ports are now "wide open" after working through backlogs created from surging demand during COVID-19 lockdowns. (13MAR23)

3) OPERATIONS:

a. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	90	79	2	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	9	1	9 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	30	30	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	118	69	3	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	99.93%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	94.89%	1	100% Functionality
Equipment Maintenance	E-Rating	90%	86.36%	2	100% Operational



Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks
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**Overall Readiness R-RATING**

1.63	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.
  - ii. DET 2 Staten Island Activity: Support to USCG Sector NY.

4) LOGISTICS:

a. Status of new trucks. 3 of the 4 new trucks are complete and awaiting shipping. They are expected to arrive at the vendor in East Rochester in mid-April. The last truck is still awaiting parts.

b. SFY 2023-24 Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$114.10
Boat Maintenance	\$1,006.54
Truck Maintenance	\$48.00
Trailer Maintenance	\$0.00
Travel/Per Diem	\$0.00
Boat Gasoline	\$0.00
Truck Diesel	\$73.08
Major Acquisition	\$0.00
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00
Total	\$1,241.72
Available:	

c. SFY 2022-23 Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$14,695.23
Boat Maintenance	\$51,170.51
Truck Maintenance	\$1,442.54
Trailer Maintenance	\$677.43
Travel/Per Diem	\$8,810.52
Boat Gasoline	\$13,746.54
Truck Diesel	\$6,373.89
Major Acquisition	\$251,957.88
Grants Reimbursement	-\$42,797.96
Total	\$306,076.58
Available:	\$24,249.42

d. 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	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 230	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
LC 350	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
LC 351	Landing Craft	Verplanck	FMC	JTFES DET 1	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
F350-5344	Prime Mover	Leeds	NMC	Red-lined	Emergency use only
F350-5345	Prime Mover	Leeds	NMC	Red-lined	Emergency use only
F350-5346	Prime Mover	Leeds	NMC	Red-lined	Emergency use only
F350-5347	Prime Mover	Leeds	NMC	Red-lined	Emergency use only
F350-5619	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	N/A	Ready
F550-5008	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC	Maintenance vehicle	Ready
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Leeds	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.

a. Western Horizon '23 Planning. This event is in early planning, and is to take place in August 2023 on Lake Ontario. Initial concept was to hold this event at USCG Station Sodus Point (a part-time station between Rochester and Oswego), with USCG Reserve boat operators and Wayne County Sheriff marine patrol.



Based on conversation with the Operations Petty Officers from USCG Station Rochester (BM1 Vick) and Station Oswego (BM1 Yeckley), the possibility exists that Station Sodus Point will not open this year. In addition, there is a shortage of boat-qualified USCG Reservists between Rochester and Oswego stations. According to the senior Reserve Coordinator for USCG Sector Buffalo, Reserve (and active-duty) personnel from Sector and Station Buffalo may be available also. The proposed dates of 4-6 AUG 23 may also change. The bottom line is that this event is in a state of flux.

b. Empire Challenge '23 Planning. The Initial Planning Conference for ECX 23 was held on 17MAR. The biggest obstacles that we see right now are:

- i. Access/availability of primary event locations at Floyd Bennett Field, in Brooklyn and Riis Landing in Rockaway. Both locations are managed by the National Park Service. A secondary location to investigate is Kingsborough Community College in Manhattan Beach (Brooklyn).
- ii. Finding a suitable prime mover for the MERC trailer. The prime mover must meet the dimension and weight restrictions of the landing craft, as well as being powerful enough to tow the MERC trailer.

c. 2023 Events Summary:

19APR23: USCG Sector New York oil pollution exercise at Ft Wadsworth. Sector NY has specifically asked for one of our landing craft to serve as the vessel of interest. We have four NYNM members prepared for this exercise. We anticipate USCG personnel to embark LC-351 for exercise demonstration purposes.

28-30 APR23: MEBS Kick-off Weekend, at the Hudson Power Boat Assn marina in Hudson. Max 30 persons/all boats for the traditional seasonal kick-off training and boat deployment. We intend to capture some imagery of all boats on the river at once from the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse, located in the middle of the river. We intend to transport the keeper(s) by one of our boats to the lighthouse on 29APR.

8-12 MAY 23: NYS PARKS Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course. We have asked for two seats in this week-long training event on Lake George. NYS Parks pays for lodging and meals. No NYNM boats required. Proposed candidates: BU1 Steve Putney and MA1 Gary Walsh.

Week of 19 JUN 23: Operation AEGIS in Buffalo. A NYS DHSES-sponsored exercise with numerous local, state, federal agencies. We anticipate 3-4 NYNM participants on one NYNM boat. Still very early planning stage. Likely to embark outside agency LE personnel.

20-21 JUL23: Operation Commanding Force. A US Navy Reserve-sponsored exercise at Alexandria Bay, along with US Coast Guard Station A-Bay in response mode. With two NYNM boats and approximately eight NYNM members providing platforms for USNR Sailors to jump in the river and be "rescued" by USCG. USNR medical unit has specifically requested our help with this event. Similar to the event held in 2022.

Week of 24 JUL23: Operation AEGIS on Lake Champlain. A NYS DHSES-sponsored exercise with numerous local, state, federal agencies. We anticipate 3-4 NYNM participants on one NYNM boat. Still very early planning stage. Likely to embark outside agency LE personnel.

4-6 AUG23: Exercise Western Horizon. Lake Ontario with two NYNM boats and about ten personnel. Potentially, working with USCG Sector Buffalo boats and reserve personnel, as well as possibly local sheriff marine patrols. This event is in flux due to uncertainty about USCG availability.

6-8 SEP 23: Operation AEGIS on Hudson River. A NYS DHSES-sponsored exercise with numerous local, state, federal agencies. We anticipate 3-4 NYNM participants on one NYNM boat. Still very early planning stage. Likely to embark outside agency LE personnel.

25-29 SEP 23: NYS PARKS Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course. We will ask for two seats for this week-long training event on Lake George. NYS Parks pays for lodging and meals.



3-5OCT23: Exercise Empire Challenge. We anticipate four NYNMM boats and an estimated 25 NYNMM members for this annual communications exercise, slated for Brooklyn in conjunction with JTFES CPX.

27-29 OCT 23: Fall Round-up. Leeds area. All training boats and vehicles returned to Leeds Armory for training season wrap-up. Anticipate up to 30 participants from NYNMM.

6) COMMUNICATIONS.

7) TRAINING. We are investigating adding ASE training and certification to the N4 shop. It appears to be within our reach.

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