



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

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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. On this last day of SFY 22-23, we reflect that our Readiness Rating is **TWO**. The biggest areas that are holding us back from a level of ONE are our personnel numbers (we are 11 members short of minimum), and proficiency training, where our readiness is a **THREE**. The simple fix is that each member of MEBS must complete two or more training events per year. Unfortunately, we sit at only 59%, rather than 100%. The pending Kick-off Weekend will alleviate this to some degree but will likely not raise this rating above THREE.

b. Our intention is to have PB 281 along with its trailer and truck staged at USCG Station Buffalo for the coming season. We are in the process of working with Sector Buffalo and District Nine to create a real property agreement for this purpose. The actual document is being developed by the civil engineering unit, based in Cleveland, O. We currently have real property agreements with the Coast Guard for Stations New York, Jones Beach, and Alexandria Bay.

c. For what it is worth, we are now receiving indications that observers from Marinha do Brasil (Brazilian Navy) may in fact participate in the October Exercise Empire Challenge. If so, this may be the beginning of a first-ever naval state partnership program (SPP). New York State and Brazil already have an active SPP partnership for Army and Air Forces.

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

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

2) INFORMATION:

a. USS COOPERSTOWN (LCS 23) is a Freedom-class littoral combat ship scheduled to join the United States Navy's fleet on May 6, 2023. She will be the first naval ship named to honor the 70 baseball Hall of Famers who served the United States during wartime in a range of conflicts that spanned the Civil War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War. The Commissioning Ceremony will be co-hosted by the New York Council Navy League and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum on 6 May 2023 at Pier 88, in New York City.



b. New York City is set to receive its first public hybrid-electric ferry. The first-of-its-kind vessel—currently under construction at Conrad Shipyard’s facility in Morgan City, La.— will begin transporting passengers to Governors Island in summer of 2024. It will replace the diesel-powered Lt. Samuel S. Coursen, the Trust for Governors Island’s current vehicle and passenger ferry, which was commissioned by the U.S. Army in 1956 and has been in continuous use since.

c. Stripping Confederate Ties, the U.S. Navy Renames Two Vessels. The vessels will be named for Robert Smalls (USS CHANCELLORSVILLE), a mariner who commandeered a Confederate ship to freedom from slavery, and Marie Tharp (USNS MAURY), an ocean geologist who studied continental drift.

d. Austal USA launched two Navy ships this past week, USNS CODY (EPF 14) and the future USS KINGSVILLE (LCS 36). The USNS CODY, which was christened last month, is the Navy’s first Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF) Flight II vessel. As the first EPF Flight II, the ship represents enhanced Naval medicine afloat capabilities and will provide critical combat care in austere and contested operating environments. As the Navy’s 18th Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), the future USS KINGSVILLE will be deployed to the Pacific fleet area of responsibility.

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

Overall Readiness R-RATING

1.63	2
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Date:

31-Mar-23

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. Regarding the new trucks that are inbound, Ford notified the vendor – Van Bortel of an issue: The 2023 model is a redesign. This means that the vehicle caps are molded to the vehicle have not been designed by their individual manufacturers yet. If we wait for the caps, the minimum wait will be 3 months, but it will be more like 5-6 months. (design, mold build, Test, produce, then ship). Van Bortel would like to deliver the trucks and then coordinate the cap installation when they are actually available to be built and are in. We concur with this plan and have let MNBF know this.



b. SFY 2023-24 Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$114.10
Boat Maintenance	\$1,785.28
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	\$2,020.46
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	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. ENCS Wittenzellner and EMC Gerard will attend the Lake Erie Operation AEGIS planning meeting on 19APR23.

6) COMMUNICATIONS. N/A

7) TRAINING. Kick-off Weekend Plans

a. FRIDAY (28APR): Travel to Hudson. All boats arrive at Hudson Power Boat Assn.

i. SOUTHCOM (CWO2 Ward is coordinating passenger travel)

(1) LC 351 by water from Jones Beach

(2) PB 440 by water from Rosebank, Staten Island

(3) PB 400 by water from Verplanck

ii. NORTHCOM

(1) DMNA van from Latham

iii. WESTCOM

(1) Two POV trips

iv. No host social at HPBA in the evening

b. SATURDAY (29 APR):

i. Class room training at HPBA.

ii. On water training on Hudson River

c. SUNDAY (30 APR):

i. Boats depart to final destinations.