



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 4 AUG 2023 MEBS PROGRAM

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

1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. LCDR William Washington has accepted the position of Deputy Commander, MEBS



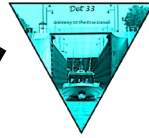
b. MEBS has been authorized an additional full-time mechanic position within the N4 shop at Leeds.

c. All MEBS personnel need to be aware that NYNM NOTE 6110 has been promulgated. This notice makes some important changes to the NYNM physical and medical standards instruction and should be read by all members. It can be found on the NYNM website under NOTICES. It specifically addresses standards for promotion, accession, and SAD eligibility.

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

- i. 5AUG23: Horsepower on the Hudson recruiting event; Castleton on Hudson
- ii. 28-29 AUG 23: Operation Aegis; LChamplain/Plattsburgh
- iii. 30AUG23: MNBF Excursion with DET 22; Hudson
- iv. Week of 6-8 SEP23: Operation Aegis; Hudson River
- v. **12 or 13 SEP 23: Multi-agency law enforcement exercise; Rochester**
- vi. TBD SEP/OCT: CTZ 3 Exercise, Lower Hudson River
- vii. 25-29 SEP 23: Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course; LGeorge
- viii. **3-4OCT23: Hudson Valley SAR/LE Exercise; Saugerties; MEBS DET 22**
- ix. 3-5OCT23: Exercise Empire Challenge '23; SOUTHCOM; *MEBS DETS 1, 3, 11, 21, & 30*
- x. 11OCT23: State Canal System closes
- xi. 28-29OCT23: Fall Round-up; Leeds
- xii. 30-31MAR24: MEBS Kick-Off Weekend 2024

2) INFORMATION: N/A





3) OPERATIONS:

a. We have received an initial request from the **City of Rochester Police Department** to participate in a one-day, multi-agency law enforcement exercise on Lake Ontario/Genesee River on either 12 or 13 September. CAPT McKnight is slated to participate in an initial planning conference call on 7AUG at 1200.

b. **Operation Lake Thunder** AAR summary: Operation Lake Thunder wrapped up this past Monday, 31JUL in Youngstown and Buffalo. By all measures, this event was a great success. The processes that initiated the event, the orders and the execution were all in order, and should be used for future, similar operations.

As a recap:

MEBS boats (2), the CP trailer, and personnel were requested through NYS DHSES to support the four-day/three-night operation (28-31JUL23). The multi-agency event was mainly focused on cross-border incursions by water, especially smuggling and illegal migration. The area of operations included the Upper Niagara River/Lake Erie IVO Buffalo, and Lower Niagara River/Lake Ontario IVO Youngstown. MEBS provided PB 281 (Buffalo), PB 280 and CP trailer (Youngstown) as platforms. We embarked US Coast Guard and Homeland Security personnel during the assigned patrol periods.

The operation included boat/crews from US Coast Guard, US Border Patrol, NYS DEC Police, NY State Police; in addition to several Canadian agencies on their side of the water.

Based on the assigned patrol periods, the MEBS crews ended up covering nearly half of the tasking. This was due not only to the scheduling but also that the other agencies ended up having to re-direct to other missions that would interrupt their patrol period.

We were able to flex to cover gaps in the schedule to ensure that the mission was completed.

Accomplishments include:

- Operating on both the Upper and Lower Niagara River, MEBS (with embarked USCG) made multiple patrols north and south with the closest approaches to Niagara Falls of any agency.
- PB 281 responded to a "Person in Water" call and assisted other agencies in locating the civilian who was found in good condition.
- During a squall on Lake Ontario, a disabled boat was escorted to safe haven by PB 280. The disabled boat was being towed by a fisherman/good Samaritan.
- PB 280 hailed and eventually caused to stop a recreational boater that was being unresponsive to USCG interdiction efforts. The attached photo is of PB 280 crew using spotlight to get the boater's awareness.
- USCG intended to use encrypted, hand-held radios for the operation. They were not entirely effective, especially due to line-of-sight limitations. Our MEBS CP and the boats are equipped with tactical communications VHF and satellite phones. We encouraged the use of these assets but were still limited by line-of-sight issues between upper and lower Niagara River sections. The CP was able to maintain tactical awareness of both of our boats using the tracking devices displayed within the trailer. The trailer is equipped with mi-fi, so the iffy internet in that part of Niagara County was not as big of a problem.

MEBS is inherently a surge capability to augment other agencies. While the law enforcement agencies utilized personnel in an overtime status, we were not encumbered by hours spent working and patrolling on our assigned days. The Naval Militia really put on a good face during this operation.

c. 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	12	1	13 Key Staff





Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	30	31	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	120	85	2	240 Proficiency Man-days (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%	90.00%	1	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks

Overall Readiness R-RATING

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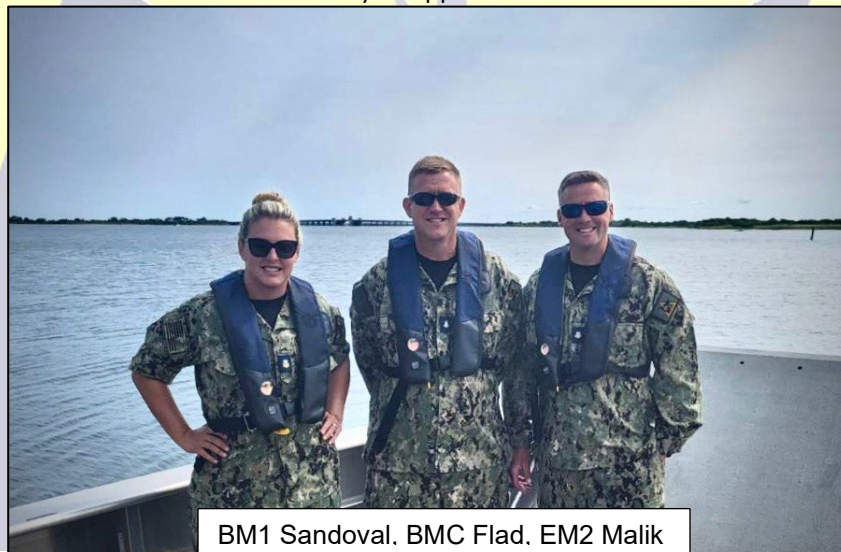
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d. JTFES Naval Det activity for the past week:

River Patrol.

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



4) **LOGISTICS:**

a. Maintenance issues:

i. PB 400 shaft repair work. The new propeller shafts and couplers have been obtained by FPS Propeller, in Ravenna. We will deliver the shafts to Stormy Bay Marine Services next week so they can make the installation in the boat. ETR is 10AUG23.





ii. PB 300 remains NMC due to port power head oil seal failure, and now replacement of lower end. ETR is 1OCT23.

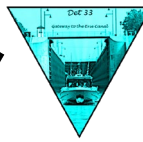
iii. Upon return of PB 400 to DET 1, we expect to relocate PB 301 to Tottenville as a training asset for DET 11.

b. SFY 2023-24 Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost
General	\$1,010.00
Boat Maintenance	\$90,792.67
Truck Maintenance	\$246.14
Trailer Maintenance	\$1,172.12
Travel/Per Diem	\$10,826.71
Boat Gasoline	\$8,209.51
Truck Diesel	\$2,210.28
Major Acquisition	\$245,094.88
Grants Reimbursement	\$0.00
Total	\$359,562.31
Available:	

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	Verplanck	FMC	JTFES DET 1	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	NMC	Maintenance	Hauled out for shaft work. ETR 10AUG23





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	NA	Ready
CP 8902	C2 Trailer	Enroute Youngstown	FMC	Operation Lake Thunder	Ready
MT 8903	Maint Trailer	Leeds	FMC	NA	Ready

5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES. Exercise Empire Challenge is confirmed to be a paid SAD event for participants. In addition to the already slated JTFES teams, we are expecting involvement from MEBS DETS 11 (Tottenville), 21 (New Rochelle), 22 (at Saugerties), and 30 (at Ft Hamilton); in addition to white cell personnel. We are dove-tailing the USCG-driven SAR/LE exercise at Saugerties into Empire Challenge as they are on the same dates.

6) COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications Rodeo, slated for 19-20 AUG has been cancelled.

b. SSGT Oliveras is slated to attend the COMM-T course at the State Preparedness Training Center in Oriskany on 23-27OCT23.

7) TRAINING. Projected training events:

- a. DET 22, 9AUG23
- b. DET 21, 14AUG23

