



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 2 FEB 2024 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:

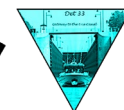
a. In order for a member to go on State Active Duty in the future, they will need to have completed the online NYNM INDOC course. The link to the course is here:  
[https://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/training/NYNM\\_INDOCTRINATION\\_Link\\_Information.pdf](https://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/training/NYNM_INDOCTRINATION_Link_Information.pdf)

b. CWO2 Ward (JTFES Naval Dets OIC) on behalf of the Empire Shield crews, presented CAPT McKnight with this flag display. Very cool!



c. Update to MEBS manpower. In order to “right size” our roster, we are removing approximately 20% of names of personnel who have not been active. We are also instituting new criteria for candidates joining MEBS. These changes directly affect our readiness rating, as those persons on the roster who do not participate reflect negatively. The new criteria for joining MEBS is found in NYNM NOTE 1330 and applies to 2024. A new candidate needs to have 35 points to be eligible for new affiliation with MEBS.

Criteria	Points	
900-Series Member	10	
USCG Boat Crew	10	
Qualified USCG/USN Coxswain	30	
NYS Safe Boater Course In class	15	
NYS Safe Boater Online	5	
NYS Safe Boater Instructor	30	
Residence within 25 miles of Buffalo	30	
Residence within 25 miles of Rochester	25	
Resident of Capital Region	30	Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Columbia, Greene Counties
On Enduring Mission State Active Duty	-25	
Commercial Driver License (CDL)	10	
Small Boat Engineer/Cert. Technician	30	

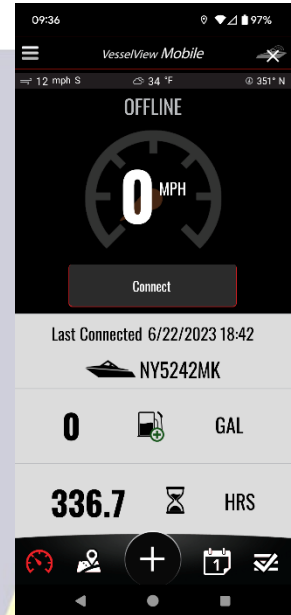




Comm-T Qualified	10	
FAA 107 Certified	10	
Assuming critical leadership or staff billet	35	

d. We are planning for a MEBS Triennial Assessment later this Spring. This inspection will be led by LCDR Washington.

e. We are investing in Vessel View modules for most of our boats with Mercury Marine engines. The benefit of Vessel View is that operators and maintenance teams can conduct engine diagnostics without having to hook up the one diagnostics computer that we have. Crewmembers with smartphones can connect to the module via Bluetooth. In addition to crewmember visibility of engine performance, it also automatically will update our Mercury Marine vendor account, providing this information directly to the MEBS N4 shop. Vessel View Mobile is available on the Google Play Store for free.



f. Upcoming events:

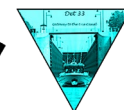
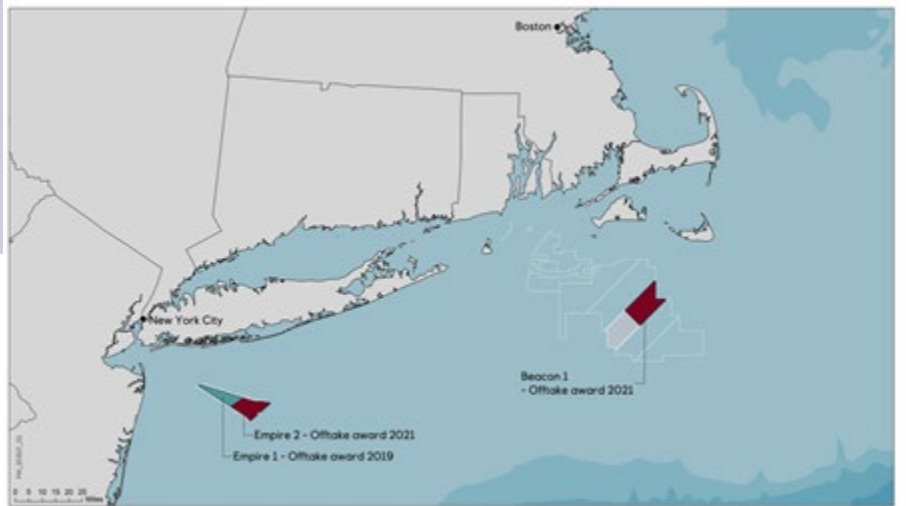
- i. 8 FEB24: Swedish Delegation Support; NYC
- ii. 9 FEB24/1000: Empire Challenge Exercise IPC; Latham
- iii. 7FEB24: NYS Safe Boater Course; Leeds
- iv. 5 APR24: WESTCOM regional kick off weekend; Buffalo
- v. 1 JUN 24: Hudson-Athens Lighthouse 150-year anniversary celebration; Hudson
- vi. 23-24 JUL 24: USCG PREP Exercise; Port of Albany
- vii. 6-8SEP24: Exercise Empire Challenge '24; Lake Champlain

2) INFORMATION: gCAPTAIN.

### Equinor and BP Swap Ownership in New York Offshore Wind Projects

Equinor has agreed to a swap transaction with BP, resulting in a significant reshuffling of ownership for several offshore wind projects in New York State. The deal will see Equinor taking full control of the Empire Wind lease and projects, while BP will assume full ownership of the Beacon Wind lease and projects.

This transaction involves Equinor gaining 100% ownership of Empire Offshore Wind Holdings LLC and, subject to certain conditions, taking over BP's half-share of the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal (SBMT)





lease. Meanwhile, BP will take over Beacon Wind Holdings LLC and its associated project company, becoming the operator of the Beacon Wind projects.

The swap is expected to be cash neutral, barring standard settlements of cash and working capital items. This agreement allows both companies to focus on their respective corporate priorities. Equinor, with over 20 years of experience in offshore wind, has been active in the US offshore wind market since 2017. It has also built a strong portfolio with assets in the UK, Poland, Germany, and South Korea.

Following the agreement, a bid was submitted for the Empire Wind 1 project in New York's fourth offshore wind solicitation round (NY4), which closed on Thursday. It has also been agreed upon to terminate the Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificate (OREC) Purchase and Sale Agreement with New York State for the Beacon Wind 1 project.

Upon the completion of the transaction, Equinor will take the Empire Wind projects forward with 100% ownership, and BP will do the same with the Beacon projects.

The transaction is, however, is subject to regulatory approval. The effective date is set for 1 January 2024, with closing expected in Q2 or Q3 2024.

"Building on our experience as a leading player in US offshore wind, we now take full ownership of a mature, large-scale offshore wind project in a key energy market, where we have built a strong local organization," says Pål Eitheim, executive vice president of Renewables in Equinor.

The 810 MW Empire Wind 1 project, already several years into development, will transform the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal into a hub for offshore wind, anchoring the East Coast offshore wind industry in New York City.

Molly Morris, senior vice president for Renewables in the Americas in Equinor, said that Empire Wind 1 is ready to deliver on New York's climate and energy goals, with numerous permits and supplier contracts secured.

"Empire Wind 1 is ready and so is Equinor," said Morris.

Earlier this month, Equinor and BP cancelled their OREC agreement for the second and larger (1,260 MW) phase of the Empire Wind project, known as Empire Wind 2, due industry-wide macroeconomic factors, such as inflation, interest rates, and supply chain disruptions.

Beacon Wind, located approximately 60 miles east of Montauk Point and 20 miles south of Nantucket, will provide generation capacity of 1,230 megawatts (MW).

Equinor said the transaction with BP is expected to result in a combined reported loss estimated to around USD 200 million for Equinor, assuming a positive outcome of the NY4 solicitation.

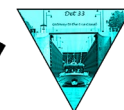
### 3) OPERATIONS:

#### a. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	60	65	1	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	98	88	2	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	121.35%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	102.31%	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

1.25 **2**







**Date:** 2-Feb-24

- 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.
  - iii. DET 3 Jones Beach Activity: Support to JTFES and USCG Sector NY.

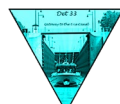
4) LOGISTICS:

- a. The purchase order for new Mercury SeaPro 300HP motors for LC350 has been approved and sent to the vendor for procurement. The expected shipping date is 12MAR24.
- b. PB 300 is NMC. During an OPTEST on 1FEB24, no cooling water was being supplied for either motor. Both motors have new lower end units, so we will be troubleshooting.
- c. PB 300 steering ram has been repaired. We believe that PB 301 at Jones Beach has a similar issue that will need to be addressed. Both boats are approximately 16 years-old and this is the first time that the steering rams have been disassembled for repair.
- d. SFY 2023-24 Expenditures to date:

General	\$5,744.50
Boat Maintenance	\$148,652.19
Truck Maintenance	\$2,315.76
Trailer Maintenance	\$1,204.86
Travel/Per Diem	\$20,443.57
Boat Gasoline	\$13,118.83
Truck Diesel	\$6,408.67
Major Acquisition	\$297,973.68
<b>Grants Reimbursement</b>	<b>-\$61,966.54</b>
Total	\$433,895.52
Available:	\$11,199.36

e. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

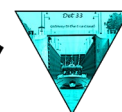
<u>Bow / Bumper #</u>	<u>Boat / Vehicle</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Comments</u>
PB 220	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Available	On trailer
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Available	On trailer
PB 230	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Available	On trailer
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Available	On trailer
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC	Available	On trailer
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Leeds	NMC	Maintenance	Sorting out some lower end issues related to cooling water supply for motors.
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.





LC 350	Landing Craft	Leeds	PMC	Maintenance	Another ignition coil issue. Replacing motors.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Jones Beach	FMC	JTFES DET 3	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	Camp Smith	FMC	N/A	Ready
F350-5275	Prime Mover	Leeds	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	Leeds	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	Leeds	FMC	Service Truck	Ready. No long-range tows.
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Camp Smith	FMC	N/A	Ready
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. ECX 24 IPC is slated for 9FEB24 at 1000.
- 6) COMMUNICATIONS. N/A
- 7) TRAINING.
  - a. NYS Safe Boater Course, Leeds Armory, 7FEB24.
  - b. FAA Part 107 certifications on file: 2
  - c. Authorized motor vehicle drivers: 42. With CDL: 5







# VETERAN'S NIGHT OUT



ALBANY COUNTY AND THE MVP ARENA INVITE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ENJOY A FREE\* ALBANY FIREWOLVES LACROSSE GAME WITH PRE-GAME BUFFET.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

**MVP ARENA, 51 S. PEARL STREET, ALBANY**

**6PM PRE-GAME BUFFET • 7PM GAME: FIREWOLVES VS. COLORADO MAMMOTH**

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER: 2/17/2024

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\*\* TRANSPORTATION WILL BE DEPARTING CROSSGATES MALL (IN FRONT OF 110 GRILL) AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30PM AND WILL RETURN AFTER THE GAME.



Daniel P. McCoy  
Albany County Executive

