

GRP EXERCISE PLAN

BB-08 New Bedford Harbor GRP Exercise

05/11/11, 8:30 am to 12:15 pm

Note: location has been changed due to weather. Some objectives have been modified.

Classroom: Southcoast Training, 69 Main St. Fairhaven

Staging Area (load boom out of trailers): Pease Park, Fairhaven

Deployment Site: Popes Island (southeast end). Deploy cascaded boom (600-800 feet total in 200' sections).

Objectives

- Simulate actual incident – Fire Chiefs take lead in assigning personnel, implementing tactics.
- Develop tactical and operational plans to assign personnel and resources for GRP deployment.
- Deploy equipment from New Bedford and Fairhaven response trailers.
- Provide opportunity for responders from Fairhaven, New Bedford, USCG, MassDEP, and other agencies to work together in a Task Force setting.
- Deploy cascaded diversion boom using New Bedford/Fairhaven equipment.
 - Load boom at Pease Park and tow to Popes Island in 200' sections.
 - Deploy off of Popes Island – 200' sections cascaded – 600 to 800' total.
 - May repeat deployment to cycle through all participants.
- Provide opportunity for all participants to have hands-on experience towing, setting, and anchoring boom.
- Document all activities.
- Conduct post-deployment “hot wash” to identify lessons learned.
- Identify any training or planning gaps brought out by the GRP deployment exercise.

Participants

Based on initial planning, participants will include individuals from:

- Fairhaven Harbormaster
- Fairhaven Shellfish Dept.
- Fairhaven Fire Dept.
- New Bedford Fire Dept.
- New Bedford Port Security
- New Bedford Harbor Development Commission
- Mass DEP
- U.S. Coast Guard Sector SENE

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- U.S. Coast Guard Station New Bedford
- Moran Environmental
- Nuka Research and Planning Group (facilitator)

Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location/Details
08:30	Meet for briefing and safety protocols	Southcoast Training – 69 Main St. Fairhaven. Will present scenario, assign personnel, and develop an Operational Plan and Comms Plan. Assign personnel to vessels, etc. Travel to Pease Park to load vessels or to Popes Island for shoreline observers.
09:00	Deploy boom.	Load boom to vessels from trailer(s). Tow from Pease Park to Popes Island. Responders will deploy boom as drawn in revised GRP. Other task forces and observers/evaluators will watch from vessels/shore. Response vessels and responders may be rotated to allow all participants the opportunity to handle and set boom. If necessary, some legs may be set and reset for exercise purposes.
11:30	Demobilize boom.	Evaluate tactic, remove boom and anchors, rinse & store boom in trailer.
12:00	Debrief	Reconvene at Pease Park. Participants, observers and facilitators will share observations and take-away lessons.
12:15	Adjourn	

General Logistics

- Classroom: 69 Main St. Fairhaven (Southcoast Training).
- Fairhaven & New Bedford trailers will be staged at Pease Point. New Bedford is bringing an engine for rinsing boom afterward. Vessels will be at Pease Point. Boat launch there for trailered boats.
- Deployment at Popes Island. Observers may park at Popes Island marina and observe from there.

Support Equipment

Vessels

Preliminary list of vessels:

- Fairhaven harbor vessels
 - 23' Carolina, 140hp
 - 25' whaler, twin 150s
- Fairhaven fire vessels
 - 25'
 - 16', 65 hp
- New Bedford fire vessel
 - 29' US Marine, twin diesels
- New Bedford Harbormaster vessel
- New Bedford Port Security vessel
 - 27' whaler

Personnel

Response personnel TBA based on attendance.

Boom

1,000 feet New Bedford Trailer (mixed 12" and 18")

If needed, there will be 1,000 ft of boom from the Fairhaven Trailer (mixed 12" and 18") and possibly 200 ft of boom provided by the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission.

Other Information

Tides (New Bedford/Buzzards Bay) May 11/12

High 1		Low 1		High 2		Low 2	
02:28	3.78 ft	08:13	0.54 ft	15:10	3.98 ft	20:45	0.6 ft
High 1		Low 1		High 2		Low 2	
03:28	3.76 ft	09:19	0.37 ft	16:11	4.23 ft	22:02	0.43 ft

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