



**Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
Charity Boat Auction**

Absentee Bid Rules

**To register an absentee bid, please call 410-745-4992,
or e-mail BoatDonation@cbmm.org**

All absentee bidder(s)/ bid(s) are subject to the general **Auction Rules (listed on pages 2 & 3)**. Additionally, the following rules apply to all absentee bidders/bids:

- Absentee bid(s) will be accepted on all live auction items. Absentee bid(s) will be accepted only on absentee bid form(s) for live auction items and the required information indicated must be provided.
- **To be valid, the absentee bid form(s) must be completed, signed, and received by the Auction Registrant no later than the End of Day on August 31, 2023.**
- Absentee bids will be offered up to the amount you indicate, or the next lowest amount called for at the auction. Your bid will be a confidential Proxy bid. An individual CBMM staff member will bid for you – as if you were in the crowd bidding for yourself. The attending bidders will open the bidding process and our staff will then bid for you in the same increments that the attending bidders raise. If your absentee bid is the high bid at the fall of the hammer, you will pay what the last bid is on that item. We will **not** enter your bid as an opening bid and will **not** raise the bid to your high bid unless bidding increments reach that amount.
- Only the highest Absentee bid by US \$ amount and item number will be included in the auction. If two Absentee bidders are bidding on the same lot, only the high bidder will be included in the bidding at the Auction. In the event of identical absentee bids, the bid received first will take precedence.
- If a successful (winning) bid is placed on your behalf for a live auction item, you will be notified by phone and/or email by the conclusion of the auction on September 2nd, 2023. Your payment will then be processed using the credit card number provided unless an alternative method of payment (check, cash) has prior approval by CBMM. Failure to meet the payment requirements will result in forfeiture of the auction prize.



CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM

CHARITY BOAT AUCTION

Saturday, September 2nd, 2023

Auction Begins at 11:00 am

213 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels, MD 21663 | 410-745-2916

AUCTION RULES

1. Bidders must be 18 years or older. Bidders must register and obtain a bidder's number. Name, address, and valid driver's license are required. ***The registration table is located just outside of the Welcome Center as you enter campus.***
2. No proxy bids (one person bidding on behalf of someone else), and no third-party payments; ***Only the owner can complete registration/titling/payment.***
3. All purchases are subject to a 5% Maryland Excise Tax. Boat dealers must present their Tax Identification Certificate and or Boat Dealer License at the time of payment to be tax-exempt. **No exceptions.**
4. All sales are final. **ALL BOATS ARE SOLD "AS IS, WHERE IS".**
5. Buyer waives any claims for liability against either CBMM or the donor of property, and neither CBMM nor the donor is responsible for any personal injuries or damages to property that may result from the utilization of property sold.
6. Buyers must report to the title office, located next to the Welcome Center to pay in full and process title transfer **between 11:30am and within ½ hr. after the final boat is auctioned off on Saturday, September 2nd, 2023.**
7. Boat title application will be completed, and fees collected at the time of sale and released only after payment is received in full (including potential docking fees) and the boat has left CBMM property.
8. Trailers (if included) are the sole responsibility of the Buyer. Some trailers may not include a title. CBMM is not an agent of the MVA and cannot transfer trailer titles.
9. **Boat/Item Pick-Up:**
 - Boats/items must be removed from CBMM grounds ASAP after the close of the auction or **NO LATER THAN 5 PM TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH.**
 - **Vehicles are not permitted on campus for the removal of boats until AFTER 4 PM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND.** Any necessary movement and securing of boats is at the sole risk and responsibility of the Owner. The owner must present a Bill of Sale and a valid driver's license when removing the boat.
 - Boats/items not removed from CBMM grounds on the day of purchase are left at the buyer's risk.
 - Boats/items left at CBMM after 5PM Tuesday, September 5th **WILL BE MOVED AND STORED AT PURCHASER EXPENSE. SEE BACK FOR STORAGE PRICING.**
 - If pick-up/delivery of a boat by a third party is required, it will be the Owner's responsibility and expense to arrange said delivery and to notify CBMM as to who will be picking up the boat/item and when.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

1. Payment may be made by cash, credit card or check made payable to: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.



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2. On the fall of the auctioneer's gavel, the title to the boat will pass to the highest bidder, who thereupon assumes full risk and responsibility.

STORAGE FEES

In water boats:

Free until the end of day Saturday, September 9th. Any boats left after this will be charged our regular daily slip rental fee at \$2/ft/day.

Trailerred boats/on land boats:

Any boat not picked up by Tuesday, September 4, 2023 will be moved to a CBMM storage facility in St. Michaels or Easton, MD. Please call ahead of time when you are coming to pick it up. Beginning Wednesday, September 5th you will be charged a dry storage fee of \$30-\$50 a week depending on the size of the vessel.