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CBMM's 14th Annual Boat Auction is September 3

The opportunity to buy an affordable boat and support a good cause will be at the annual Boat Auction held on Saturday, September 3 at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels. The live auction begins at 1pm, with all the proceeds benefiting the Museum.

For 14 years, Labor Day weekend has meant great deals on boats to boating aficionados and first-time boat buyers. More than 80 boats – ranging in size and performance from sailing dinghies to cabin cruisers, will be available to the highest bidder at the 1pm boat auction. Beer and barbeque will also be on sale at this lively event.



The museum's Boat Donations Program Manager Lad Mills takes donations and resells boats throughout the year, holding aside some of his inventory for the annual auction. Mills travels up and down the east coast working with boat owners and potential buyers wishing to support the museum through their boat donations.

“Beyond taking an unused or unwanted boat off of people's hands, and their receiving a nice tax deduction, the revenue generated by the auction goes directly to help the museum do work like maintaining its fleet of historic vessels,” says Mills. “The boat auction is great fun and does great things for the children and adults we serve.”

Returning to the auction this year is a flea market-style tag sale to be held from 10am to 1pm, where visitors will be able to purchase a variety of boating gear, including ground tackle, electrical equipment, hardware, rope or chain, ladders, fishing tackle, and motors.

A selection of the boats to be auctioned can currently be viewed by following the “Donate or Buy a Boat” link at www.cbmm.org. All boats are subject to sale prior to the auction. The

vessels will also be available for inspection at the Museum several days prior to the auction. Advance bids can be called in to 410-745-4941 until 4pm on September 2, 2011.

The campus gates open early at 8am, with early admission \$5 per person until 1:30pm. After 1:30pm, admission returns to the regular daily rates of \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$6 for children between the ages of 6 and 17. Children under 6 and museum members are admitted free. To donate a boat or items for the tag sale, or for a fully updated listing of the boats up for auction, please contact Lad Mills at 410-745-4942 or at lmills@cbmm.org.

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Auctioneer Herb Andrews calls out for bids at last year’s Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum boat auction. This year, more than 80 boats, ranging in size and performance from sailing dinghies to cabin cruisers, will be available to the highest bidders at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum’s 14th annual charity boat auction, to be held Saturday, September 3 on the Museum’s 18-acre waterfront campus in St. Michaels. Donated boats and gear are still being accepted for the event, with all the proceeds benefiting the people served by non-profit museum. Contact Lad Mills at lmills@cbmm.org or call 410-745-4942 for more info.