

Online Auction

DEP will hold an online boat auction. All bidding will be conducted online.

When

October 3, 2022 through
October 12, 2022

How to bid

Bidding is easy and can be done right from your computer. To find the boats offered in the auction, follow these simple steps:

1. Visit: <http://www.PublicSurplus.com>
2. Search for: DEP-BWS Boats to see the available boats *
3. Register for an account to bid



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*Boats will not be viewable online until the start of the auction.

2022 Boat Auction: Frequently Asked Questions

Will DEP also be holding a traditional mail-in-bid auction for boats? No. This auction is taking the place of the mail-in-bid auction. The mail-in-bid format created various challenges, including the need for bidders to send in money orders or checks and cover the fees associated with them, even if they weren't the winning bidder. DEP has used this online system to sell boats since 2017, and we have found that the system is easier for bidders and sellers alike. You can track your bid progress and increase your bid throughout the time that the auction is live. For individuals familiar with eBay, this format will seem very familiar to you.

When does the auction start and end? The auction will be starting on October 3, 2022. The auction will be live for ten days.

Can I view the boats in the auction? Each boat will have multiple photos for you to view online throughout the duration of the auction. Photos of boats are provided to allow for bidding without needing to view the boat in person. DEP will not be offering in-person boat viewings.

How do I register to bid on a boat? You will need to visit the auction website: <http://www.PublicSurplus.com>. From here, simply click on the register button. This will guide you through the registration process. When registering, you will need to verify your email and phone number. The online registration system will guide you through all of these steps. Once registered, you can bid on the selected boat(s). You can register at any time and bid once the auction is live.

How do I see the boats that are available by DEP? Boats will be listed on the <http://www.PublicSurplus.com> website once the auction goes live. To see the boats, simply type in "Boats-DEP-BWS" in the search box. Each lot will have a unique lot number titled G# for boats located in Grahamsville, NY, and D# for boats located in Downsville, NY. You can use this number to search for the lot or to find a specific boat.

What if I don't have a computer? You can also access the auction via a tablet or smartphone if you don't have a computer. If you don't have either one of those, please consider asking a friend or relative to help you register and bid. Computers with internet access are often available to use for free at your local public library.

Can I still mail in a bid? Unfortunately, we cannot accept mail-in or in-person bids for this auction. You will need to register and bid online.

Are there any additional fees that I need to pay if I am the winning bidder? Yes. You may need to pay a State of New York sales tax. A buyer's premium of 9.5% will also be added to the final sale price with a \$1 minimum charge per auction for payment collections. This buyer's premium will be visible during the bidding process and added to the total bid. The buyer's premium is a service fee charged by the auction company.

How do I pay for the boat if I'm the winning bidder? Successful bidders will follow the payment processes as outlined through the <http://www.PublicSurplus.com> website. The website accepts wire transfers or credit cards. No cash, checks, or money orders are accepted.

How do I pick up my boat if I'm the winning bidder? Once payment is received and processed, winning bidders should make an appointment with the associated boat office, depending on what boat they won (see below). You will need to bring proof of payment to pick up the boat. All boats must be picked up by the date specified on the individual auction. Bidders will be notified by email if they are the successful bidder. We ask that successful bidders please bring your signed auction receipt and a photocopy of your driver's license with you to your appointment. When picking up your boat, you must follow all protocols established at the boat office to ensure that proper Covid-19 guidelines are followed. Please wear a mask. The contact information for the boat offices is as follows: Grahamsville Boat Office (845) 334-7152, Downsville Boat Office (607) 363-7009. The Grahamsville and Downsville boat offices are open by appointment on weekdays between 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Whom do I contact if I need help with registering and/or bidding? If you have any problems with registering or bidding, you can get help through the <http://www.PublicSurplus.com> website. In the top left corner, there is a help link that provides answers to many common questions. During regular business hours, you will also be able to click the "CHAT" link and get direct help from customer service. If you still need help, you can email support@publicsurplus.com.