

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2004

Buoyant bids

Maritime Heritage Alliance holds 18th annual boat auction



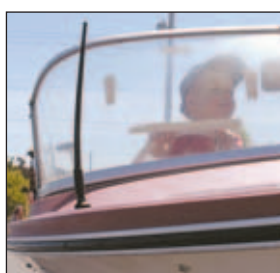
Potential bidders examine a vintage speedboat sporting an equally antique Evinrude motor at the 18th Annual Maritime Heritage Alliance Boat Auction held Saturday in the parking lot at West Marine in Traverse City.



From seaworthy crafts to handyman dryrot specials, the 18th Annual Boat Auction featured a bevy of speedboats, sailboats and rowboats. This in-progress mahogany sailboat from the 1940s fetched a modest \$30 winning bid.



Auctioneer Ron Bancroft urges the crowd to up the ante on this weathered yellow metal rowboat still sporting "Rustic Resort" on its sides. Bancroft donated his talent and time for the Maritime Heritage Alliance Boat Auction. This year's auction featured 60 boats, assorted marine gear and navigation equipment.



Fletcher Robbins, 4, of Traverse City tries out the steering in this Sea Star motorboat.



Garrett Kerndt looks over his newly acquired sailboat before hooking up the trailer with help from friend Christian Fowler. Kerndt and Fowler hit the boat auction early so they wouldn't miss their senior graduation at Central High School.



Bidders inspect several inboard and outboard engines attached to boats up for auction. The 18th Annual Maritime Heritage Alliance Boat Auction featured everything from a 30 foot powerboat to an eight foot rowboat. Money raised will benefit programs associated with the 1845 schooner Madeline and the restoration of the replica ship, Welcome.

Herald photos by Garret Leiva



Andy Schofield inspects a wooden craft in need of some elbow grease and new planking. Schofield, a member of the Maritime Heritage Alliance, says that the organization collects donated boats all year long for the auction.

TC HAPPENINGS

Things to do, places to go, people to see

Going to the dogs

The Grand Traverse Kennel Club will hold its annual dog show from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Grand Traverse County Civic Center. Numerous breeds show in both confirmation and obedience. For more information, call 267-9516.

Antique autos

The Northwest Michigan Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America will host "Motorwheels of Yesteryear," from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday on the Music House Museum grounds in Acme. Admission for spectators is free. Food and museum tours will be available. For more information, call 946-4634.

Bead work demo

In conjunction with the Grand Traverse Heritage Center's Anishinaabek exhibit, a bead work demonstration by Pat Castaneda will be held at noon Saturday at the Heritage Center located at 322 Sixth St. in Traverse City. For more information, call 995-0313.