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**New York State To Auction Two Surplus Canal Vessels In Waterford**

**NYS Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction Scheduled In Saratoga Springs**

The New York State Office of General Services (OGS) today announced that two surplus canal vessels — a 1926 homemade derrick boat and a 1919 homemade quarters boat— will be sold at auction in Waterford on Thursday, July 9. OGS will also conduct a regularly scheduled vehicle, highway equipment, and miscellaneous property auction earlier that day in Saratoga Springs.

The auction for the two New York State Thruway Authority/Canal Corporation canal vessels will be held at 3 p.m. at 21 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Waterford with bidder registration and previews of the vessels beginning at 2 p.m. Both vessels are currently located at the New York Canals' Waterford Section dry dock at 200 Davis Avenue. Potential buyers are strongly encouraged to inspect the vessels prior to bidding.

**Derrick Boat**

Derrick Boat #1, generally referred to as DB1, was built in 1926 and has spent most of its time in regular service on the New York State Canal System out of the Utica floating plant. A derrick boat can be used as a crane to lift logs from tree-cutting operations, or it can be equipped with a clamshell bucket and be used to repair a shoreline or for dredging. When on location, the vessel is held in place with large spuds — cylindrical anchor tubes that are lowered to the bottom of the canal and render the vessel immovable. The DB1's spuds and an A-frame that was used to support its boom were removed.

The DB1 is representative of the typical small floating derrick used by the Canal Corporation and its predecessors over the better part of the last century. Originally steam powered, the DB1 was most recently powered by a 2006 Detroit Diesel Series 40 engine, with electricity provided by two generators. The engine and generators have since been removed.

For most of its years of service, the DB1's crew would live aboard the vessel when it was out on location during the navigation season. It is equipped with a galley, bunkrooms, and a bathroom. It weighs approximately 150 to 200 tons and is about 28 feet wide, 77 feet long, and 18 feet high.

**Quarters Boat**

Quarters Boat #18, generally referred to as QB-18, was built in 1919 and has spent most of its time in regular service on the New York State Canal System out of the Utica floating plant. These types of vessels typically included accommodations for 20 or more crew, a large galley and dining area, a bathroom, and an office. These vessels are not self-propelled and have to be transported to work sites by a tugboat. Once on location, they are tied to shore or a nearby bulkhead. The QB-18 weighs

approximately 75 to 85 tons and is about 21 feet wide, 62 feet-5 inches long, and 15 feet-16 inches high.

OGS has also scheduled the following surplus vehicle, highway equipment, and miscellaneous property auction on Thursday July 9 in Saratoga Springs For a listing of other New York State auctions to be held throughout the state later this year go to: [www.nysstore.com](http://www.nysstore.com). For information on specific items and terms of sale, please visit [www.ogs.ny.gov](http://www.ogs.ny.gov), email [state.surplus@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:state.surplus@ogs.ny.gov), or call (518) 457-6335.

**Thursday, July 9**

**9:30 a.m.**

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
2369 Route 50, Saratoga Springs

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