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Bidding Begins for Museum Sailboat

(Oshkosh, WI.) The Oshkosh Public Museum is presenting a unique opportunity to acquire what is said to be the last wooden scow sailboat built in Wisconsin. The museum is using the city of Oshkosh's "Osh-Buy" program to auction off *Dixie*, a 38-foot wooden sailboat.

Dixie was acquired from the Museum of Yachting in 1996 to become the gallery focal point of a proposed expansion. However, the project was tabled after a planning study indicated the community did not support expansion.

Dixie is a Class A scow, a design that was developed in Oshkosh in the late 1890's and immediately revolutionized recreational sailing, making all other designs obsolete. The Oshkosh Public Museum does not have the gallery space to exhibit *Dixie*, and storage space is also at a premium. The museum was unsuccessful at finding a new museum home for the boat. Funds from the sale of *Dixie* will be returned to the museum's Collection Fund.

Dixie was built in 1966 by Melges Boatworks and comes with a trailer. The boat may be viewed on Thursday, December 3, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 1221 Knapp Street, building four, Oshkosh, WI. This is the only opportunity to view the boat. No appointments will be made.

The bidding terms and a picture of the boat can be found by logging on the city's website, www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us, and clicking on the "Osh-Buy" logo on the left side of the screen.

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