

# BMO Newsletter: Spring 2014

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## Shop Hours Update

Just a reminder that beginning May 25th we'll be open on Sundays (10-6) through October 5th. Mondays are still closed (we have to play sometime, you know!) EXCEPT Memorial Day and Labor Day, when we ARE open, but closed on the following Tuesday.

## BMO Fun & Games

This started out as a crossword puzzle with clues, but dang, that's hard to do! Next stab was a word scramble with clues (not as hard, but still too much work.) Since we're essentially clueless anyway, decided to just lay it out. SO, some paddling definitions, observations, and just plain opinions, WITHOUT clues!

- Famous old school WW kayak: Perception Dancer
- Popular post paddling pastime: exotic dancer
- Example of paddling alliteration: popular post paddling pastime
- Example of paddling palindrome: kayak
- Example of paddling onomatopoeia: splat
- Word that caused snickers in grade school English class: onomatopoeia
- Word that caused panic in grade school spelling class: onomatopoeia
- Exciting kayak fishing experience: Baja sleigh ride
- Disappointing kayak fishing experience: the one that got away
- Kayak fishing tall tale: It was THIS big!
- Wilderness canoe camping feat: one match fire

- Result of failing at above: one long night
- Subsequent length of relationship with paddling partner: one night stand
- Old school WW kayak material: fiberglass
- Old school WW kayak repair smell: resin high
- New School WW kayak material: plastic
- New school WW kayak repair smell: burnt plastic
- Lazy WW kayak repair (limited short term success, no smell unless previously used): duct tape
- Torture device connecting two bodies of water: portage trail
- Torture device connecting two bodies: recreational K-2
- Definition of "kayak": pointy little paddling device with limited gear space
- Definition of "canoe": pointy spacious paddling device with ample beer space
- Definition of "canoe paddler": one revered by kayak paddlers for sharing ample beer space
- Possible best friend: paddling partner
- Actual best friend: shuttle bunny
- End to above: association with Playboy Bunny
- Possible music for paddling videos: New Age
- Reason C-1 paddlers switch to kayaks: Old Age
- Fascination with "messing around in boats": Ageless!the fish!

## Hoods on the Water

We've all heard of "Hoods in the Woods," but Astral Buoyancy is taking a new slant this year. Building on the success of Astral's Thin-Vent back™ Ronny PFD, Astral decided to woo the growing kayak fishing crowd with a pimped out version, including two flip-down pockets with working platforms, two additional pockets for "stuff," a tool organizer with multiple attachment points for all those little gadgets fishermen love, a stowaway reflective hood, and (the one we like the best) a convertible beverage pocket. Bright green, or stealthy charcoal. And gals, not to worry; the vest is essentially the same platform as the popular Linda also, so it will fit you just as well!



## Try Before You Buy

Mark your calendars for May 17th & 18th, Noon – 5 pm, for BMO's annual Demo Day Weekend. Try out lots of canoes, kayaks, and stand up paddleboards, hang out with BMO staff and manufacturers' reps, and score a good deal on a new boat. More details to come!

## Speaking About Demoing

Just a reminder that we also offer rentals and shuttles, both for folks with their own boats and those renting. And if you're thinking about buying a boat model that we have in our rental program, you can rent it for a day and get that day's rental put toward the purchase of a boat within 30 days. New in our rental fleet this year, the Current Designs Tailfin, NuCanoe Frontier 12, Current Designs Sonoma 10 and 12, Perception Tribute 12.0, and several SUP's.

## Current Designs Tailfin Outrigger

Just got our outriggers in for the new Current Designs Tailfin; obviously made to fit perfectly in the Tailfin track system. Tim took one look, made for the workshop, and came up with a retrofit kit so they can be used on other kayaks with track systems as well. Don't have tracks on your kayak? No worries; we can set you up with them also!



## Crazy Customer Requests

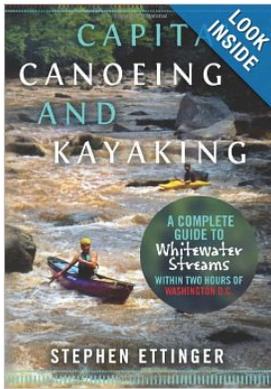
A while ago a customer asked if we carry "that stuff that protects your boat from the sun; I think it's called "909". Wow, that must be THREE TIMES better than 303 (Protectant)!



## New Whitewater Paddling Guide

While not exactly in Washington, DC, we ARE on the fringes of the territory covered by a new Whitewater Paddling Guide, "Capital Canoeing and Kayaking, a Complete Guide to Whitewater Streams Within Two Hours of the DC Area". Stephen Ettinger's book is a wealth of information, and is also a really fun read (not the easiest thing to do when writing a guidebook.) What it doesn't have is maps and pretty photos; the book would have weighed too much with them (it's pretty hefty already!), and the author felt that in this day of Google Maps, GPS's, atlases, etc. it wasn't really necessary. Newest development? A new "Stream Finder" electronic index to help choose what to paddle on your day off.

<http://canoecruisers.org/streams/index.html>



## Walking on the Water

Just when you think you have a handle on the latest paddling craze (stand up paddleboarding), along comes something else! Just got a look at a new product headquartered right here in Pennsylvania... River Skis. Strap 'em on, grab a REALLY long paddle, and walk on the water! We'll be trying them out soon; will keep you posted!

## BMO Staff News

Kris and his girlfriend Gunne decided to tie the knot (after 23 years of testing the waters!) on the Green River in Utah last summer. Bridesmaids supplied duct tape flower arrangements, and the happy couple dressed the part (check out the T-Shirt Tux!) Congrats!



*French Fries*

*Pizza*

## Got Yer Goat

Harry, prepping Leg of Goat for a BMO BBQ last fall. Check out the theme appropriate Micro Brew!



## More BMO Staff News

Tim showed his Irish colors on Saint Patrick's Day by doing a training run on the Conodoguinet in his (green, of course!) Green Boat. (Unfortunately no rainbow, or pot of gold.) Hopefully next newsletter's edition will include an announcement of winning his class at the annual Red Mo race!

Leah's apparently serious about turning 21; she's asked for not only her birthday off, but several days afterward to recover. Oh to be young again!

## There's an App for That

And speaking of helpful river info, following is the scoop on a new Apple app called River Link (for those of us smart enough to use an iPhone!)



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Developed in Fayetteville, WV, River Link provides up to date river levels for the United States and Puerto Rico. River Link is an excellent choice for fishermen, whitewater enthusiasts, etc.

- ▶ Shows current stream levels based on real time data from the USGS
- ▶ Save your own favorite gauges and view them on one screen
- ▶ Set personal preferences for your favorite streams
- ▶ View the exact location of any river gauge on a map

**River Link is currently available for iPhones running iOS 7 or later.**

**\$0.99**

<http://www.elliptio.com>

## Our Goof, Your Gain

Hobie Organizers...bought too many of 'em. Original purpose? Tackle storage. Repurpose? Scrapping Supplies, sewing supplies, vitamins & minerals for a health style junkie, food for a junk food junkie, pills for a regular junkie (on second thought, nix that one!), or anything else you might think of. Original price? \$49.95. Sale price? \$10.95!



Back home, the rest of the bunch paddled Shermans Creek; three tandems and three solos (all canoes). Definitely colder than Florida, but a great time nonetheless!



## New Year's Day, the Blue & the Gray

This year saw the BMO gang headed in two directions for our annual New Year's Day Paddle; Doug and Mary drove south with 4 boats on the van to spend time in Florida with friends and family; the rest of the crew braved the north back in Pennsylvania.

Mary gave up her bow seat in the Minnesota II for our friend's Mom, who celebrated her 85th New Year's Day in style! Rounding out the flotilla were two touring kayaks and one stand up board. (The Florida Keys were a welcome change from Pennsylvania's weather!)



## Making Space

Space is always at a premium here at BMO, and as a result we've marked down several odd-ball sprayskirts and cockpit covers that need to find a happy home. Bring in your boat(s) and we'll help you sort through them!

## BMO Blast From the Past



*And we thought THIS year was bad!*

# BMO Gallery of Fine Art



*Photo Credit: Kris Wolpert*

**After waiting for what seemed like FOREVER for winter to end this year, Kris caught this awesome pic of the Susquehanna at the Rockville Bridge just after ice out. Thanks, Kris!**

**Hope to see you soon, at the  
shop and on the water!**

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