

BMO Newsletter: Spring 2016

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The Road May be Closing, but we are Definitely NOT!

Rumors are flying subsequent to the pending Route 11&15 road closure south of BMO this summer (May 1 – July 31). If you're approaching from the south (using Route 81) don't listen to the sexy voice on your GPS, Google, or whatever device you're used to unless you want to take the official 27 mile (one way; 54 mile round trip!) detour; we've got a much shorter and more scenic route for you (hopefully we'll have signage to help you find us):

Take Exit 65 off Route 81 and follow the signs for 11&15 South (Enola). Veer right at the traffic light, then take the first right, onto First Street. Turn right at the road that has the "Capital Area Intermediate Unit" sign. Follow to the end, and turn Right on Bella Vista Drive. Continue all the way to the stop sign in Marysville. Turn left at the stop sign (into the tunnel). Veer right at the top of the tunnel to the stop sign. Turn right on Valley Road, then right at the stop light (note, no turn on red). Our shop is just ahead on the left. There are parking lots on both sides of the building. (If you are coming for a trip or picking up boat(s) please use the second parking lot, past the building.)

PLEASE stay within the speed limit and plan some extra time; also watch for kids in the road; this is usually a very quiet street, and they may not be prepared for the up-tic in traffic. Coming from the north? Not to worry; directions are still the same.

Our shop is bursting with canoes, kayaks, stand up boards and all the toys to go with them, and our staff is ready to get you on the water!

What's New?

Astral Footwear – New for 2016

For years we've advised our customers not to wear flip flops for paddling. (Too slippery, and prone to come off too easily.) Well, we're going to have to "flip flop" on that now that Astral has come up with an answer to both problems. The Filipe (men's) and Rosa (women's) flips feature anti-slip pods in the foot bed, a non-slip, non-marking outsole, and (ta-dah!) a removable strap to convert the flip to a sandal that stays on when it counts!



Astral Filipe & Rosa

Gals looking for a stylish water shoe, look no further. The Mary Jay is water ready tough, but features the classic Mary Jane look that will take you from the water to the watering hole in style. Still not sold? How about a massaging insole? (Ahhh!)



Astral Mary Jay

Ala Cart

Attn: We have carts! Carts for canoes, carts for kayaks. Carts for stand up boards, carts for sit on top kayaks you can stand on (or not!) Carts with solid wheels, carts with squishy wheels. Center mount carts, end mount carts. Even a cart you can attach to your bike! So don't go dragging your boat around; use a cart!



Salamander Bike Trailer

What's New at NuCanoe?

The folks at NuCanoe have been busy coming out with "Nu" stuff for both the Frontier and Pursuit. Check out the Slide Drawer, Plug & Play motor installation kit, and deck mount horizontal rod holders. (Hint, the rod holders may work on other boats as well!)



NuCanoe Plug & Play



NuCanoe Slide Drawer



NuCanoe Rod Holders

Updated Keystone Canoeing

What could be better than Ed Gertler's "Pennsylvania Paddling Bible"? A new updated version! So if yours looks as dog-eared as mine, it might be time to upgrade. Same familiar cover, but filled with updated information. Also, check out Ed's new website, <https://paddlersguides.wordpress.com>.

DocksLocks Paddle Lock

Several years ago the folks at DocksLocks came up with an ingenious way to secure surfboards, wakeboards, and stand up paddleboards. Now they've added an accessory to lock up your 1-pc. paddle as well. Not a boarder? Not to worry; the DocksLocks cable and paddle lock can be used for 1-pc. canoe and kayak paddles as well!



Dockslocks Paddle Lock

BMO in LEGOLAND

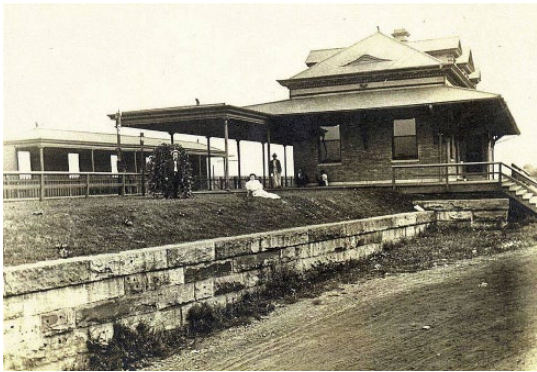
Wow, someone has time, energy, and ingenuity on their hands! Check out this Lego version of BMO, shared on Facebook from Tracy and Kevin Sherrick!



Lego BMO

BMO Nostalgia

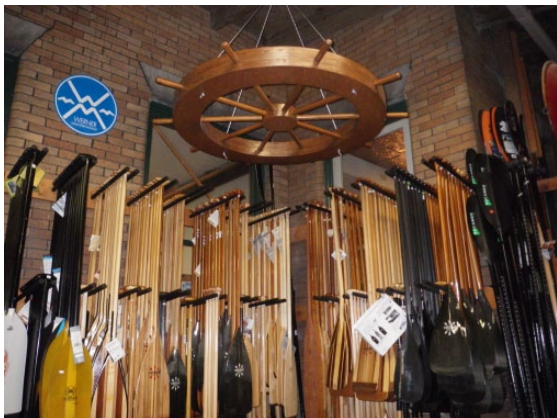
Here's another view of BMO in more fashionable times:



Original Marysville Rail Road Station

Big Wheel

Nope, not talking about Doug this time. Check out the ship's wheel my Dad made for our shop; said he thought it looked like it belonged here. (And thanks to Kris and Tim for hoisting it to the ceiling; this thing is not light!)



Ship's Wheel

April Fools!

Received the following from Jamestown Distributors (where we get LOTS of our boatbuilding supplies) on April 1st. Check out two of the responses from readers:



Pooch Suit

- 1) My Pooch, named "Lucky", has only 3 legs...Does this come in a 3-leg version? Or would it be best to just shift it around and have the tail go in one of the legs sleeves?
- 2) Do they offer an optional tail cover? Would it be possible to attach a paint brush to the tail cover so he can help with bottom paint? Also, I looked and could not find a dust mask. If I send you a picture of my Doberman can you find the proper size? Barf (my dog's name) is going to need one of those too! (Jamestown's response: Elwood drew the line with the full face respirator, he did like the suit though!)

BMO Staff News

She's back! (Again!) Welcome Sarah Dropkin, employee on and off for many years, and river rat for even more. Good to have her back!

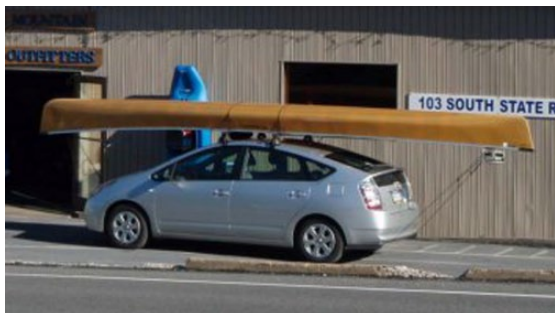


*Not New, Just back ...
Again.*

Kris is gearing up to lead a trip down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado this June, and is learning firsthand how complicated leading a trip there can be. We're looking forward to a detailed report when he returns!

Car Topping Myths

Never fails; have a sale almost completed, when the customer says they can't possibly buy a 14' boat, because it would never fit on their (fill in the blank) car. Our answer to that? Check out our Wenonah Minnesota 4 (23' long) on Kris's Prius!



Minn 4 on Prius

Watergating?

Had a couple in this year who were psyched by all the "things" they could mount in the tracks on the Wilderness Systems Tarpons they had just bought. However, we couldn't set her up with what she REALLY wanted...a grill, so they could cook hot dogs on the river. Anyone have any leads or ideas? (And if cooking on your tailgate before the game is called tailgating, would this be Watergating?)

New BMO Email

Several years ago we moved from dial up email (remember that?) with PaOnline, to Comcast, but kept our PaOnline email address because it was easier for people to remember. Good while it lasted, but they're not offering service anymore, SO, here's our new (not too bad to remember) email: bluemountain@comcast.net. Or if that doesn't work for some reason, the not so easy to remember mail@bmo.comcastbiz.net.

2016 Kayak Bass Fishing Tournaments in our "Backyard"

Wow, kayak bass fishing is really taking off, and it looks like a good percentage of it is happening right in our section of the Susquehanna. Watch for at least 3 tournaments this season:

Kayak Anglers of Central PA: July 16th and August 6th (Aug. 6th in conjunction with Mid Atlantic Kayak Bass Fishing)

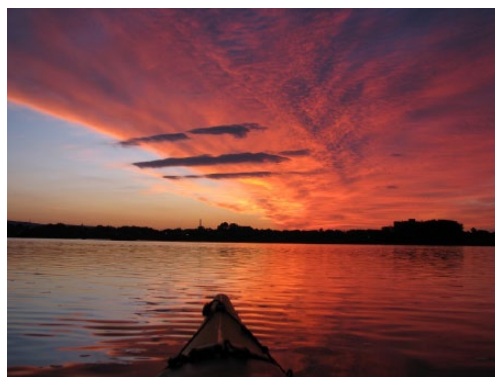
<http://www.kayak-anglers.com/chapters/central-pa/schedule/>

BMO Kayak Fishing Tournament: Weekend of September 24-25, with Jeff Little, Wilderness Systems Pro Staff. Watch for more details in an upcoming newsletter.

<http://kayakfishingblog.com/kayak-tournament-trails/>

BMO Gallery of Fine Art

Thanks to Jim Booth again for providing a great photo of the Susquehanna River at Sunrise!



Susquehanna Sunrise

Demo Day Weekend

Moving up a week this year for our annual Demo Day Weekend, May 14-15, 2016, Noon to 5 pm. Hopefully the river will cooperate and we'll be at our river lot, but if not, we'll still have lots of reps and staff to answer questions and hang out with. A Great time to meet other paddlers, score some deals, and hopefully demo some boats! Watch for our May news blast for more information.



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2016 BMO DEMO DAYS



Test Paddle the Latest Canoes, Kayaks, Fishing Kayaks and SUP's.

10% off 2016 boats and accessories.*

Additional 5% off 2015 and older boats.**

Paddlesport Factory Representatives and a Pro Kayak Fisherman or two will be on hand to answer your questions and to show you around.

Refreshments -- Prize Drawings -- Fun -- Educational

SATURDAY, MAY 14 & SUNDAY, MAY 15

NOON - 5:00 PM

**BLUE MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS
RIVER LOT ON THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER**



**Park at our store, say hello at the sales counter,
then catch a BMO van ride to our river lot.
Parking is not available at or near the river lot.**

Our river lot is located at the north end of Marysville on the Susquehanna River. Participants will park at our store, check in to catch a BMO van ride to the lot, sign up to participate, and then paddle. The lot provides both quiet water and moving water. Adjacent to the lot, the river forms a large, unobstructed pool with mild currents and a short paddle upstream gets you into the meat of the Class I/II Dauphin Narrows. We will have safety boats on patrol to assist anyone needing a hand. If the water level on the river is too high, we will have a "dry" demo and sale at our shop.

* Some manufacturers and Royalex boats are excluded from the sale.

** Demo Days Discount: 2016 -10%, 2015 -15%, 2014 -20%, 2013 and older -25%

**Please wear old footwear
and dress to get wet!**



Hope to see you there!

11/11/15

**Questions or special boat requests?
Call Blue Mountain Outfitters
(717) 957-2413
or check our web site
www.bluemountainoutfitters.net
for the latest details.**

BMO Bar

Okay, so we have to admit, we do enjoy imbibing now and then. Apparently our customers do also, because we've seen a pretty big surge of sales in our "bar" section. Flasks, wine glasses, shot glasses, growlers, unbreakable beer glasses (wow, there's an idea!), etc. As always, paddle happy, but drink responsibly!

(Hmmm, might be that time of day to check some of this stuff out!)



Cheers!

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