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Get a Leg Up!

Got a surprise phone call this summer telling us to "hang up and turn on the radio!" Seems that someone found a leg in the Susquehanna River...we're betting it was the prosthetic our customer lost a year ago. Never know what you might fish out of the mighty Susquehanna!

Assalot 2010

Blew off our annual Assateague Island trip this year (no alcohol in MD state parks anymore) and Mary didn't come up with another plan, so "Assalot" was born. Brought in 3 tri-axle loads of sand and transformed our river lot into a beach. (Thanks to the many fishing boats out on the river, we even had beach waves!) Beautiful weather, lots of friends and family, swimming (both intentional and non-intentional!), fishing, paddling, eating (including fresh fish for breakfast; thanks Greg!), drinking, story telling, great acoustic music around the fire, and fireworks (not saying where they came from; they just appeared on the river!)

Wildlife sightings included bald eagles, herons, egrets, osprey, muskrats, and a skunk (smelled, but not seen.) Sunrise on the Susquehanna rivaled the ones we were used to on the ocean, and we only had to open tent flaps to see it!

We did miss the Assateague Ponies, but DIDN'T miss the Assateague Ponies eating our food; sand spurs, or the long drive home!



"The Bloody Mary Sails at Assalot"
by Mary Gibson



"Assalot Camping in Style!"
by Greg Liskow

Middle Pond - A July Night Observation

Not quite a full moon but very bright, reflecting off the pond lilies.

Water bug trails, going in all directions.

Frogs, bull and wood, are croaking their presence.

The almost silent beat of owl wings, faintly heard but not seen.

The smell of a campfire, now just embers.

Fish splashing, for some unknown reason.

A mother loon hoots and the chicks peep.

No wind, no other human sound.

Silence.

The night air descends and cools the back of the neck.

Owls hoot in the distance, calling "who cooks for you."

The canoe is overturned in wait of the morning.

A tent stands ready, with a snug sleeping bag.

And the loons cry.

Good Night.

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Susquehanna SUPing

"Timmy's Poem"

If we were more tech savvy, you'd be reading this in a blog, but we're not, and "blog" sounds too much like "blob" which is what Mary was starting to feel like. SO, she decided to check out the "stand up paddleboard core workout" everyone seems to be talking about. Guess what? It IS a great core workout, and beats the !%\$# out of doing crunches! And the visibility is super...paddled over bass, catfish, turtles, muskrats, and lots of other things usually not seen from the low vantage point of a canoe, or even worse, kayak. (Course canoe polers have known this for ages!) So paddle or pole, try standing up...you just might like it!



"Versaboarding on the Susquehanna"
by Jesse Edmunds

Attack Chipmunk

Anyone who spends time in the Adirondack Mountains knows to watch for bears. But no one warned us about chipmunks! On our yearly visit to the "Dacks" our friend Timmy was brutally attacked by a hungry chipmunk who apparently mistook one of his toes for a cheese doodle (Mary had left a bag open for a nanosecond and he apparently took quite a liking to them!) Found that Timmy has a pretty extensive vocabulary! After cleaning up the blood (chipmunk teeth are SHARP!) it was determined that both Timmy and Chippy were going to live.

Speaking of Timmy, we're subbing "BMO Gallery of Fine Art" this time for a poem he wrote on a previous visit to the mountains. Seems Timmy's a Renaissance Man!"



"Wanted; Toothed & Dangerous"

Dagger & Perception Now at BMO

We're sorry to report that a fellow outfitter, Wildware Backcountry in Harrisburg, has closed their doors. They were a class act, and will be missed by the area outdoor community.

Since no longer available at Wildware, Dagger and Perception boats WILL now be available here at BMO. Space is tight so we won't be bringing in the entire lines, but you'll see some of these boats soon, and we'll be happy to order anything you'd like.

Super Tramp

Liquid Logic is officially 10 years old, and not afraid to show it! Check out the 10th Anniversary Tramp Stamp; too cool! (We expect to see the LL staff and reps sporting these soon; their local tattoo parlors will be ecstatic!)



Unsportsmanlike Sale:

This coming year's Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show in Harrisburg unveiled a new floor plan that usurped the BMO booth. We weren't too excited about the proposed replacement, so decided to stay home and have a sale at BMO's Marysville headquarters instead. (BIG sigh of relief by everyone who's ever set up, manned, and torn down the booth in the past!) February 5-13, 2011; we'll send an update with hours and details! Also watch for news of our spring Kayak Fishing Seminar on the Susquehanna River.

Susquehanna Smallmouth...Catch & Release

Speaking of sportsmen, fishing along the Susquehanna River between the Sunbury Fabridam and Holtwood Dam in York County (as well as the Juniata River from the Route 75 Bridge at Port Royal to the confluence with the Susquehanna at Duncannon) is about to become more sportsmanlike. Beginning January 1, 2011 (by way of temporary emergency order issued by the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission) all smallmouth bass fishing in those areas will be catch and release only. In addition, the order will prohibit tournament fishing during the bass spawning period in the spring. Hopefully these measures will aid the recovery of what was considered a world class smallmouth bass fishery, reduced in recent years by a variety of factors.

So bring your rod and reel, but leave the stringer home. And stock up on hot dogs!

Quantum Leap ASV

What do you call a trailer that's a cross between a tent and a camper? The folks at Quantum Leap felt "Activity Support Vehicle" covered it. Add a Thule rack and carry your canoes / kayaks / paddleboards / surfboards...whatever on top, coolers / storage boxes / firewood...whatever up front, a bunch of other gear (whatever?) inside, and take off. Once you've reached your destination, unload the trailer, pop it up (Mary can do this in 5 minutes, and she's not very big!) and you have a big padded sleeping platform and enclosed area big enough to stand up in. Under \$5000 with Thule rack included!





Improved BMO Small Canoe & Kayak Trailers

Speaking of trailers, the folks at Quantum Leap have also worked with us to improve our already popular 2 & 4-Boat Canoe & Kayak trailers. New features include removable uprights (so the trailer can also serve as a traditional flat-bed type trailer), and electronic coat paint finish for a more durable finish. Available soon at BMO!

Sales, Sales, and More Sales!

Annual Fall Canoe & Kayak Sale

2011 boats are here, and you all know what that means... 10% off 2010 boats left in stock, with even greater pricing on those 2009 and older. Check out our website for inventory. (Best to call ahead though before heading our way; they're moving fast!)

BMO Holiday Sale

Speaking of sales, mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Sale, Friday and Saturday, December 3-4 from 10-8. Can't promise snow, but CAN promise lots of great deals on canoes, kayaks, paddling gear, wrapping paper, ornaments, paddling oriented giftware, and cards!



Blow Out Clothing Sale

Last but not least, watch for news of our Clothing Blow Out sale, to be staged in our parking lot while our clothing room is being (finally!) remodeled!

2011...New Year, New Boats

Taking Command

Wilderness Systems is taking the Commander to a new level. In addition to the Commander 120, they've added the 14' Commander 140 (and 140 Angler). More room, more capacity, and more stability! Ducks, and Bass, watch out!



The "X" Generation

Mary was a bit confused (like THAT'S ever happened before!) when asked by a customer if we were getting any Wave Sport X's, since the X was discontinued (along with the Y and Z) several years ago. Turns out he was talking about the new Project X, Wave Sport's latest entry in the whitewater freestyle scene. 3 sizes, with new WhiteOut outfitting, coming soon!



Long Journey Home

Original Mad River founder and designer Jim Henry is back, and has designed a new rotomolded recreational canoe series for Mad River, the Journey 158 and 169. (Numbers sound familiar?) Versatile, stable, and affordable; and who can resist the Confident Rabbit?



All Aboard!

New from Fluid, the Locomotion. Want to paddle solo? No problem! Tandem? Couple up with another Locomotion paddler, and you're good to go. More than two? The sky's the limit (although the turning radius might suffer a bit!)



*"Fluid Locomotion"
by Wilco Damstra*

In the whitewater department, Fluid brings us the Dope, a composite freestyle machine! You can't smoke it, but you CAN roll it, and with its huge capacity for aerial moves you can also get incredibly high!



Echo...Echo...Echo...Echo...Echo

Probably best known for their dynamic whitewater canoe designs, Esquif Canoe reminds us once again that they've got us covered for ALL canoeing. This year they're adding the Echo, a 14' solo freestyle boat to bring out the water dancer in all of us! What's next? We're pretty confident it WON'T be a kayak!



Cruisin' on Up

Prijon is expanding their popular Cruiser line this year with the Cruiser III featuring room for the family. Don't have a kid? Bring the dog, or just pack more drinks and Hors-d'Oeuvres!



Also new for 2011, the Pure S and XL, Purely great creeking for ALL sizes now!

Back to the Future

Wenonah celebrates 2011 with the rebirth of their first canoe, the 17 Wenonah, designed by owner and founder Mike Chicanowski. Trademark wood & canvas canoe lines, constructed with state of the art composite materials and layups; a classic reborn!



Also new at Wenonah, the Canak. Think of it as a canoe; no, think of it as a kayak; no...heck, just think of it as a fast boat that will swallow canoe sized packs and keep them dry!



Kestrel Times Ten

At the rate Current Designs is adding Kestrels to their line, we'll have to add another wing here at BMO just to display all the models! New for 2011 are the Kestrel 120X, 120X Roto, and 140X...extra deep and wide, stable and maneuverable, but featuring signature CD efficiency. No excuse for anyone of any size to not be on the water!



Fun Times Two (or Three!)

Perception expands their popular Prodigy line for 2011 with the Prodigy II, a 14.5' tandem with room for two and a half (there's a kid-sized seat included in the center.)



Feeling impulsive? If you're thinking about getting your feet wet but think kayaking sounds a bit intimidating, check out the Impulse; 10 feet of affordable family friendly fun!



Feeling Roguish?

Coming from a company that brought us Heroes and Villains, it's no surprise that Jackson Kayak's new crossover boat would be called the Rogue. 9' or 10', it'll hold its own on your favorite local whitewater run, but with the flip of a lever the drop down skeg will straighten things out in the "doldrums". For the rogue in all of us!



Now it's Our Turn!

Just a reminder that BMO is now closed on Sundays and Mondays until Spring. Wow, almost like a weekend! (More time on the water!)

Remember to keep up with us on Facebook (Blue Mountain Outfitters, not BMO) for our latest news. Enjoy the Fall Paddling, and stop in to see us!

The BMO Gang



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