

BMO Newsletter: Spring 2013

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You never know what will show up at BMO when you're not looking. Tim was putting a Sawyer Paddle order away the other day and came across a paddle in our canoe rack labeled "TMI Meltdown Special, Semi-Bent". Goes to show that SOMEONE has too much time on their hands (newly retired, perhaps?) Anyway, we think we found a good use for it! Shot & a beer anyone?



Note the Whiskey Jack Paddle
Shot Glass!

Speaking of Sawyer, check out these cool youth paddles they came out with this year! What kid could resist a Dragonfly or Otter paddle to record their canoeing adventures? Great gift for the upcoming paddler in your life! Also just in, really cool kids Dolphin touring paddles; come in and check 'em out!



A Resident River Rat Turns 60

Wow, how time flies! Seems like only yesterday Pat Reilly would show up at our door any time of the day or night, usually in the middle of a snowstorm or some other catastrophic event. Now he's turned 60, and...well, come to think of it, things haven't changed that much! Congrats, Pat, and many happy years (and beers) to come!



BMO Fun & Games

Speaking of Pat Reilly, here's his son Tony, in a "blast from the past" photo taken in our workshop. Apparently we weren't overly busy that day!



End of the World...NOT!

Nope, the world didn't come to an end on 12/12/12, 12/21/12, or even 12/29/12. So we DID get to do our traditional New Years Day Paddle after all, although with a lot less people (7-1/2 if you count Pat Reilly's approx. 300 yard paddle. In his defense, he was on call at work, although he apparently forgot that later at the after-paddle party!) Mary wimped out in order to help prep for Reilly's Birthday Roast that evening, but will be back on the water in 2014.



New Years Day 2013

Speaking of New Years, Doug & Mary celebrated their 5th anniversary on New Years Eve. To commemorate the "Wood" anniversary, Doug gave Mary not one, but TWO trailers (a cargo trailer and wood hauling trailer) for the river lot, making her (as Doug says) officially "trailer trash".

Ultimate Shuttle Rig

Our friend Bruce (former owner of BMO) recently scored the ultimate shuttle rig...check out his 1951 Plymouth Cranbrook, with Wenonah Wenonah (no, not a typo, it really is the Wenonah, made by Wenonah) on top. Ultimate retro!



The River Giveth, and the River Taketh Away

Several years ago Harry carved a chair out of a log round that washed up on the beach at our river lot. Used it for a summer, then it washed away in the next flood. Two years later it washed back up again, spent another summer at the lot, then flooded away again. It's now back on it's third round. Mary took pity on it last fall and moved it to high ground...hopefully it will stay with us for awhile!



BMO Demo Day 2013

Mark your calendars (or PDA's or whatever other gadget you use to organize your life) Saturday & Sunday May 18th & 19th, for our annual Paddlesports Demo Event. HOPEFULLY at the river lot; back up plan the Marysville Lions Club Pond. (More details to follow as we get closer.)

Kris's Ultimate Rescue Kit

BMO safety guru Kris shared a few of his secrets with us this year. Check out his one-of-a-kind rescue kit; you won't find this in your typical paddlesports catalog! Nor would you want to pay shipping on it; Kris says it weighs 24 lbs. without the rope, rope bag, or beer bottle (which is only there for size reference...uh-huh!)

(Okay, in case you haven't figured it out, this is actually his log moving kit; April Fools!)



WRSI Helmet Recall

Just got word from WRSI that there is potential for chin strap buckle failure on 2012 Tridents and Moments. If you have one of these (check the back inside of the helmet under the liner; there should be a date sticker) contact WRSI (888-441-1041 or buckle@whitewaterhelmet.com) for replacement. Better safe than sorry!

Pimp Your Canoe

What can you possibly do to make your carbon fiber canoe even sexier (and lighter)? Swap out your portage yoke for Wenonah's new carbon fiber one. Sweet!



New from Nova Craft

Retro is in, and Nova Craft is making the most of it. Lamenting the loss of Frankie Hubbard's Ocoee? Well, it's back, and available this Spring at BMO. And for you tandem paddlers missing the original Starburst design? Well, it's back also, as the Moxie! Everything old is new again!



SUPpose You Want to try SUPping?

Have gotten lots of requests to rent Stand Up Paddleboards, but our standard 6 to 8 mile day trips are a bit much for beginners (heck, for many of us!) SO, this summer we'll be offering short (approx. 2 hour) rentals from our river lot, where it's a little less intimidating (but still challenging enough to keep us on our feet!)



NuCanoe Frontier 10

How do you improve on a runaway hit? Well, our customers overwhelmingly asked for a 10' version of NuCanoe's Frontier, and they are responding. Coming soon to BMO, the Frontier 10; all the features of the Frontier 12 in a compact, pickup bed size!



QCC Kayaks – Same Boats, Different Source

The boating public might not be happy to know that they can't buy QCC kayaks on the internet anymore, but the good news is they will now be available through Current Designs dealers. 5 models, 4 layups, and endless color combinations!



Wanna' Do It Now?

Fluid Kayaks is in the process of re-designing their distribution procedure here in the good old USA, and we at BMO are asking your input. Last year we did really well with the Do It Now (once we got them; were referring to them as the "Do It Later" in the interim!). If you are interested in getting one, please let me know ASAP so I can forecast our orders; they're adding an additional mold, but if orders track like they did last year it would really be helpful to have a handle on how many we may move here. Thanks!!



Just Fix It!

So glad to see that not everyone is in the "throw it out and start over" mode. Our friends at Sea to Summit are offering an expanded assortment of replacement buckles to fix your backpack / dry bag / whatever. Available in both 1" and ¾" ladderlocks and side release buckles, the "fix" requires only a screwdriver (something you should have in your repair kit anyway.) Could mean the difference between a catastrophe (dry bag that isn't dry anymore?) and a successful outdoor experience. Coming soon!

Emotion Distributor's New Trailer

We were approached by the new East Coast distributor for Emotion, Rommel Holdings, to design and build a trailer for their kayak deliveries. Took a little head scratching, 'cause the longest one is only 14'5", the shortest (adult size) only 8', and most of them very wide. Throw in a Stand Up Board and a little 6' kids kayak, and it's quite a mix. But Doug came through; here's the new trailer, loaded and ready to deliver new boats to lots of new paddlers!



What's New in Paddles

BB Paddles (part of Bending Branches) brings us several new kayak fishing paddles this year, in dull (sneaky) and bright (safe) colors (including one that resembles a Rapala lure!)



BB Angler Pro



SUP paddlers have several new choices as well; including two wood & carbon beauties from Bending Branches, the Amp and Balance; a wood & carbon adjustable length paddle from FoxWorx, the Flow, and Wenonah's new Stinger for the adventurous whitewater SUP paddler.



Bending Branches Amp



FoxWorx Flow



Werner Stinger

And What's New in PFD's

Astral Buoyancy's made some changes for 2013, including introducing a new whitewater PFD, the YTV, inspired by Astray General Manager Yonton Mehler. Yonton wanted to introduce a "Simple by Design" whitewater (or whatever, for that matter!) PFD that is easy to put on and take off, has all the necessary features, but not too much (KISS...Keep It Simple, Stupid!) He proceeded to come up with a design, and for lack of a name it became referred to as the "Yon-Ton-Vest," aka YTV. They're also tweaking two of their current PFD's, the Camino and GreenJacket. (In the meantime, stop by for deals on

remaining Willis's, Bella's, and 2012 GreenJackets and Camino's.) Also, Astral's a little easier to find now, look under www.astraldesigns.com (Seemed they wanted to not only include their new footwear line in the name, but also realized that very few people could spell "buoyancy" correctly!)



Astral YTV

Stohlquist improved their popular Cruiser (Womens) and Trekker (Mens) PFD's, with their new Wrapture™ shaped torso for better fit. Also check out the new styling (Stylin'!)



Stohlquist Cruiser

Also new this year, Kokatat's rescue PFD, the Maximum Prime (wow, sounds macho!)



Kokatat Maximus Prime

BMO Gallery of Fine Art

It's been awhile since we've featured a photo from our friend Tim Lawson, SO, here's his latest photo from the Adirondacks; stunning as usual. Thanks, Tim! (By the way Tim is retired now, so should expect lots of photos; we're envious!)



Cliffs at Chapel Pond

Dougism's

(If it ain't a word, it should be!)

During one of our last Assateague Retreats, Doug came up with a brilliant idea ('course we can't remember what it was!) and announced that he just had an "epissomy". Sorry to hear about that, Doug!

Copious Universe

Many of you probably remember Christopher (Topher) Reynolds who used to work here at BMO. Topher's since moved on to greener (pun intended!) pastures in Eureka, California, where he started a glass blowing business, Copious Glass. Topher was nice enough to present us with our choice of hand blown gifts, of which Mary chose a marble that looks like the universe. Problem was, couldn't find the right way to display it (marbles have a tendency to roll...duh!) BUT, remembered the "Holy Rock" she found a couple years ago on a beach in Nicaragua, and Presto! Thanks again, Topher!



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**Here's hoping your universe is equally beautiful!
Enjoy the water, and hope to see you soon!**

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