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BMO Spring Swap Meet



No room in the closet for even one more piece of paddling or camping equipment? Wife (or husband) laid down the law and demanded you sell a boat before buying a new one? Tired of that wife or husband? (Just checking to see if you're paying attention!) Come to BMO Saturday, April 28th for our Spring Swap Meet. We'll provide space in the South Parking Lot; you provide a table or tent if needed, or just tailgate off your trusty shuttle vehicle. No charge, no gimmicks, just a great chance to do some selling or trading and hang out with other paddlers. (Okay, there is one gimmick; we have lots of stuff WE'D like to get rid of also!) Rain or Shine (we'll set up tarps if the weather turns bad), and the Texas Grill will be fired up for hot dogs. Regular shop hours; 10 am – 6 pm. Hope to see you there!

Something Fishy Going On

The secret is out; avid fishermen and women who've traditionally depended on their big (and expensive, heavy) bass boats to take them to the local "honey hole" have discovered that kayaks can take them to places their big boats can't go. Along with the explosion of new fishing boats that consequently hit the market is a bunch of new gear to trick them out; some specific to the kayak industry, and others borrowed from the Fishing one.

Rod Holders, Rod Holders, and More Rod Holders!

We're constantly amazed at the number of fishing rods our customers ask us to set their boats up with, and the number of different ways there are to do it. Baitcasting, Flyrod, Spinning Rod, Recessed, Flush Mount, Top Mount, Clamp on; the list gets bigger all the time! To sum it up, there's a system for any fishing rod out there that can be used from a kayak. (Last summer we saw a boat set up with 9 rod holders; we're waiting for someone to break that record!) Want to turn your flushmount rod holder into an adjustable top mount? No worries; the Gimbal Mount will take care of it. One rod not enough? The triple rodholder comes to the rescue! Don't forget leashes to keep those expensive rods from accidentally ending up on the bottom of the river. And if you don't think your rod (holder) is long enough, we can take care of that too, with an extender!

Work Decks & Other Storage Systems

Along with all those rods comes the need to store all the lures, flies, tools, and other fishing gear that goes with them. Fortunately there's an ever growing array of deck mount, cockpit mount, and hatch mount storage systems to answer the need.

Harmony released the hard shell Fishing Dashboard this year, featuring an integrated fishing box, rod holder indentation, and molded in areas to hold and organize loose gear. Sized to perfectly fit the cockpit rim of the popular Wilderness Systems Pungo and Pamlico series, the Dashboard fits lots of other models as well; best to bring in your boat and check it out to make sure.



If the Harmony Work Deck doesn't fit your boat, if you prefer a soft work deck, or if you fish from a Sit on Top kayak, check out the new Angler Workdeck from Seals. Featuring semi-rigid side walls, lure drying strip, build-in beverage holder, topside mesh accessory pouch, and multiple tether loops, the Workdeck will fit most recreational kayaks, and can be attached to canoes as well!

Another feature filled soft deck debuted this year from Seattle Sports; the Crossfire Sportsman's Deck Bag. Ideal for smaller cockpit boats (we're finding an increasing number of fishermen choosing the better control and fit of a smaller cockpit touring or even whitewater boat to fish from), the Crossfire is easily attached to virtually any kayak deck, and features a roomy top pocket with multiple organizer pockets sized to fit standard fly boxes, a lid that serves as a rod holder, and an adjustable, detachable shoulder strap.



This year's Hobie Mirage fishing boats come equipped with a set of three Gear Buckets with mesh storage bag. Sized to fit Hobie's 8" hatches, the gear buckets feature compartments to organize small gear and keep it from disappearing in the depths of the hull. Also available as an upgrade to older Mirages.

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Fishing PFD's

Although some paddling PFD's will work for fishermen, there are a number of specific vests that go the extra distance. MTI offers the Calcutta, a one-size-fits-all PFD with five organizer pockets, pliers holder, pin-on retractor holder, and tether attachment point. The Dorado includes all the above, but tailored in 3 sizes for optimum fit with high mesh back. Already have a tricked out fishing vest, or just don't want to deal with the bulk of a foam filled PDF? MTI also offers the Helios and Zephyr; yoke style and belt pack C02 inflatable vests with rearm kits.



Stohlquist brings us the Fisherman (“A” for originality!), a high back vest with multiple pockets featuring the “drawbridge”; unique fold-down work surfaces sized to fit small plastic lure boxes. Outside mounting locations for tippets (say what? Must be a fishing gizmo!), retractor, nipper, leaderline, hemastats, and pliers make this PFD sound like a wearable surgical unit!

Slow Down, and Find those Keepers!

After years of fine-tuning our paddling skills to move faster, we're learning to address fishermen's demands to slow down. Hence anchor systems with an assortment of cleats, and drag chutes for deeper water. Haven't quite figured out where the big ones are? Use a swivel mount to attach a fishfinder to your kayak. (Personally we think this sparks of cheating, but that's just our opinion!)

Keep 'Em Cold

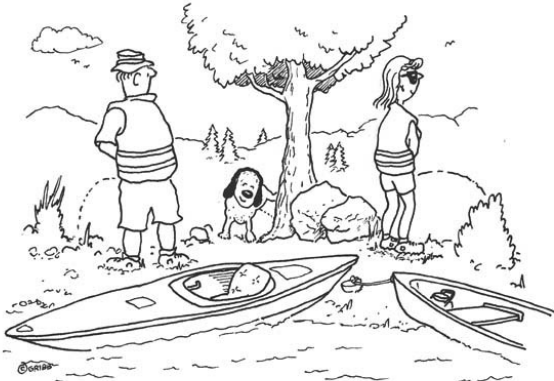
Once you find those keepers, you need to be able to bring 'em home without spoiling; until now pretty difficult using traditional coolers. Seattle Sports has solved this with tapered “Kayak Catch Coolers” in two sizes to fit the decks of sit in kayaks, or tank wells of Sit on Tops. Removable liners make clean up easier (whew, glad they thought of that!) Hint: These also make great coolers for any paddler's food and beverages!

With all this new gear, look for a new designated Fishing area soon at BMO!

Rack it Up!

Just got new wheels and need a rack? Too many boats for your existing one? Come on in to BMO April 18th-29th for National Thule Days. All in-stock Thule racks and accessories (as well as fit kits ordered to complete racks) are 20% off for this once a year event. Don't miss out on the chance to hear your friends and neighbors say “Hey, Nice Rack!”

Gotta Go, Gotta Go, Gotta Go!



"Anything He Can Do Shewee® Can Do Better!"

Paddling Divas learned long ago that a trek through thick brush to strip half naked behind a poison ivy infested tree is not the best answer to "nature's call". Through the years there have been a variety of "femaline urinary devices" (better known as "pee funnels") that allow the "gentler sex" to stand up and pee like a man. We've just discovered the latest (and in our opinion, best); the Shewee. We chose to stock them with the tube extender; less chance of hitting your sandals! Are there alternatives? Depends; not nearly as appealing!

New (Rec) Kid on the Block

Jackson Kayak, known for making whitewater kayaks to fit people of all sizes (including kids) is bringing us a new Rec line, Day Trippers, again in sizes to get the whole family on the water. Look for more info. on www.jacksonrec.com; and soon at the BMO showroom!

Heads Up!

BMO welcomes WRSI (wow that's a lot of letters!) to our Helmet lineup. WRSI helmets feature a unique 4-layer shell system designed to disperse energy so your head feels less G's. An O-brace & strap system work to keep the helmet tight and forward on your head. This is all great; what we really like is the KISS (Keep it Simple, Stupid!) approach; one size (multiple fit pads customize to different shapes and sizes), one style (vented, or unvented), and lots of fun colors, including "Kickbutt Pink", which looks great with Jackson's Swirly, Girly, Pink Boats!



Also new to BMO is VOZ (more letters!) who bring us the Evolution, a full coverage helmet configured to accept electronics and communications upgrades. Start with the helmet, add removable ear covers (included), Shaders (stylish polarized water specific floating sunglasses that integrate with the helmet), and (coming soon) skull cage, waterproof MP3 player, and a waterproof wireless communications system that will let paddlers keep in touch with each other on the river. Now that's a head trip!

Shred Ready has added 3 new whitewater helmets to their lineup this year. The "Shensu" (Chinese for "amazingly fast"), designed for the US Slalom Team to wear at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, makes a great play, creek, or all around river running helmet for the rest of us. New color for the Shensu as well as the Shaggy, Sherlock, and Full Mental Jacket in 2007 is Chocolate...Yummy! The Vixen is now available in Cranberry (goes great with

Chocolate!) Two new limited edition helmets, the Tdub (in Matte Blue) and Girls at Play in Lavender with flower graphics, give you a chance to show your spirit of sharing; \$15 from each helmet sold is donated to charity (the Green River Access Fund for the Tdub, and Soft Power Health for the Vixen GAP). Want tunes while you shred it up? Waterproof Can Can Audio Ear Flaps attach to the Super Scrappy, Shaggy, Sherlock, Vixen, AHM or Phly, and will accommodate jacks from your existing MP3 player. Or get the new Freestyle Audio MP3 Package; Freestyle Audio Fusion MP3 player (512 mb storage) and a set of Can Can's!



“VOZ”

Predator brings us the Ducati this year, constructed (as their other helmets are) of high impact Ralvek® thermoplastic for a stiffer, safer shell. With



“Shensu”

detachable ear covers, the Ducati comes in white, or matte black, and can be worn with the visor either front or back (make your own fashion statement!)

BMO extends a big THANKS! to our helmet suppliers who have opted to ship helmets in reusable, cloth carry/storage bags rather than cardboard boxes. Great for the earth, easier for us, and useful for you!



“Tdub”

Friends & Neighbors

Last fall we introduced you to our favorite “watering holes” in town. Lest you get the idea that all we do at BMO is paddle and drink, here’s a run down on other great places in Marysville to eat when a “cold, frosty one” ISN’T in order!



“Girls at Play”

The folks at Zeiderelli’s Pizza & Subs, a stone’s throw across the street, know all our voices by heart; we don’t even have to tell them any more to make everything “extra crispy” for us! Homemade pizza crusts and sub rolls are the basis for lots of tasty eats; they’ll even pack box lunches for river trips with advance notice. Fortunately there’s a “subway” (no pun intended) that takes you under the highway, unless you get a thrill out of balancing a boxed pizza and a couple sodas and dodging traffic (something we all seem to favor...not sure what that says about us!)

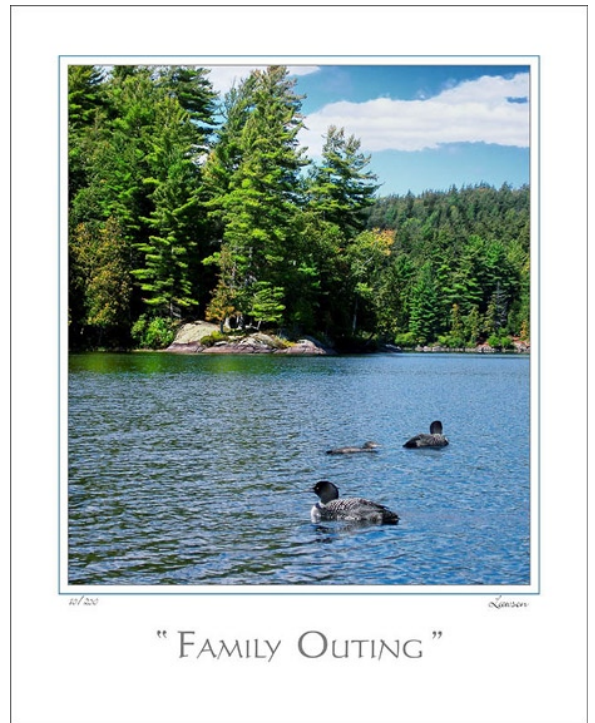
If, by chance, you DO want a cold beer (or glass of wine) with your pizza or other Italian dishes, Mama Leone’s Pizzeria & Restaurant just

up the street will take care of you; check out the yummy deserts, also. (Careful, though, after lunch, wine, and desert you just might want to head to the couch instead of the river!)

Plan to arrive before our 10 am opening time and visit Mikes Coffee Shop up the road for fresh brewed coffee, great home cooked breakfasts, the morning paper, and the latest local news from Marysville's "regulars". Mikes also has daily lunch specials; face it, we can't eat pizza EVERY day!

Love good, old fashioned diner cooking? Check out the Marysville Diner down the street. Mary's son Greg recommends meatloaf; classic diner "comfort food" from way back!

Next time: Massage, Tai Chi, and other local treats for the body!



As promised, another stunning photo by our friend, Tim Lawson, from the Adirondacks. Keep 'em coming, Timster!

Mark Your Calendar, And Stop By!

Watch for upcoming mailings (short; we promise!) with information on our Paddle, Pedal, Pole & Play Demo Day, May 20th, and the new Susquehanna River Downriver Race June 30th, with something for everyone from novices to Pros. Details available soon at www.susquehannarivertrail.org. Doug, Erik, Mike & Pat will also be on hand again this year at the Schuylkill Sojourn, June 2-8. Check out www.schuylkillriver.org for details.

Hope to see you at our Swap Meet, Demo Day, the Sojourn, and the Downriver Race, but remember, you're always welcome to stop by! Bring pics & stories to share; we'd love to see you!

Happy Paddling!
The BMO Gang



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