

BMO Newsletter: Fall 2012

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In Memory

Those of you who've been reading our newsletter for awhile know that I always write the fall issue while on a paddling vacation with my best friend, Dori. This is a tough one to write this year, because Dori passed away suddenly this spring from a massive brain aneurism. It's still hard to believe she isn't here. We're all doing our best to focus on the many great times we had, and will try to continue to have, in her memory. I'll never be able to burp or whistle as loud as she could (actually don't know anyone who could!) but I'll damn well keep trying, and hope she can hear it. - Mary



Dori

What's New...Boats

Native Watercraft is expanding their already successful fishing line this year with the 12' and 14.5' Slayer, featuring Legacy's signature tag-a-long wheel, and new High Low seat. Coming soon to BMO!



Native Watercraft Slayer

Wilderness Systems is expanding their recreational line with the Aspire 100 & 105, with drop down skeg. Redesigned this year is the Pamlico 145. Not so sure we're excited about this one (we REALLY liked the original) but are sure there will be fans of the extra capacity and stability. (How's that for diplomatic writing!) On the positive side, the redesigned Ride 115 and 135 Advance Seating System, featuring a 4" higher seating position, is sure to be a hit. AND, Wilderness is offering a seat upgrade kit so 2012 Ride owners can enjoy the new seat at a nominal cost without having to buy a new boat. All other Wilderness Systems seats are being upgraded as well. (We were afraid "Phase 3" was being replaced with "Phase 4" [where does it end?] but instead it's "Phase 3® AirPro", more comfort, better ventilation, and easier to adjust.)



Wilderness Systems Aspire

Dagger introduces a new Freestyle Boat for 2013, the Jitsu, in 3 sizes, along with new "Contour Ergo" outfitting in all the Axiom, Jitsu, Mamba, Nomad, and Green Boat models. Features are too numerous to list here...stop by the shop and check them out for yourself!



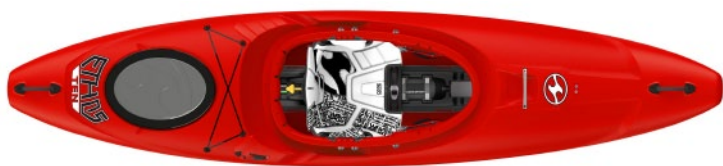
Dagger Jitsu

Perception adds to their popular Expression "family" an 11-1/2' sibling, the Expression 11.5; all the pluses of the Expression line in a more compact model.



Perception Expression 11.5

Jumping on the "Crossover" bandwagon, Wave Sport introduces the Ethos Nine & Ten; whitewater capable with drop skeg for the doldrums (or to just make getting started in whitewater a little easier). (We had to look "Ethos" up; it's Greek for "character" or "spirit". Fitting, for some of the characters at Wave Sport (said in good sport!) Also new for 2013, the Recon 70, 83 & 93, Wave Sport's latest Creek Boat.



Wave Sport Ethos



Wave Sport Recon

Swift Canoe & Kayak, new at BMO for 2012, is adding a new solo canoe this year, the Keewaydin 15. (Doug was so taken with it when we saw the boat at the Killington dealer show this summer that if we'd had space on our rack it would have gone home with us!) **Okay, time to take a break from new products for some fun stuff!**

Dougism's

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

Doug's got a thing about tattoos. (Well, let's clarify; he's got a thing about tattoos on women.) After checking out one of our customer's, he dropped this bomb: "Mary's thinking about getting a Trash Stamp also." Guess the honeymoon's over!

The "Doriann" Returns to New York

PA paddler Michael Trump, along with his fiancée and parents, competed in the Adirondack Canoe Classic (the famed "90 Miler") this year for the second time, in our newly christened Minnesota 4, the "Doriann". Named after Dori, or course (who hated her middle name; sorry Dori!) Despite horrific weather the team completed the course and made Pennsylvania proud!



The Doriann and Her Crew

Assalot, Take 3!

BMO's third annual Assalot Staff Retreat almost became "Assanot" when the weather forecast took a turn for the worse. BUT, 35 people showed up anyway throughout the weekend to make it a success after all. No swimming this year (well, not intentional, anyway!), but lots of partying, music making, building sandcastles, and general, well, retreating! Ryan & Cat (who were married by our own Reverend Doug at the lot in 2011) brought 5-month old Gracie to meet everyone, and Doug took the opportunity to baptize her with Susquehanna River water, making Gracie an official River Rat!



It's Official!



Gracie in Doug's Labatt Blue Baby Swing

What Else is New?

Sometimes we feel rules and regs in the Good Ol' USA are a bit over the top, but our Canadian neighbors top out even higher. In addition to the regs that affect us, non-powered boats in Canada must carry a bailer (can be a simple plastic jug cut down), a buoyant 15 meter heaving line (aka throw rope), and, (if freeboard is less than .5 meters, which covers most all our canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards), a re-boarding device. North Water (of Canada, of course) has addressed several of these requirements with a couple new, and very affordable, products. The 4-Bailer is a 50' (5 meter) throw rope, bailing bucket, and whistle, all in a compact \$29.95 package. Also new is the StepUp Stirrup, \$12.95, which meets the re-boarding device requirement. The good news is, your PFD qualifies as long as it meets your country's requirements. (And contrary to what we've been told by some of our customers in the past, Canada does NOT require that the PFD be Red, Yellow, or Orange; they merely suggest that it's a good idea.) SO, now you know what you need to venture into the Great North Country!



North Water 4-Bailer

Astral Buoyancy is branching out from their PFD roots to add a footwear line this year, featuring (of course) Cordura® for strength and quick drying. Meet the Brewer, the Baker, and (no, not the Candlestick Maker), the Ressler & Porter. Now you can jump right from your boat to the nearest pub in style without having to change your shoes. (Okay, we know some of you do that already, but really, stinky Neoprene in a bar? Not the best way to make friends and influence people!)



Astral Brewer

WRSI is adding a new helmet this year, the Current Pro, which comes with new (stiffened) removable ear protection, and accepts the new Moment Pinch Face faceguard. (Those who have the older Current helmet don't despair. The Pinch Face, available in the spring, will fit your helmet as well, both large and small models.)

At the request of several of our whitewater paddlers, we recently brought in a product called Paddle Wrap, which is, well, a wrap for your paddle (bear with me here) that improves your grip while also giving your paddle personality. (Lots of colors, including a "Smiley Face", and for you stealth boaters, Camo!)

And Touring & Rec Paddlers, we've got you covered too! Seattle Sports is bringing out big, bright neon glow-in-the-dark silicone paddle drip rings. Get 'em for your friends and do an Alien themed night float!



Also from Seattle Sports, Neon glow-in-the-dark scupper plugs (do we see a trend here?) for the sit on top crowd, tapered to fit a variety of scupper sizes (and easy to find if dropped!), outdoor lockable kayak racks, and a nifty suction cup boat roller to help get your boat up on the car.



NuCanoe is ramping up production to meet demand for the Frontier 12, which exceeded expectations in 2012. The seating system has been improved this year, and NuCanoe is offering an upgrade kit to all 2012 Frontier owners at a bargain rate of \$50 to upgrade both seats. Order through any NuCanoe dealer, but hurry...after November 30th the cost goes up 55%! Also new this year, the Casting Bar and Slide Mount, pictured below, and the Transformer Paddle (It's a Kayak Paddle; no, it's a SUP Paddle; no, it's a Stakeout Pole; NO, it's a Push Pole!)



Frontier Casting Bar



Slide Mount, All Pimped Out!

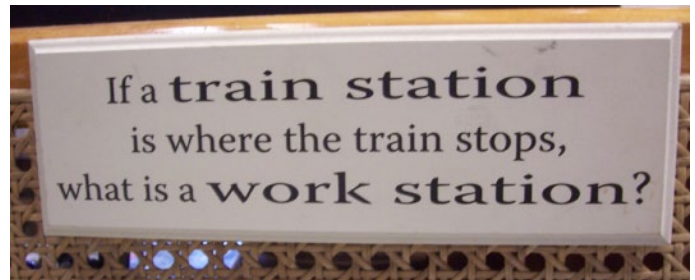
Another Break and More Fun!

Work & Play - a typical BMO day!



BMO Bandito

And speaking of not working, this sign was given to us by Dori (fitting, as our headquarters are in the old Marysville Pennsylvania Railroad Depot.)



SUP Continues to Grow

Expanding our SUP line this year, we have Stand Up Paddleboards heading our way next spring from Boardworks and BIC, both well known in the surf and SUP world. (If you haven't tried it yet, you might want to give it a go; it's addicting!)



Jason & Nikki SUPing on the Susq.

Along with new boards, come new accessories. Seattle Sports adds to their cart line a SUP cart, and two different attachment systems to add "stuff" to your board.



Lashmates™ Supersuck

Worried your board might wander away? Enter Docs Locks, a nifty SUP locking system that's hard to describe, but makes perfect sense once you see it. Stop by and check it out!

Small Business is Also Growing!

Black Friday will always be there, but don't forget to support your hometown shops on Small Business Saturday, November 24th.

New this year, Perry County is doing their own initiative to attract (and keep) business local, with a "Shop Perry" promotion, November 23rd through December 24th. (Shoppers who visit all participating vendors will automatically be entered in a drawing for Perry County goodies.)

Watch for an upcoming mailing for details on both these events at BMO!

Get 'Em While You Can!

Outdoorsmen might want to stop by and check out two "last of their kind" boats here at BMO, the NRS GigBob, an inflatable pontoon boat that can be converted to a lightweight kick boat, and the Native Watercraft Mariner Multiport Volt, featuring a 46-lb. thrust motor that will last all day at trolling speed. (Note the "ladder" platform in the back that allows your dog to climb back in after enjoying a swim, or chasing down the duck you just nabbed.) Both on sale while they last!

PFD Regulation Change

Just a reminder, beginning November 1st through April 30th, all boaters are required to wear a life jacket while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length OR ANY CANOE OR KAYAK. Complying will probably save your pocketbook the cost of a fine, and might just save your life.

BMO Gallery of Fine Art

BMO customer Shane Arrigoni posted this great pic of a curious wild fox at Janes Island State Park on the Chesapeake Bay in his (SECCO'S) newsletter, and was nice enough to allow us to use it here as well. Thanks, Shane!



Shane's Foxy Kayak



*Native Watercraft Mariner Volt
(ours is actually cameo.)*



NRS GigBob

Okay, it's a wrap. And Dori, wherever you are, we hope the water's running clear and deep, and the sun is shining. We miss you.



Afterward – Information on brain aneurisms can be found at <http://bafound.org>. Hoping that more awareness of signs and symptoms of this “silent killer” will help prevent more needless deaths. (We think Dori would approve this message.)

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