

BMO Newsletter: April 2012

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The Winter That Didn't Happen

Wow, global warming or what! Enjoying the unseasonably nice weather, but hope it doesn't mean low water this year. Here's to rain at night, sunny days, and great paddling!

Early Sunday Hours

Due to the unseasonably warm weather mentioned above, we've decided to start Sunday hours early this year. SO, starting April 22nd we'll be open Sundays from 10-6. (Still closed on Mondays...we need to paddle too!)

National (Canadian) Canoe Day

Just got our new NovaCraft catalogs for 2012, and noticed that Canada is celebrating National Canoe Day on June 26th. This is great; but where is the good old USA in this picture? Our nation was forged just as much as Canada's by canoes, both Native Americans and the "white's" that followed. Well, we've decided that if our legislators (who seem to be able to come up with a National "fill in the blank" Day for everything else) can't honor the Native American canoe, we'll just have to celebrate with the Canadians. SO from June 26th through July 1st, all 2012 canoes in stock will be 10% off, all 2011 or older an additional 5% off marked down prices. Celebrate a piece of North American history with us!

Speaking of NovaCraft

Solo canoeists looking for a really small Royalex® canoe but still wanting performance and capacity, look no further. NovaCraft brings us the Trapper 12', based on an original Chestnut Canoe Company design, to enable paddling small creeks as well as large lakes and handle portage trails with ease. (Also available as the "Teddy"; same hull, but outfitted tandem for two kids.)



NovaCraft Limited Edition Cronje Canoe, built to celebrate National Canoe Day Canada Style

And Speaking of Canada

Doug recently scored a dream he's been chasing for years...a hand built birch bark canoe. Recently purchased from the Quebec area, this Ojibway design is a classic. Stop by the shop and check it out!



Demo Day Weekend

This Year's Demo Day Weekend event will be May 19th & 20th, Noon to 5 PM, hopefully at our river lot. (If river levels don't cooperate, we'll relocate to the Marysville Lions Club Pond.) Details in the brochure, which is on the next page. Hope to see you there!

New Year's Day Float

TRIED to do a paddle from Duncannon to BMO; ended up paddling about a mile against huge winds, then paddled up Shermans Creek about a mile until we ran out of water depth (had the big, bad, Bloody Mary), then paddled back down Shermans and upriver against 54,500 CFS current to end up where we started. No shuttle though! 2012...the year of attainment!



Snap Shot of Attainment (Photo by Jesse Edmunds)

What's New for 2012?

Mamba the Creek

Dagger gave their classic Mamba a facelift this year, and is offering it in both River Running and Creeker version; same hull, different outfitting. Since the Creeker outfitting is more robust we opted to stock that. Apparently a good call, 'cause we're already reordering them!



More Fishing Gear from YakAttack

Luther at YakAttack has the kayak fishing thing pegged! Recent additions include a 6' stakeout pole that also serves as a punt pole, and (suggested by local Wilderness Systems team fisherman Jeff Little) a shorter version for people who aren't concerned with poling. Also new, GearTracs, aftermarket tracks for kayaks that allow mounting tons of things, including YakAttack's PanFish Camera Pole Mounts (in two heights). Still not long enough (or wrong angle?) Add the DogBone floating extension arm...the possibilities are endless! Our question is, with all this innovation in the kayak fishing industry, does Luther still have time to fish? (We hope so!) Check out their website, <http://www.yakattack.us> for details!



YakAttack ParkN Pole in Action



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2012 BMO DEMO DAYS

Test Paddle the Latest Canoes and Kayaks.
Canoe and Kayak Factory Representatives,
and a Pro Kayak Fisherman or two on Hand.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 & SUNDAY, MAY 20

NOON - 5:00 PM

AT THE

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

**PARK AT OUR STORE, SAY HELLO, CHECK-IN AND
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, a short distance downstream of the Dauphin Narrows. Participants will park at our store, sign up to participate, and then catch van rides to and from the lot. The lot will provide three big improvements over the previous venue: moving water, deeper water and more water. In the immediate vicinity, the river forms a large, unobstructed pool with mild currents. We will have safety boats on patrol to assist anyone needing a hand.

Please wear old footwear
and plan to get wet!

Hope to see you there!

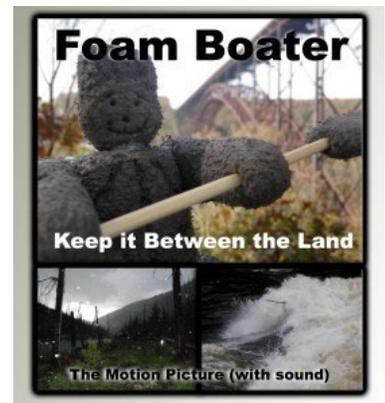
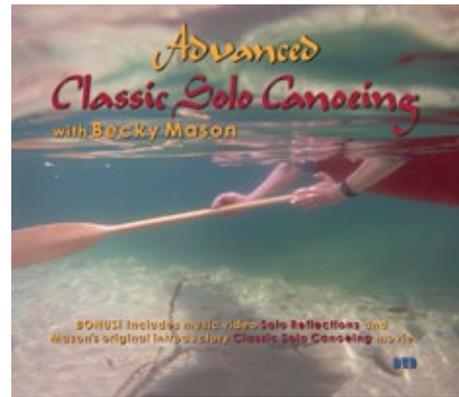
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for the latest details.

New DVD's

As much as we all want to spend as much time as possible on the water, sometimes things get in the way. The next best thing? Check out the latest DVD's to hold you over until you get back out there! Following up on her best seller "Classic Solo Canoeing", Canadian icon Becky Mason brings us "Advanced Classic Solo Canoeing" ...need we say more? (Seems we're on a Canadian theme here!) And local kayak fishing icon Jeff Little expands his series of DVD's with "River Smallmouths, Fall Patterns": Great cold water fishing tips!

Kids away for the night? Try "Foam Boater" for some in your face, tongue in cheek fun!



Do it Now! (Don't Wait until Later!)

Fluid Kayaks has their US manufacturing plant up and running just in time to bring us the Do it Now, a revolutionary new whitewater sit on top kayak that will change the way beginner kayakers view rivers. No more fear factor of being trapped inside a kayak...just a forgiving, fun kayak that allows edging and more advanced control than others on the market. And just think...no bailing!



Fluid Do it Now

Meet Ronnie & Linda

Remember the Lotus Designs Lola PFD? (Heck I still use one.) Well, Phillip (previous owner of Lotus Designs, and now of Astral Buoyancy) brings us the Ronnie & Linda, with Lola-like styling, cut, and fit. And aptly named after one of his production workers and her husband. (The Lola, by the way, was named for Phillip's head seamstress at Lotus, NOT for the song, as we all assumed!)



Linda



Ronny

Ahhh....It's all About Comfort



Inertia Camping Pad

Klymit, a newcomer to the outdoor scene, brings us incredibly light sleeping pads that pack down to the size of a soda can. (And we're not talking the "big gulp" here!) Three sizes to cover everyone from the minimalist (who apparently is willing to sacrifice warm feet for weight savings) to one big enough to keep Big Ben Roethlisberger comfortable! My first thought was that it has to be chilly, 'cause there's a lot of open spaces, but our rep assured me that the sleeping bag will loft into the spaces, creating insulation as well as ventilation. And all the weight saving adds up to an extra bottle of wine, in my book! Prices from \$89.95 to \$129.95.



Inertia, Packed

Not up to the pricetag of the original Klymits? They've recently added a more affordable (slightly heavier, but still small and light) version, the Static V (\$59.95) and an innovative seat/cushion, the Cush. (Obviously a cushion for the Tush!)

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

When Mary's son Greg decided to try smoking a turkey for our "extended BMO family" Thanksgiving feast it took a little longer than anticipated. Seems Doug wanted to make sure we didn't get "Botchanella"!

BMO Gallery of Fine Art

BMO customer Justin Schetrompf captured this awesome photo of a Black Crowned Night Heron here on the Susquehanna in the Marysville area. Thanks, Justin!



Get Pumped!

Sit on top kayak paddlers have it made...all the water that comes in the boat magically flows out the scupper holes, leaving paddlers sitting if not dry, at least high. For the rest of us, the choices are:

- 1) Roll the boat (IF you know how, and IF your roll is bombproof, and IF your sprayskirt (if in a kayak) is also bombproof. If you're a canoe paddler, it doesn't matter whether you can roll or not; you still need to empty your boat.
- 2) Carry an empty cut-off bleach bottle (or fancy bailing bucket) and sponge. Works okay in canoes; not so much in kayaks.
- 3) Carry a hand operated bilge pump (reverse of above; works better in kayaks than canoes) and a sponge. Advantages? Workout for biceps and triceps, and doubles as a squirt gun. Disadvantages? Workout for biceps and triceps, and retribution may cancel out the aforementioned advantage of the squirt gun.

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4) Install an automatic or foot operated bailer. Automatic (self) bailers have been a mainstay in racing canoes for years; the premise being that you're paddling so fast that the bailers work. If you're "float & bloating" (or paddling heavy whitewater) again, not so much. (But we ARE thinking of installing one in our "Bloody Mary" War Canoe, 'cause of that baby ever flips over it's gonna take a LOT of biceps and triceps to bail it out!)

5) Install a battery operated pump. Now we're talking! Biceps and Triceps can go back to doing what they were meant to do...paddle during the day and raise a celebratory glass (or bottle, or can) afterward! So here's the scoop for both kayaks and canoes. From the folks at Blue Water Kayak, an impressive new touring kayak pump (check out their website at www.bluewaterkayakworks.com for some really kicker videos of the pump in action!) Whitewater canoe paddlers typically have the most water to bail, and therefore the most to gain from an electric pump. BMO offers a couple systems, both of which allow you to douse adjacent paddlers if aimed correctly. (Warning; see retribution note above.) Whitewater kayak paddlers? Best perfect your roll!



Bad Boat!

BMO Fun & Games; Old School

Another "Blast from BMO's Past"



Long time BMO customer Jimmy showing his true colors.

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That's all, Folks!
Hope to see you at Demo Day and on the Water!

-The BMO Gang