

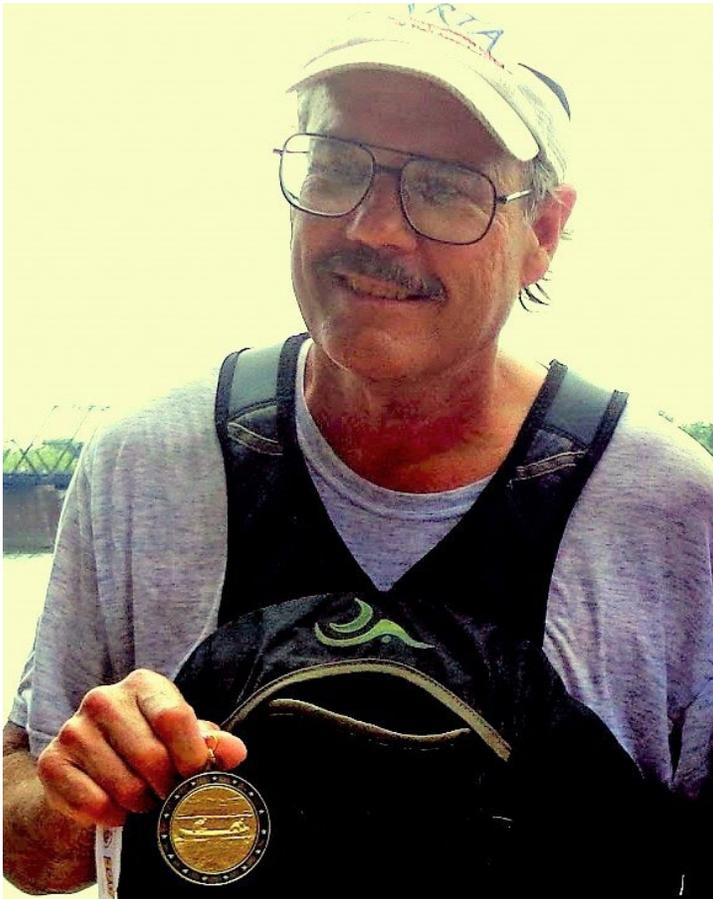
# BMO Newsletter: Spring 2018

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*Pat with one of his many paddling medals*

This newsletter is about a week later than usual, due to two things. First, it's hard to write about Spring when it still feels like winter. And second, we've been struggling with how to say goodbye to a friend who meant so much to all of us here at BMO, and to many of you as well.

What can we say about Pat Reilly that hasn't already been said? That he was a river rat who relished paddling anything runnable, even if it was just a ditch or a culvert through a formal

insane asylum? That he spent a good part of his life introducing kids to the outdoors, many of whom would probably not have had the opportunity otherwise? (Okay, that's already been said, but it was so important to him that we felt we needed to mention it anyway.) That in the process, he taught these kids that a certain amount of suffering is key to a good trip? ("Not only builds fortitude, but increases bragging rights.")

We learned through time to give Pat an arrival time for river trips that was at least one hour earlier than the actual one, and then realize that he'd probably be late anyway. But we also learned that it was worth it to hear the latest "Pat story" of WHY he was late. (How many people have hopped a freight train to save time getting to BMO for our annual New Year's Day paddle? And then jumped off the train when it sped up faster than expected?) Always a story!

He also had his very own "Lost & Found" bin here at BMO due to the huge number of things he always left behind. (We like to think he did it as an excuse to come visit us again, but that may have had more to do with the cold beer in the fridge.) Anyway, it was always great to have him back.

Pat was a meticulous record keeper (just ask anyone who questioned his memory of a particular trip. He ALWAYS had a written record, and most of us didn't) He was generous enough to share many of his writings on our website; go to "River Tales" and please think of Pat when you read them.

# What's New?

## Bonafide Kayaks

Several months ago someone came to our shop and asked if we planned to become a bonafide dealer. Say what?!? We thought we were pretty darned bonafide already, but then realized they were talking about Bonafide Kayaks. Ohhhh. Got our dealership and should have their boats here (as well as those from our other suppliers) in time for our BMO Summer Kickoff Sale (and hopefully Demo) on May 12th. Hope to see you there!



*Bonafide SS127*

## Blasts from the Past: New Whitewater Kayaks for 2018

Both Dagger and Liquid Logic have continued the retro trend in whitewater kayaks with three new boats that promise to bring back old school memories, and create new ones for new generation paddlers. Welcome to the Age of Aquarius!

### Dagger Phantom

The search for speed brings us Dagger's new creek boat, the Phantom. In the words of Dagger's Chris Gragtman, the Phantom's highly rockered bow combined with low stern rocker and a defined parting line, will "go over everything and anything you put in its way, and accelerate out of drops like a Jet Ski. So forget the Opera, and take the Phantom to the river!

## Liquid Logic Delta V

Liquid Logic's Delta V creek boat (in 88 and 73 volume sizes) features a soft-edged displacement hull and rocker profile, with "Turbo Booster" pockets on the stern which Dagger's Pat Keller says help the boat to accelerate when loaded after a drop. The creeker's name is a play on this quick acceleration; Delta V is "science-talk" for change in velocity. Kinda sounds like Star Wars!



*Liquid Logic Delta V*

## Liquid Logic Homeslice

Also going retro is Liquid Logic's new playboat the Homeslice, a 7'8" planing hull kayak that's slicey on both ends, harkening back to old school playboats of yore. (Suddenly us oldies are goodies after all!) Cartwheel, splat, and surf to your heart's content. And thanks to generous foot room, you might even be able to wear your booties while swapping ends!



*Liquid Logic Homeslice  
(Prototype)*



*Dagger Phantom*

## Bionic Boss

It's been over 10 years since our owner, Doug, had his leg pinned and screwed back together after a hit & run accident in front of our shop. Now he's had a recent knee replacement on the other leg, and is getting his back operated on this month. Pretty soon he'll have enough metal in him to rival the Six Million Dollar Man!

## Paddle (and Own!) the Canoe of an Icon

If you are a wilderness canoe tripper (or aspire to be one) you've more than likely read at least one of Cliff Jacobson's books. Now Northstar Canoes is giving you a chance to not only paddle, but OWN, one of Cliff's private canoes, custom outfitted by Cliff himself, with scratches and wear from scores of paddling adventures. All you need to do is design a Northstar Canoes T-Shirt, and be chosen by the Northstar team as first place winner. (Second and third places will receive a Northstar Canoe paddle, WITHOUT scratch and wear, but ready to receive some of your own!) So get out your pencils, pens, paint, or whatever your chosen media is and get those creative juices flowing! (Go to [Northstar Canoes.com](http://NorthstarCanoes.com) under "Explore" then "T-Shirt Contest" for details.)

Cliff has all the answers, But not this one.

# HELP!

Send an original T-shirt design inspired by:

NORTHSTAR  
- CANOES -

# WIN

Cliff Jacobson's coveted canoe!

Details: [northstarcanoes.com/explore](http://northstarcanoes.com/explore)  
Submission Deadline: Halloween

## Dougism's (If it Ain't a Word, it Should Be!)

Gave Doug grief the other day for saying "ain't" and was told in no uncertain terms that "ain't" is a valuable word. (Now we have to work on Webster to include "valuable" in the dictionary!)

## Congrats CCGH!

The American Canoe Association (ACA) awarded the Penn Cup Slam Series of Pennsylvania with the prestigious ACA Sanctioned Event of the Year Award in 2017. One of the races in the series is the annual Fiddlers Elbow, put on by our own Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg. Go to <http://www.americancanoe.org/awards> for details. And special thanks to Walt Sieger, former employee Kris Wolpert, and the many CCGH volunteers for their efforts to keep the Fiddlers Elbow Slalom Race alive and well for 42 years and counting!

## Topher's Latest Marble

Our friend Topher stopped by a while ago when he was exhibiting at the show "Market of Curiosities" (anyone who knows Topher will appreciate how fitting that is!) and gave us one of his latest hand blown glass marbles. Check it out!



## BMO Summer Kick Off Sale / Demo Day 2018

Speaking of Demo Day, it's coming up soon! Last year we got rained out (REALLY rained out!) but had a great event at our shop. Not sure what the weather / river has planned for us this year, but regardless we'll be at BMO headquarters with lots of boats and gear to see (and hopefully try), a chance to chat with our manufacturer's reps, and (as always) Greg's food and drinks to keep everyone happy throughout the day. Hope to see you here!



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# 2018 BMO Summer Kick-off Sale



Test Paddle the Latest Canoes, Kayaks, Fishing Kayaks and SUP's.

10% off 2018 boats and accessories.\*

Additional 5% off 2017 and older boats.\*\*

Manufacturers Reps and our knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer questions and help you pick out the boat and/or gear of your dreams.

*Refreshments -- Prize Drawings -- Fun!*

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018**

**11:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**BLUE MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS**



**Demos available by appointment the day of the event if river conditions allow (BMO's call). Please wear suitable footwear and dress to get wet if you plan to demo boats.**



\* Some restrictions apply due to manufacturer's policies

\*\* Demo Days Discount: 2018 -10%, 2017 -15%, 2016 -20%, 2015 and older -25%

**Please wear old footwear  
and dress to get wet!**



**Hope to see you there!**

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**Questions?**  
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for the latest details.

## Art in the Wild 2018

In our last newsletter we mentioned checking out the Art in the Wild exhibit at Wildwood Lake in Harrisburg. Unfortunately by the time we went to see it some of the exhibits had been damaged or were no longer there. This year we're planning to go earlier when things are still fresh and intact.

After checking out the exhibit (did we mention it's free?) you have an opportunity to go to Wildwood's website and vote for your favorite site. The ICO (Inspired Connections Outdoors) kids from The Marshall Math Science Academy have their own exhibit this year, "Nature's Galaxy" at site 13. Although we can't tell you who to vote for, we CAN mention that the prize money awarded to a winning site would cover an outing for the kids. So take a walk in the park (literally!) and vote for your favorite Art in the Wild exhibit!

Speaking of ICO, the program is funded primarily through donations, and one of the easiest ways to help is to go through your used but serviceable camping/hiking/biking/paddling/anything-outdoor-related gear and pass it on to help get the kids outdoors. (Particularly needed are PFD's and river shoes / booties.) Contact Emily Zebel at [enzebel@gmail.com](mailto:enzebel@gmail.com). The kids will thank you!

## PA Epic Adventure

Where do you go if you're looking for an epic trip in Pennsylvania? According to Men's Journal Magazine's Adventure Issue (April, 2018), you'll canoe the Susquehanna River Trail Middle Section, right in BMO's own backyard. Check out the mag for suggestions for the other 49 states as well!

Finally, in remembrance of Pat Reilly, paddle a new river (or creek, or stream, or ditch; it doesn't matter), take a kid with you if possible,

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show up at least 1 hour late, and love every minute of every day. Thank you, Pat, for so many, many memories. We miss you.



-The BMO Gang  
(Doug, Mary, Kris, Sarah, & Tim)