

# BMO Newsletter: Fall 2013

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## Reminder, Fall Hours

Just a reminder that we are now closed on Sundays as well as Mondays (almost like a weekend, whoo-hoo!)

## What's New?

### X-Rated

How do you improve one of the most popular fishing kayaks on the market? Apparently Wilderness Systems' answer is: pimp it out even more! New this fall, the Ride 115X...all the features you've grown to love, plus a removable console housed in a large pass through, with battery storage area and molded inserts for quick installation of a transducer, battery & head unit (Whew!). Lots of other improvements as well. (Hardly seems fair to the fish!)



Wilderness Systems Ride 115X

Wilderness also partnered with Yak Attack to offer upgraded packaging this year on all their Angler models. (Already own an earlier Angler kayak? Not to worry; we carry Yak Attack products so you can pimp your own boat as well!)

Touring paddlers will want to check out the new Focus touring kayaks in three sizes; blending the performance of the Tempest with the stability of the Tsunami. Sounds like a win-win to us!



Wilderness Systems Focus

Dagger brings us yet another addition to the growing crossover boat market with the Katana 9.7 and 10.4 (replacing the Approach 9.0 and 10.0). Improved storage, improved performance, and improved comfort...what's not to like?



Dagger Katana

Current Designs enters the Kayak Angler scene this year with the Tailfin sit on top, featuring an optional removable outrigger system – focus on the fish, not on your balance!



Current Designs Tailfin

Also new from CD (will bring one in if we get enough interest hint, hint!) the Ignite, a 16' Surf Ski with enough stability for the average paddler. And to go with it, a new wing paddle (this we ARE bringing in!)



*Current Designs Ignite*

Perception is giving a nod to the sporting paddlers this year with muted colors (Sand and Camo) on several of their models, as well as optional Angler configurations.

Wave Sport amps up the freestyle scene with the Mobius – shorter than the Project X, but featuring additional volume. (Makes us wonder if there's ever going to be a limit to how short these boats can get!) More forgiving for beginners, but still offering performance for experienced competitors. New colors, too!



*Wave Sport Mobius*

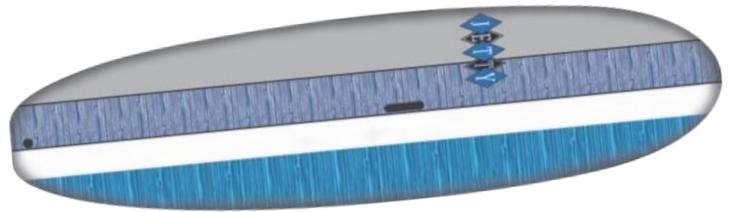
## New Sups

New for 2014 from Bic, the Cross, a cross (go figure!) between their proven Ace Classic and Wing. One size fits most!



*Bic Cross Platinum*

and from Boardworks, an affordable entry level SUP package, including their new Jetty board, fins, paddle, and leash, for only \$699. No excuse to not try it out!



*Boardworks Jetty*

## NuCanoe Frontier Seat Upgrade

Deju Vu... Yup, we're reported on this before, but THIS upgrade is to better accommodate the 360° Max Seat...stiffer, better support, and higher. Standard on all 2014 Frontiers, and available here at BMO for a limited time (through Nov. 30th) at \$49.95 to upgrade existing Frontiers (regular price \$74.95).

What's next, gotta wonder!



*NuCanoe New (Nu?) Seat*

## Local Loon (No, not one of us!)

Apparently the Audubon Society knew what they were doing when they designated Wade Island as an "Important Bird Area". A Common Loon decided to forgo the rest of its migration year and hang out here for the summer instead. HIGHLY unusual. Wonder what will show up next?

## Dougisms

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

On a recent visit to Mary's family in Florida, had a couple options for a side trip. Doug announced that he would "meander it." When questioned whether he really meant "ponder it" he announced "No, I'm going to walk around and think about it!"

## New BMO Shop Wench

If you haven't already, stop in and say "Hi" to Leah, our newest (and youngest) employee! Leah's been paddling canoes and kayaks most of her life (many of you knew her Dad, Eric Ferguson, who worked for us for several years.) and is now enjoying a new sport, Stand Up Paddle Boarding. (And don't let her small size fool you, she's shown she can pull her weight in the boat yard also!) What's next on a personal level? Dreads to go with her tats (haven't broken that to Doug yet!)



Leah

## Gallery of Fine Art

Excited to say that our Bald Eagle population is growing steadily, and sightings have become quite frequent here on the Susquehanna. Customer Jim Booth nabbed this beautiful shot slightly below our location; thanks for sharing, Jim!



## Crazy Customer Requests

Had a customer come in one day, asked if we could help him, and was told "No, just looking." After looking for a considerable amount of time, came to the counter and asked if we sold dog shit. Excuse me??? "It's that stuff you put on your glasses to keep them from fogging up." OH...Cat Crap! (Funny how when you're used to a name it doesn't seem as strange!)

## Little Things that make a Difference

Sometimes it's the little things you don't think much about that make things a lot easier on the water. Current Designs bringing us a cool item this year, "Flexible Deck Balls" (almost sounds obscene!); the picture tells the story!



CD Flexible Deck Balls

## Blast from the Past



*Doug's Blind (& Deaf & Dumb) Date*

## You Called?

We've always been kind of against bringing phones and other electronics on the river (isn't that one of the reasons we go there, to get away from those things?) But, have to admit that tunes are nice sometimes, and it IS comforting to know those gizmos are available for emergencies.

New at BMO, AriCase waterproof electronics cases. Shock resistant hard shell case back, durable clear silicone face allowing full touch screen functionality, flips open in a heartbeat, and comes in your choice of colors and sizes. Even has its own CFD! (Case flotation device, i.e. detachable floating lanyard.) And hey, you can always turn the phone off!



*AriCase Wave 5*

## Tim's Kayak Quiver...Growing!

Tim's on a mission to round out his kayak collection. Last year? Dagger Green Boat (long and fast). This year? Used Squirt Boat (surfboard lookalike), used Slalom Boat (also fast), and most recently, a new Dagger Axiom (also pretty fast). Hey Tim, how about something in between?

## Our Loss, Your Gain

Recently ordered forty 22" extra wide foam kayak cartop blocks on closeout, not realizing that they were cut to fit round (Yakima) bars only. BUT, with a little slicing, they work on Thule bars, and will also work on bare roofs (they have a non-skid bottom.) Regularly \$19.95 each; selling for \$9.95 each.

Other uses? Floor storage blocks, or start your own neighborhood foam fighting league! (Yup, there really is such a thing!)

## Assalot 2013

No high water? No swims? No falling in the fire? What's happened to tradition! Had a record number of people though (35), a couple nice paddles (including part of Shermans Creek; always a delight), and (as always) lots of food, fun, music (including a full drum set!) and (of course!) libations.



*Prayer Flags by the River, Assalot 2013*

## Look Before You Leap (Or Sit!)

Got this photo from Russ Cowles, our BIC rep, of his Prijon kayak with a rattlesnake coiled around the footbrace. Good reason to invest in a cockpit cover! (Or as Russ says, get a SUP instead!)



**Hope you're boat doesn't hand you any  
unwelcome surprises like this! Happy Paddling!**

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