

# BMO Newsletter: Spring 2015

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## Spring Ahead; New BMO Hours

Just a reminder that with Spring (well, unofficial Spring) comes BMO's new operating hours. Starting Memorial Day Weekend we'll be open Tuesdays from 10-8, Wednesday through Sunday from 10-6, and closed Mondays. EXCEPT holiday weekends (including Memorial Day weekend) when we ARE open on Monday, then closed on Tuesday.

But wait, there (might) be more! Depending on our summer staffing situation we may be adding extra hours (and maybe even a day); stay tuned; we'll keep you posted!

## What's New? In Pursuit

NuCanoe has been noted for producing arguably the widest, most stable sit on top kayak on the market, and continues to do so with the Frontier 10 and 12. Now, for those who want the signature NuCanoe customizable platform in a narrower, faster design, they're releasing the Pursuit. Same open floor plan, same rock solid construction, but more speed. Coming soon to BMO!



*NuCanoe Pursuit*

## Advanced Tactical Angling Kayak

Wilderness Systems is also expanding their fishing line this year to include the ATAK, a 14' long sit on top designed from stem to stern for catching fish, and being comfortable while doing so. Also coming soon to BMO



*Wilderness Systems ATAK*

Also returning to Wilderness Systems (with a twist), ultralight versions of the Pungo 120 and Tarpon 120. The twist? Both will be available in stealthy Realtree AP® Camo, as well as three bright colors.



*Wilderness Systems Tarpon 120 UL*

## Up the Creek with Half a Paddle

Ever been on the water stalking that perfect bass and have to straighten your 'yak out? Or snagged a fishing or anchor line? Or run into a brush snag? All things that usually involve laying down your fishing rod to use your paddle, often to no avail. Well, no more, thanks to the folks at Backwater Paddle Company, who designed the Assault Hand Paddle to deal with all of the above. Short and easy to stow and grab quickly with one hand, a "hook" for retrieving line, and a unique serrated edge for pushing brush out of the way. Bright visibility Orange, or stealthy Olive Drab, and includes a lanyard and float so you shouldn't ever lose it. AND a lifetime warranty (unless you DO lose it!) What's even better? It's an American made, veteran owned company. What's not to like about that?

(First ATAK and then Assault...sounds like things are getting a bit brutal around here!)



*Assault Hand Paddle*

## Fish On!

Now that you've got an idea of the new fishing rig you want, how about trying it out on the Susquehanna June 27th for one of a series of tournaments put on by Kayak Anglers of Central PA (an "Angler of the Year" qualifier), AND the first one in the Dauphin Narrows section of the river. Good fishing, prizes, and a great excuse to spend a day on the water with lots of like minded people! Go to <http://www.kayak-anglers.com> for more info.



## BMO Staff News

What do you do when winter's starting to get you down? Either go to the tropics, or go skiing. Kris (and wife Gunne) headed out to Utah for 5 days of back to back skiing, following by a bobsled ride, and Tim (who just started skiing this year) went to Killington, where even the black diamonds didn't faze him. (Made the comment when he got back that he found something he might like more than paddling....except for the lift ticket costs!)



*Kris, backseat driver*

Leah's been treating us to decadent cupcakes since she started working at BMO, and pulled the stops out for New Years Day with blue "champagnes" and "shots". Watch for more to come, as her boyfriend Boudi is treating her to a cake decorating class for her birthday. (We may have to go on a collective diet after that!)



*Happy New Year!*

## Under Cover

Too often in our industry (as well as many others we're guessing) it becomes all too easy to say "Sorry, can't do that" instead of "Let's see how we can do that". We were fortunate to experience a great case of the latter in working with North Water Design this spring. One of our customers who does a lot of remote, solo wilderness canoe trips (the kind where the float plane takes off, and everything had BETTER work) mentioned that he was waiting for a custom cover for one of his canoes, but it wasn't progressing as fast as he had hoped. We asked him to consider a North Water canoe cover instead. He actually had two canoes he needed covers for, but obviously could only paddle one at a time. One interchangeable cover would be ideal. The glitch? There was a 3" width and 10" length difference between the two boats. Rather than taking the easy way out and telling him he needed two covers, North Water went to the drawing board and designed an adjustable cover that snugly fit both canoes. Our customer was happy, and we are happy to commend North Water for going the extra distance!



*North Water Canoe Cover, Ready for Northern Water Adventure!*

## Little House on the River

As if we didn't have enough to keep up with around here, Doug decided to buy and rehab a cottage on the river below our shop, adjacent to the Marysville boat ramp. A year and a half (and WAY too much money, WAY too

much time, and WAY too much cussing later) it's ready to rent out short term to paddlers, fishermen, and anyone who just wants to spend some time by the water. Check it out on <http://www.VRBO.com>, property ID 620568. (But if you're interested in staying there, better hurry; it's booking up fast!)



*Susquehanna River Cottage*

## Track Mount Paddle Holders

Once in awhile someone comes up with an idea that's one of those "smack me on the head, why didn't I think of that?" things. Native Watercraft's track mount paddle holder is one of those things. The problem is, it only fit their tracks. (Well, maybe not a problem for them!) We took turns fussing with it, trying this and that, and finally came up with a way to make it work on NuCanoe and Wilderness Systems tracks, and more than likely on many others as well. Where there's a will, there's a way!



*Native Watercraft Cam-Lok Paddle Holder*



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# 2015 BMO DEMO DAYS



Test Paddle the Latest Canoes, Kayaks, Fishing Kayaks and SUP's.  
Paddlesport Factory Representatives and a Pro Kayak Fisherman or two  
will be on Hand to answer your questions and to show you around.

*Refreshments -- Prize Drawings -- Fun*

**SATURDAY, MAY 16 & SUNDAY, MAY 17**

**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. Participants will park at our store, sign up to participate, and then catch BMO van rides to and from the lot. The lot provides quiet water and moving water to try boats on. Adjacent to the lot, the river forms a large, unobstructed pool with mild currents. A short paddle upstream gets you into the meat of the Dauphin Narrows. We will have safety boats on patrol to assist anyone needing a hand. High river water levels can cause us to relocate this event to a nearby pond.



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

**Hope to see you there!**

4/2/15



**Questions or special boat requests?  
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or check our web site at  
[www.bluemountainoutfitters.net](http://www.bluemountainoutfitters.net)  
for the latest details.**

*Note: We will have a more extensive SUP Demo Day on June 20.  
It'll be a bit warmer! Same time. Same place.*

## Dougisms

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

Keep thinking we're gonna run out of these, but he just keeps 'em coming! The latest? Proximile (approximately similar???)

## Art Gallery



*Storm Cloud from BMO Deck  
(Check out the "eye" of the storm!)*

## Classic Customer Questions

"Is this wetsuit going to keep me dry?"

## Blast from the Past

Photo taken along Shermans Creek, circa 1995...talk about irony!



*Is that really a "No Dumping" sign?*

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## New BMO Restaurant?

As Doug and I progress toward retirement age (who are we kidding; we're self employed; we may never be able to retire!) we ponder ideas for semi-retirement income. From that came the thought of an invasive species restaurant; providing food AND helping to address a growing problem. Here's a sample of the menu:

### Appetizers

Flathead Catfish Bites  
Snakehead Bites (Coming soon?)  
Steamed Zebra Mussels

### Entrees

Rusty Crayfish Low Country Boil  
Flathead Catfish Steaks served with Steamed Japanese Knotweed Shoots  
Susquehanna Salad (Bamboo Shoots, Pickled Cow Parsley Stems, Orange Day Lily, Wild Basil, and Garlic Mustard)

### Beverage

Common Mugwort Tea

### Deserts

Wineberry Tarts  
Bradford Pear Cobbler

(Now we just need to find some kind of invasive species beer!)

## Bridge over Troubled Subway

Heads up; things are going to be interesting this year since Penn DOT has decided to replace the bridge over the subway in front of our shop. We're assured it will go smoothly (and why wouldn't it? A little sarcasm there!)

You'll probably see "construction" signs, and a suggested re-route to 22/322, but traffic will be open both ways.

Anyway, we're hoping for the best, and ask (plead?) that you continue to visit us!

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