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I have a new Scadden pontoon craft that I wanted to try out. I fished for a day and a half. The half day was better than the full day, probably because I started at 5pm.

I did a lower west branch float ending at Bard Parker. I was able to find feeding fish, caught some, lost some. Most of my success was on very small spinners. The smallest I had were 18's, and I was trimming the wings smaller. I saw no duns, and could not see what they were eating in the bubble line. Largest was a 16" rainbow that jumped four times.

On the second day I opted for a very long float. Deposit to Bard Parker. I rigged one rod for a beetle, one with a nymph, and one with streamers. I wanted to try the Kelly Galloup big streamer splash it in their face theory. I had six browns all attack a streamer, without one solid hookup. One large brown attacked it three times in deep crystal clear water near a ledge. I had a perfect vantage point for the show, but no hook up.

I then spent a lot of time trying to jump a fish on a beetle under overhanging vegetation. NADA.

I did a little nymphing, but not much. I had a lot of miles to make.

I saw a few regular risers, so I scared them back underwater as soon as I could!!!

I saw some mayflies in the afternoon and as able to jump a few small fish on a sulphur emerger.

Coming past the Methodist camp I saw a nice fish rising. Tied on an Iverson Emerger (if anyone remembers that pattern) and landed a nice 17" brown, right in front of a guide, his client and the clients wife. They enjoyed the show.

From the 191 bridge downstream there were rising fish. At Bard they were rising and I fished two hours, about 15 flies and could not get them to touch a fly. If I had a stick of dynamite.....

This was a very long float, lots of rowing, and not enough time to explore all of the water. But I wanted to try out the new craft, and overall it was a pleasant day fishing. A few pics will be uploaded when I have time.

ps. Gene and Inez look forward to our mini jam next month.