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Re: How do you describe your fly fishing style?

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Quote:

I nearly threw my gear in the water

Jay, where would you learn such behavior?

My analysis of others then myself:

Sight, you have used the Dahlberg lines a few times and you are admittedly in the last stage. I think you are moving away from that a bit, cause the first time I fished Delaware with you, we did waaaaayyyy more driving, looking for bug activity and rising fish than we did fishing. I think the 'toons and the adapting more to nymphing has slowed you down and focused you on "less than optimal" bug activity and risers. I think that has been a good thing for you. If you enjoy being on the water, then this new focus keeps you on the water, versus driving around looking for perfect conditions. I have always held that the greater amount of time you spend on the water, the greater your success AND the greater the relaxation/enjoyment. I fully believe that you embrace the fishing "lifestyle" of the Delaware and enjoy chewing the fat with the ladies at the diner, chilling at the Capria and shooting the crap with Dennis (guess that one is in the air now?), as much as the actual fishing. Your biggest weakness is that you do not have strong enough opinions. You should embrace your opinions and tell people what you really think.

Jay, you are very adaptable and ready to embrace new methods, new styles and techniques. You have great tying skills, though you tend to believe that crazy over the top fly show quality is not needed. You realize that fish often eat stuff just because it's there. Your nymphing technique is certainly good, though I have not seen you throw a dry or really a streamer. You will pound productive water, while willing to move and not get stuck in one prime location. You are entertaining and willing to share any knowledge you have, including secret fly patterns (lol). Your biggest weakness is that you don't hold your fly rod in your mouth when you take photos. This would take you to another level.

I think of myself as a jack of all trades and certainly a master of none. I like dry fly fishing and nymphing pretty much the same. I like presenting tiny tricos to rising fish with a 8' 3wt as much as I enjoy nymphing pocket water with a 10' 4wt and 3 lbs of lead. I usually am throwing more than one fly at any time, regardless of streamer, popper, dry or nymph. I think my general presentation skills are ok for dry fly fishing and pretty good in euro style nymphing I need to work on strike detection when using coil sighters or straight colored line. I need to get away from the 8ft 3wt so much, as I am stressing the rod and over working myself presenting longer casts. I definitely need to work on tying, as I find I really don't enjoy it that much and have to force myself to do

it. I am marginally satisfied with my tying results, both the over all look of the flies and their ability to catch fish. I want to become proficient fishing out of my toon, as I really suck at it right now, constantly getting tangled, etc. Oh, I really need to work on my line management. I find I have too much line on the water, around my feet, etc, etc. I REALLY need to work on my streamer presentation and particularly my confidence in them. I believe confidence is a huge factor in success and I simply have little in streamers, though I KNOW they should/will work due to the reactionary disposition of fish.