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Well I finally got out and had my first fly fishing experience. I decided to head to the pennypack and fish with some small foam beetles on Saturday. I think I did more fumbling around than actual fishing because I kept getting my leader tied up with the line attributed to my novice casting ability (if you would even call it that). The Cabela's pretige plus reel worked out ok but the next day it was really locking up on me and I didn't even dunk it or anything. (Also there was something wrong with the mechanism that kept the spool in place because it was wobbly) Regardless, I returned it to exchange it for another along with the line and backing I had already loaded on it. I've heard good things about the reel though so I'm sure mine was bumped in shipping or was just defective. However, besides the frustration of the day I did manage to catch a few sunnies and a rock bass and I must say it was so awesome seeing the fish take the beetle off the top of the water. Fishing for sunnies was never so fun. I can't wait to get my replacement gear. I really need to get better at casting though, those tangles were a pain. I have a 8'6 rod, generally is there a ratio for rod to leader length?