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Quote:

I think Orvis would have better rods if they would stop making multiple flex ratings with each line of high performance rods they come out with just stick with the K.I.S.S system I

I highly disagree with you on that. I believe it is one of their best selling points. Say you want a cutting edge ultra light bad ass rod, but want a mid-flex slower rod? Harder to come by now a days.

I think the Hydros with a free BLA III is a good deal. I think the price difference between Hydros and Helios is completely silly. There simply is not \$250 worth of component differences there. Can't be.

OP, you've been asking a lot of questions about a lot of higher end rods (which is absolutely perfectly fine). Have you gone out and thrown a few of them? Are you a pretty decent caster who is going to know what to look for and when you have that "ah-ha" moment? I mean, hell I certainly had much better rods than my casting talent for a long time, and there is certainly nothing wrong with "doing it right the first time" as that was my philosophy and I feel I have grown into my higher end rods. If you are a newer fisherman I think a Hydros Mid-Flex will be a real winner for you.

Quote:

I casted a 9' 5 wt Cortland Big Sky Rod against a 5 wt tip flex Helios and the Cortland outperformed the Helios casting both close and far . Great bang for your buck IMHO

Didn't look up the price on it but that is a pretty heavy rod.  
(now looked it up appears to be about \$250 and can't find much distribution to test it out. Throw in a Orvis BLA III reel for free and its in the same ball park as the Hydros).