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Re: Thinking of building a few leaders...

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gfen wrote:

I found that I've been making my **furled** butts out of 6# mono, and the middle out of 4# mono.

I'll write up a dissertation on my way of doing it tonight, Afish's picture has his pretty much laid out completely.

And as for them being "stupid," I wish I'd have paid more attention to this when I started. You don't realize how important leaders are 'til you realize you've been doing it wrong for two years.

If I only bought one thing, I'd buy 4# if I fished 4wt and lighter and 6# if I fished 5-7wt.

dryflyguy wrote:

There are many leader formulas available.

I would recommend George Harvey's

In the upper right of the diagram there are recommendations for mono sizes. 1-3wt = 4lb / 4-6wt = 6lb / 7-8 wt = 8lb / 9-10wt = 10lb. Just a guideline...YMMV.

I use the furled leader as a leader butt really (usually 4-5' long). I often use existing leader formulas (such as the George Harvey one) to finish off the leader. When compared to knotted leaders using hard/stiff mono, I like the furled butts because they are more supple and easier to cast S-curves for less drag, have no memory, and float better. YMMV.