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Re: Leaders for Nymphing
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afishinado wrote:
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Dale49 wrote:
Hi All,

Would appreciate your opinions on what type of leader to use while nymphing.

Currently I use a tapered leader. I fish with and without an indicator. When using an indicator with a tapered leader and a long lead, I feel that the heavier length of tapered leader does not allow the nymphs to sink properly and are is affected more by current that does not allow for an effective drift.

Can anyone share your leader techniques when nymphing with an indicator?

Appreciate any suggestions.

Thanks,

Dale

Dale, truer words have never been spoken.

IMO, the biggest mistake I see most FFers make is to move their indy up on leader and have the heavy diameter line below the indy preventing the flies from sinking and introducing drag. I've seen guys fish rigged like that with a gang of split on to get their 80lb test leader butt to sink, and dragging their fly through the current....if Moby Dick hit their fly they probably wouldn't even know it.

There's a lot of ways to rig for nymphing. I've used many different ones over the years: extruded mono tapered leaders (aka "store bought"), knotted mono tapered leaders that I made myself, straight mono, "sighter" with both braided line and amnesia in front of leader and tippet, as well as some other ones I'm sure I've forgotten about.

I've settled on using the furled mono leaders I make for nymphing. They float well, I use paste floatant on them so they do not effect the drift and mend easily. Many of the furled leaders you buy can work well for you too.

I smear some strike putty on them at a few points to use as a sighter or you can incorporate some hi-vis mono into the leader. I tie in and average of 4 - 6' of tippet material to the leader and use the floating leader as my indy. If I use an actual floating indy, I attach it to the long thin diameter tippet and have tippet only between the indy and the flies. That allows my flies to sink quickly (using less weight) and with little or no drag on the flies.

I weight most of my flies and try to use as little split-shot or tungsten putty on my tippet as possible for sensitivity.

HTH.

Sorry to add this whole quote, wasn't sure what to edit out but Afish, I add floatant to my curly But how and why use it on a leader when the point of nymphing is to sink the nymph. The leader helps send the nymph to the bottom along with tippet Are you using it as an indicator?. What type of leader with added floatant is most effective? Why not just use a dry dropper? The curly I use does add drag if you're not on top of it, but it seems easier to float. Do you think it does not tell you as much as a floated leader. These are just questions. Very interesting.

I've been nursing tennis elbow, I'm hoping to get back on the streams soon.
What leaders do you use floatant on and how deep and fast are you fishing it. Like I said I fish pretty small water, tippet only but I'm going to make my son take me to Penn State before college starts. I'd like one up on him.