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Tie on a high floating, highly visible dry fly and keep working at it until you achieve the longest possible drag-free drift.

Apply floatant (mucilin works better) to your leader to within a few inches of your dry, or to your strike indicator if you're nymphing. It's really a matter of trial and error, using your reasoning abilities to determine what needs to be done to resolve any drag issues. If someone claims to have a one size fits all system for mending, they're lying.

For streamers, I like to toss into cover and throw a hulking downstream mend to keep it as close to the cover for as long as possible. Also to miss tons of fish so I can hoot and hollar about something. If the water's deep or very fast, I'll mend up then down, to achieve a nice sinkrate before I start the swing. That said, usually I grip and rip and forget about what my fly line is doing.