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Re: Choosing a quality mid level reel

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Quote:

krayfish wrote:

I'm assuming you have never hooked a 22" wild fish, in heavy water on 5x from a boat.

Correct. But if the situation is handled properly by the angler, including adjusting the drag as needed, I would suspect that any of my \$60 or less reels could handle that situation. And I still think an 18" Smallie in big water (which I have hooked and caught) meets, or exceeds the reel testing capacity of a 20-22" wild Trout.

Suppose the fish gets you out of position like you describe and the 5x breaks off...is that automatically the reel's fault? I understand how a smooth drag is beneficial here, but any decent drag system (set properly) should be able to start giving line in those conditions.

Does a more expensive reel mean a more reliable reel? Maybe, but not necessarily...would depend on the individual reels and the drag setups I guess. Again, I've never lost a fish to a broken reel or drag mechanism...when/if I do I'll maybe rethink my position.