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Re: My Problem of Hooking Trout

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gfen wrote:

I fish places just like VC all day long, and I've never felt a need to go below 6x. I admit I own a spool of 7x, I've actually owned it for probably 3 years now. Its still half full, even.

As you and H-A have both said, and I'll concede you are both correct, you don't "need" 9X tippet or 8X for that matter to catch fish. Drag is the issue, I also concur with that. But much like your favorite fly that catches fish when no other does, you will stay with it longer when not catching fish because it is proven success in the past. Whereas you will change a new fly in short order for your proven pattern if you don't have quick success. H-A and I discussed that very issue Saturday. He swears by the CDC/Elk Caddis which I tried at his recommendation but I went back to my deer hair caddis with brown hackle because I feel I have more success. Does that mean the CDC/Elk doesn't work? Hell, no it just means I'm more comfortable with my pattern.

That is how I liken my experience with 9X on VC. I got advice to use it from guys that fish it quite often and I now catch fish in pools where I couldn't catch fish before on small midges. Do I need it, maybe, maybe not but for me it works in those pools. I'll be honest with you, I do not like using it, first of all it is a b\*tch to tie a knot in and it snaps off ultra easy when I inevitably snag a bush but I have success with it. I know that this is a strong issue with some anglers and I respect that, I just ask that I get that same respect about my wanting to use it in certain VERY specific situations.