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Re: what knots do you guys use for musky fly fishing?

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joel wrote:

I think I might be doing something wrong then.it must be when I go into the eight.im new to the fly rod so im learning. How do you actually go into the eight on a fly rod?do you hold the line and rod in one hand or strip sweep. I got to figure out something.I did manage to have 2 more aggressive follows last night and they spooked before I went into the eight.water is way too clear.

Sounds to me like you're doing something right. Muskie fishing is mostly about putting in your time and finding fish in the mood. If you're getting follows....you're in the right place and time. You'll stick a fish soon enough. With respect to doing a figure eight with a fly rod.....it's tough. I've never actually hooked a muskie on a fly while doing a figure eight. With conventional gear - esp from a boat - the trick is usually to get the rod tip down deep into the water. With a fly rod, esp if you're wading, you can't really do this. What I usually try to do is get the fly about maybe 12-20 inches out from the rod tip and sort of sweep the rod back and forth keeping the fly just under the surface. Of note: most of the time if you see a muskie following *don't slow your retrieve*. Speed it up! You can't pull that fly too fast for the fish. As soon as you see that fish behind the fly, give a rip and pull it to the side - anything to speed up and change the direction of your streamer. Aggressive muskies are usually right behind the fly/lure - we're talking just inches and are often snapping their jaws and rattling their gills. The fish that slowly follow several feet or more back from the fly are much less likely to eat. And I agree that, if the water is clear, they are tougher. You know where these fish are - go hit 'em when there is a bit more water or it's stained. Keep us informed - you're close and should get one soon.