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The conventional wisdom is that leaving the drag tightened will cause it to lose effectiveness over time (presumably due to compression of the friction surfaces?). On the fly reels that I use a lot I pretty much leave the drags "on" all year. However, for the reels that may see months or more without any use, I like to wind the drag back off. I do this for conventional reels too. I'm not sure how critical this really is, however, I did find some years ago that a good quality fly reel that had sat for over a year with its drag in a tightened position did not perform well and I was never able to get the drag back to normal performance.