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MKern wrote:

I use the new Dai Riki with the open ring. However I find the knots slip out more in the heat of summer,... Also, the dai riki 6x and 7x break extremely easy, even though teh lb. test is rated high?????

I've had the same experience with Dai Riki. I'm told there is a new version with improved knot strength. I don't know when I will have the chance to check it out. So until then, I'll have to jump on the Orvis Superstrong band wagon.

Orvis SS has good strength and knot strength. It also has a nice "consistency" for casting. That's to say, it turns over nicely and doesn't puddle. It doesn't turn over in a straight line either like a really stiff mono (Maxima chameleon) would.

I tie my own leaders and use Maxima Chameleon for the butt down to about the 60% of the length. The final 40% and tippet is Orvis.

I have little faith in flourocarbon for dry fly fishing, since it is the displacement of the water that the trout sees. If you do a lot of nymphing, you should give it a shot though. Like others, I would warn you away from mixing flouro and mono. Not only that, but try to avoid mixing brands of tippet. Or if you do, recheck the knots from time to time until you gain confidence with the match.