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I have purchased fly rod tips and did it myself a couple of times on my Renegade.  I went from an 8.6 to about an 8.1 fly rod.  It still works and I still use it as a back up or when I'm not concerned that I may break it again.

Items you will need are: New tip if the old one will not fit the new rod length, Fishing rod glue stick.

First remove the old tip.  You can heat it up with a lighter and using 2 pair of plyers pull them apart.

If it does not fit you can get a size up tip.  I purchased some at Dave's Sporting goods.

2.  Once you have a tip that looks like it will work (should be fairly snug.)  You will want to heat up the glue stick and smear a small amount of glue on your Fly rod.

3.  You can also put a small peice of shrink tube on the stick as well to better protect your fix.  (Optional) This will need to be placed on the rod before you try to afix the tip.

4.  With the glue still tacky you can slide the tip over it and insure that it is in line with the other eyelets on the rod.  If the glue is not tacky you will have to heat it up.  (this is the tricky part because you only want to use a little heat.)  to much direct heat from a flame will damage the rod and render it useless.  Grafite becomes brittle easy...so use caution.

5.  Once you get the tip on and it lines up with the other eyeletts you can pull your shrink tube up to the tip and around the tip post.  Use a hair dryer to shrink it down so that it is snug.

6.  Once it has dried pull on it a couple of times and see if it stays in place.  If not you will need to repeat the steps over again.

I would consider saving some money and purchasing another one soon.  The dynamic properties (flex and balance) of the rod have been changed by the loss of the original tip and that piece of flyrod u lost.