

Subject: : Paflyfish General Forum

Topic: : Furled leaders

Re: Furled leaders

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pccray1231 wrote:

My biggest hangup was the customizability thing that Swattie brought up. I'm constantly rebuilding leaders and see it as an advantage. Not just tippet. We're talking removing mid sections to shorten them, adding sections, etc. I often use anything from a 5' to a 12' leader, and everything in between, in the same day, WITHOUT changing leaders.

No, you are quite right. In fact, I get a good laugh out of all the claims that a furled leader can do everything. They are not well suited to sub surface presentations. Anything deeper than 2ft and you are handicapping yourself by sticking with a furled leader. Even that is probably pushing it.

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pccray1231 wrote:

But perhaps if I just got a bunch of them and was willing to change leaders all day long. Or have some section system like Swattie was talking about.

Not worth the effort in my opinion. Better off carrying a couple furled leaders for dry fly situations and then keeping your mono leaders for going deep.

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pcray1231 wrote:

I have no doubt they turn over better while still being more supple, and thus would be great dry fly leaders. Also, stretch is important for big fish, but that's mostly nymphing and tossing streamers, where I'd likely not use them. For dries stretch isn't usually so important.

In my experience the stretch is largely dictated by material. Mono furred leaders actually have way too much stretch IMO. Unfortunately, they are the most widely available as the mono material is extremely cheap. However, it is also very stretchy to begin with and the construction method of furred leaders adds an additional amount of stretch.

By far the best furred leaders are constructed out of Uni-thread fly tying thread. They are much more supple than mono, have less stretch and are also strong and durable. Additionally, it is much easier to create a fine, carefully tapered leader with Uni thread. Once you use a uni thread furred leader, mono furred leaders will seem coarse and make-shift at best. The stretch/recoil problem I previously replied to is also significantly less with uni thread furred leaders.

Kev