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Re: Furled leaders

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StarvinMarvin wrote:

PennKev, you say they are handicapping you for subsurface flies?

I've seen the opposite, at least from my friend. He's been using a furled leaders for about a year and he catches more fish than he did before just because he is constantly in the water and not tying knots all the time. All he does is nymph.

Yes. As far as actual presentation goes, the furled leaders are a handicap. Fishing depth is largely dictated by tippet length as the furled leaders material and construction creates a slow sinking leader with lots of drag when submerged.

Give me pain 'ol mono anyday when it comes to nymphing and streamers. Your friend may not be that quick at tying knots, but that is not a problem for me and I am certain mono leaders are the way to go for subsurface. Yeah, on smaller, shallower streams you can get away with a furled leader and a long tippet for everything, but I wouldn't want to nymph a stream like Penns with one. And don't think I haven't tried, I have. I found myself spending too much effort to *make* the furled leader work in a situation where it wasn't well suited.

Occasionally, you may see "sinking" fluorocarbon furled leaders but these only resolve some of the issues and are best for streamer fishing in the salt or stillwater-warmwater situations.

Kev