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Grouchy old man alert. The last time I saw George Harvey he was recommending 5X for tricos. George's position was the old school biggest tippet that will fit in the eye practice. It's more sporting because when you present the fly you better make a great presentation with a heavier tippet (lighter tippets cover many sins) and when you get a fish on you can get it in quickly. I only use 6x for tricos/midges in the 22 range and in April mostly have 3x or 4x on. Larger tippet helps bringing fish in. When I'm on the Delaware or some other river where a large fish is a possibility on every trip I rarely go below 4x. You can land big fish on 6x. However, you are right at the limit. A less than perfect knot, a little abrasion, a quick shock load, a big brown goes under a rock, etc, etc, and you wish you had a heavier tippet.

OK, I've vented.

Side pressure, don't letting a fish get downstream, and letting a fish go if you can't stop him are all great suggestions too. Keep calm and you bring in more, but you don't get all and the ones you lose make better stories. They haunt you more too.