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I was using 5x tippet with a size 12 fly. I want to thank everyone again for the input. On the next outing I got rid of the fly, cut back slightly off the 9 foot leader so I basically had aprox. 8 foot of leader and 10-inches of tippet. Had no trouble on Friday, no twist and flies turned over nicely.

I'm doing well drifting dries for stockies on the Lehigh, they don't seem to mind my shorter leader.

I'm down to 3 possible causes, possibly because the end of my leader was thinner than my 5x tippet and my less than stellar casting skills. Or the fly that caused the problem, though I didn't notice anything unusual about the fly. Or, fishing in some stronger than usual current that day along with some wind.

My gut feeling is that the thin end of my 5x leader had a thinner diameter than my 5x tippet. I know I saved the leader package cuz I save old leader butts for susky smallmouth fishing and I slid the old leader into that package, but for the life of me I can't find it right now.