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I was up in the Upper D the past few days and would say having a decent reel can come in handy. I connected with a handful of hogs and unfortunately they didn't go on many runs...or they ran at me or just started doing immediate cart wheels, which made them difficult to land. In my last few hours of the trip I had a nice bank sipper put the reel to the test and then into the net...I still mainly use an old mid grade Redington reel.

Steelhead, esp NY tribs, can blow up a cheap reel.

Tarpon have to be one of hardest on a reel, not that I know much about this from personal experience. I have an old video done by Stu Apte, an OG tarpon legend, he keeps his drag at only 2-3 lbs then pulls out a white glove while the fish is on its first run so he can cup the reel to add drag...so that puts it in prospective. I don't see myself doing this anytime soon, but I might have on old golf glove somewhere 🙄