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How it is. The part about the line-leader connection staying outside the tip-top is critical. We all know what happens once the leader knot gets inside the tip-top- the whole mess slips down the guides, all the way to the fly. You'll never get off a cast like that.

You want enough line hanging out of the tip-top to flip a sidearm cast or drop the fly on the water and roll-cast just like that, without needing to false-cast. And a rod sensitive enough to 'load off the tip', with only about a foot or two of fly line out.

The part about 'anchor casting' is a great tip- something I'll have to start doing. I've always been reluctant to do that- obviously, it's bound to beat up a fly line eventually. But for finding ways to get a drift through lip currents at the tail of a pool, it sounds like a great tactic.

Those lip currents are the single best place to find good fish in Shenandoah brookie creeks. Especially fish looking up, waiting to hit a floating fly. A lip current before it gets to top speed over the edge, toward the deeper end, with a rock, undercut, or overhanging brush nearby? There's a brook trout there, if you don't scare it first.