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JakesLeakyWaders wrote:

Just wonder if anyone else has had this issue. I've never had a loose reel seat on any other rod.

Yep.... A friend gave me a IM6 Cabelas Guide Series rod as a gift. I had the exact same thing happen... here's my original stream report about it.

I used epoxy to fix. No problems since.

Fished the Yough yesterday. Had a series of unfortunate events happen.

1) Forgot my landing net... "No biggy" I thought.

2) On my very first fish I had a hard time getting into position in the fast water to land the fish by hand. Almost in reach, the fish made a powerful lunge at a weird angle and "Snap!" went my rod tip. No problem, I always carry a spare.

3) Went back up to the car. Took out my spare. As I was putting on the reel, the seat pulled off the butt. The epoxy simply let loose after many years of use. Easily fixable... if you have epoxy on hand. I didn't.

4) Luckily, I always carry a brookie rod with me (7' Cortland) So that's what I used.

5) Continued fishing. Hooked a monster rainbow on a #18 caddis. It was kicking my butt with that little rod. Took me a long time to get him in and release. As I was pulling the hook out, the fish flopped and the hook went from the fishes mouth into my thumb... deep into my thumb. Luckily, it was only a size 18 and barbless. But the damned thing wouldn't stop bleeding. I have a first aid kit in the car, so I went back up wrapped my finger. And prayed to the fishing Gods to make this bad JuJu go away. In the meantime, my thumb wouldn't stop bleeding. (I blame it on the BP meds I'm on.) The interior of my car looked like a murder scene. It eventually did stop and the rest of the day was "normal."

On the bright side, I caught a few nice Yough bows all on a tiny rod better suited for small fish. (It was actually kind of fun although not great for bringing in a big fish quickly.) And the broken rod is a Sage, so they should have it repaired relatively quickly... A memorable day, in many ways.