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Re: CDC Trico Comparadun

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John,

It's pretty impressive that you can choose to only catch 10" fish when fishing size 24 flies.

Larger, sometimes MUCH larger fish are often taken when fishing tricos – yes, even on the Little Lehigh. Using ultralight tippet material to fight fish that are best fought with heavier tippet material is a personal decision, but since **there are other (better) alternatives to using such light tippet**, the decision comes down to the respect each of us has for the resource.

Here on PAFF, there are a lot of beginner flyfishers, and they look to the more experienced guys to show them the ropes, so to speak. These beginners, or less experienced fishermen, likely don't have the fish fighting experience learned over many years by the old timers. They don't know how much pressure they can apply to a fish to land it as quickly as possible without overstressing it, and this problem gets compounded by higher water temperatures sometimes found during trico hatches.

Veteran fishermen here advocate the use of stream thermometers to avoid fishing during times of high thermal stress to trout. Again, this teaches respect for the resource. Setting a good example is a wise thing to do, IMO.

I have no doubt that you've learned to play a fish quickly on light tippet in your 40 years of experience, and can guess pretty accurately when a fight has gone on too long for the fish's chance of survival to be seriously compromised. Experience has taught you when it's time to break off a fish to avoid unnecessary harm. But still, even the most experienced fisherman can only guess as to when that point occurs.

Using a stream thermometer, and not using ultralight tippet material to avoid overstressing the fish are things advocated by nearly all of the experienced fishermen here. Choosing to do otherwise is simply showing a lack of respect to the resource. If catching those 10" fish is that important to you, that's a decision only you can make. Each of us has our own limits as to what we're willing to do to catch fish.

As for Varivas tippet material, they do NOT follow the "X" system of tippet diameter. Their 9X tippet is actually between 7X and 8X in diameter. If they followed the "X" system that is the industry standard, how do they sell 11X tippet? The diameter would be zero if you follow the "X" system. What about 12X? The answer is simple – they're misleading fishermen. Choosing to go "down" to 9X from everyone else's 8X is actually making a step up in tippet diameter. I'm pretty sure Varivas is the only tippet manufacturer that is currently selling 9X. So if you go "down" to 9X from 8X, then that makes you a "chump for clever marketing", plain and simple.

Following your logic of using the lightest tippet available to fish sz 24 flies, then why not use 12X Varivas? At what point does using this ridiculously light tippet seem like a bad idea to you? 10X? 11X? 12X? And why? 🤔