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I recently acquired this fine reel for my 6-weight rod. This is my primary smallmouth set-up, and I also use it for big-water trout (Yough or Delaware) and occasionally for steelhead when the water is low.

I had an opportunity to try it out July 17 on the middle Yough. I hooked two beefy rainbows and about 5 smallmouth that afternoon, and I must say I was very impressed with the reel. The drag adjustments went from zero to stop a truck and the adjustment held steady once set. I like the compromise chosen for this reel between arbor size and reel compactness.

First impression is definitely two thumbs up!