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Re: Saving Leader

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Fishidiot wrote:

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melvinthefisherman wrote:

What's the 1x, 2X and stuff

Really what is the X?

Good answer on "X" sizes from Afish.

Many new fly fishers started as spin fishermen and learned to become familiar with fishing line based on its breaking strength. If, for example, you tell a spin fishermen that he should use "6 lb test" he will instantly understand. If you look at spools of fly fishing tippet, they will have this breaking strength listed as well as the "X" number. Although I have fly fished for over thirty years, I still think in terms of "lb test" rather than "X" size....and you can too. It is all written on the spools.

**In my personal opinion, the old "X" system used in fly fishing is obsolete, overly complicated, and should be abandoned in favor of the lb test system used pretty much everywhere else in sport fishing.**

Agreed above. But most fly shops, guides, and FFing authors still use X's when talking about tippets. It *is* really kinda silly and just complicates things.

But we have a sport where a bobber or a hank of yarn tied to our lines are called "indicators", and where bottom fishing is called "high-stick nymphing" and a small grayish brown bug is called a *Paraleptophlebia adoptiva* 🐞