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I agree. Mono is not my favorite for furled leaders. I stick to thread based leaders but I have been experimenting with a thread leader with a single strand 2lb mono core. It seems promising so far.

My board is just a simple 8' by 4" piece of scrap plywood I had laying around the shop. the pegs are 4" by 3/4" dowel rods screwed to one side of a 2" by 4.25" hardwood block with a short length of hardboard screwed onto the ends so that it sits over the board. Simple wedges jammed between the hardboard and board side snug the block to the board. This allows for all the adjustability one desires. Since I twist both ends at the same time with my gear box I just hang weights off the tippet end for tension. This is accomplished with a simple soup can with an attached wire. I just drop bank fishing weights in the can to keep tension during the furling. The other end of the wire I attached a ball bearing swivel. during the actual furling I slip the tippet end off the center peg and place it in the swivel clip. After the proper reduction level I simply grab the swivel, induce a little slack and the leader will relax on the swivel. This way there is no need to take the leader off the board and hang it to relax. All you need is a 10,000 meter roll of thread and your ready to go.