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Re: TIGHT CLAN

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Quote:

marcq wrote:

one thing that mike brought up was switching tackle. although I love fly fishing I have learned everything I know from spin. I have been a surf fisherman since I was a little guy going down with my brothers and dad. I am the only one who really fly fishes in the family so it came second nature. learn how to cast and go to everywhere you have caught fish before.

the problem being that we spent a lot of time bait fishing. I do love throwing a big smelly bunker head out in the spring. but its not the same as fly fishing. then again the fish tend to be much bigger in the spring and big fish want big bait.

stay north the beach structure is different then down south. I am not saying that the south doesn't produce on lures and flies. north is just better suited for lure and fly fishing.

regarding jetties. I like the jetties. it a little more dangerous then surf but it much easier to control your line. no need for a stripping basket. all those jetties in north jersey I would usually only fish twenty feet out. I throw up along the jetty and I throw at the beach. there is a deep spot that runs about ten to 20 feet out on all those jetties. any further the beach is featureless. so if you don't see fish you fish the structure.

stay away from guys its my theory with all fishing. get out of the car and walk a mile up or down the beach then start fishing. a easy spot to get to usually means some one who know how to fish and can consistently catch fish has been there.

my advice is go out with the spinning gear then dial it in and then switch to the fly. its easier to cover more ground and get into better fish. most those jersey fly guys still bring the spinning gear out every year. its much easier to get a 40 pound bass to hit a pencil popper then a fly for some strange reason.

+1.

So many guys who have FFed for trout for many years decide to try to learn warm water or salt water fishing by jumping right in with FF gear. This is a mistake in my view (or is just making things harder to learn than they need to be). Salt and WW fishing in freshwater is much less about insects and drift and is much more about impression of baitfishes and with more seasonal fluctuation. Starting out with spin gear will definitely shorten that learning curve and provides some valuable perspective on how game fish like stripers, smallmouth bass, or

bonefish behave and how they react to different presentations.

Also, on the topic of being tight lipped.....I think salt anglers who fish from jetties and shoreline (like me) tend to be more sensitive to crowding and perceived issues with sharing information (real or imagined). I sometimes read popular salt water forums and they are very tight lipped about places to fish and many old school surf guys are even tight lipped about what type of lure they use or how they fish it. It also seems to me that many folks in the coastal areas of NJ, NY, and New England are just a bit more frosty toward strangers than people here in PA or points south or west. This is not a knock on northerners.....it's a bit different culture in my view.