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I use both flouro and mono depending on the situation. I figure why waste the money on flouro unless you think it will help in a particular situation.

I had problems with knot strength when I first started using flouro. Tying strong knots seemed to require more skill than I could manage on a consistent basis. On top of that I typically only used flouro when things were tough and often that means small tippets. That exaggerated the problem of weak knots. Plus flouro was too stiff for me in the early product releases. I stopped using flouro until Gmax came out. With Gmax down to 7x I use the same knots as mono. The product is very strong and resistant to abrasion. I no longer have any of breakage problems. When I break a tippet I don't get that tell tale pig tail that says I messed up the knot. It does cost a fortune for what is a consumable item.

I've thrown out most of my other flouro tippet material. I use Gmax flouro and Orvis SS mono for almost everything. Of course I'll still try whatever strikes my fancy next. I just purchased some Gmax FX to see how that compares to regular Gmax. As for using flouro designed for spinning reels I think if it works well for your application then use it. It's certainly way cheaper and I would think it should be fine for underwater or heavier (4x or thicker) applications. For applications that require high strength to thickness ratios I'll stick with Gmax for now.