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Ok, first, while the refractive index thing may work subsurface, it is of no use on the surface. Sorry. The science says no on that one, have to sink the line for that to work.

The major difference for dry flies are:

1. Flouro is stiffer, which is usually bad for a drag free drift.
2. Flouro tends to sink (which may bring the refractive index thing back into play), mono is either buoyant or neutral.

But the bottom line is that it is very rare, in my experience, to have truly leader shy fish. It is very common to have drag shy fish, and you can reduce drag by going to a lighter tippet, lengthening the tippet, going to a less-stiff tippet (i.e. changing from flouro to mono), altering your leader, casting better, and any number of other things. George Harvey did an experiment once with Japanese beetles. He threw some in the water, and fish ate them. He glued one to a hook and casted, they wouldn't take it. So, he cut pieces of his tippet, and glued them to the bottom of the beetles, the fish took them normally. The point is its not seeing the tippet that matters, its whether the thing floats naturally. I obviously can't say thats the situation 100% of the time, but neither can I say I've ever come across a situation where I thought it wasn't the case, and I have fished the Letort.

I can see where there could be occasionally advantages of flouro in the subsurface game. But dry flies, no way, and especially not when you get to those small flies and need the softest tippet you can get. If you're using 6x flouro and getting lots of refusals, you'll improve as much going to 6x mono as you would to 7x flouro.