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Re: Basic leader formula for nymphing

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Quote:

afishinado wrote:

Remember fellas, this is the "Beginner Forum" which was put here for those looking to ask questions and receive help to get them started FFing. The whole idea of this forum is to make an effort to *help* these beginners and not disparage or discourage them.

When someone states they are a beginner to fishing (nymphing) and want to learn to catch a few fish, I recommend starting out by learning how to fish with an indicator and gave detailed recommendations as to how to rig and fish them.

I too rarely use an Indy, but the beginners forum is not about what I like fish, it's all about helping others get started.

Learning to FF, or really learning to do anything for that matter, is often a progression. Learn and master the basics and the easier techniques, and move on to more difficult things to master.

crawl > walk > run

I do agree that many FFers that have fished for a long time still "crawl" on the streams by solely relying on fishing bobbers to nymph. But that's their choice, I guess.

There are plenty of threads and posts in the other forums that give some really good info on nymphing without indies. But again, this is beginners forum

There was nothing disparaging or discouraging in my post.

And you're making the assumption that beginners must/should begin with indicator nymphing.

But that's where we disagree.

Through most of the history of nymph fishing, indicators were not used. So flyfishers obviously began fishing without indicators.

The common assumption that fishing without an indicator is a difficult, high level technique is simply wrong.

In some ways it's simpler, easier than using an indicator. Because there is one less thing to fool around with. It's more stripped down.

It can be VERY simple. A fly fisher can use a very standard tapered leader, such as 9 ft long, tapered to 5x.

Then just tie on a standard, common weighted nymph, such as a beadhead Walts Worm, or a beadhead pheasant tail, and FISH.

Cast the nymph upstream at about a 45 degree angle. Follow the line with your rod tip as it drifts down. Watch for takes and when you see one, set the hook.

That's it! It is very simple.

I've showed people the basics of this in about 15 minutes, and they got the hang of it very quickly.