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The bulk of my fishing is with a 4wt, occasionally I move to a 6wt.

With both the 4 and 6, I can easily pick-up, cast, and present that 40' at a time, consistently and on target. However, I get wonky the more I have to false cast (in truth, I usually avoid false casting as much as possible because of this). Part of the reason I can do this is because I can single haul on pick-up, but I've been having issues with hauling as I end backcast and proceed to forward.

On 10wt pickup: You are correct, I'm sure my pickups were gentle. The cheap-bastard in me was trying to protect my line while practicing on grass. I definitely was off to a better start with less line in the beginning, which would then fall apart as I let more out due to having to 1) false cast more and 2) the usual tailing loop forming at any amount of line.

Sounds like I'm going to have to really concentrate on stopping at the 12 o'clock position, as you're right, I know I'm letting it drift further and further back with each bit of line I let out. When I'm doing it, it almost feels like I have to, like I'm trying to compensate for more line in the air by increasing stroke, and thus power, but I guess that's the exact opposite of the proper behaviour. This is also probably aggravated further by the fact that my arm slowly extends during repeated false casting, again probably because my brain thinks it provides leverage instead of causing it to fall apart.

I'll give the exercises a try, and start working on that double haul. I knew my inability to false cast would be an issue, but I honestly didn't expect it this bad.