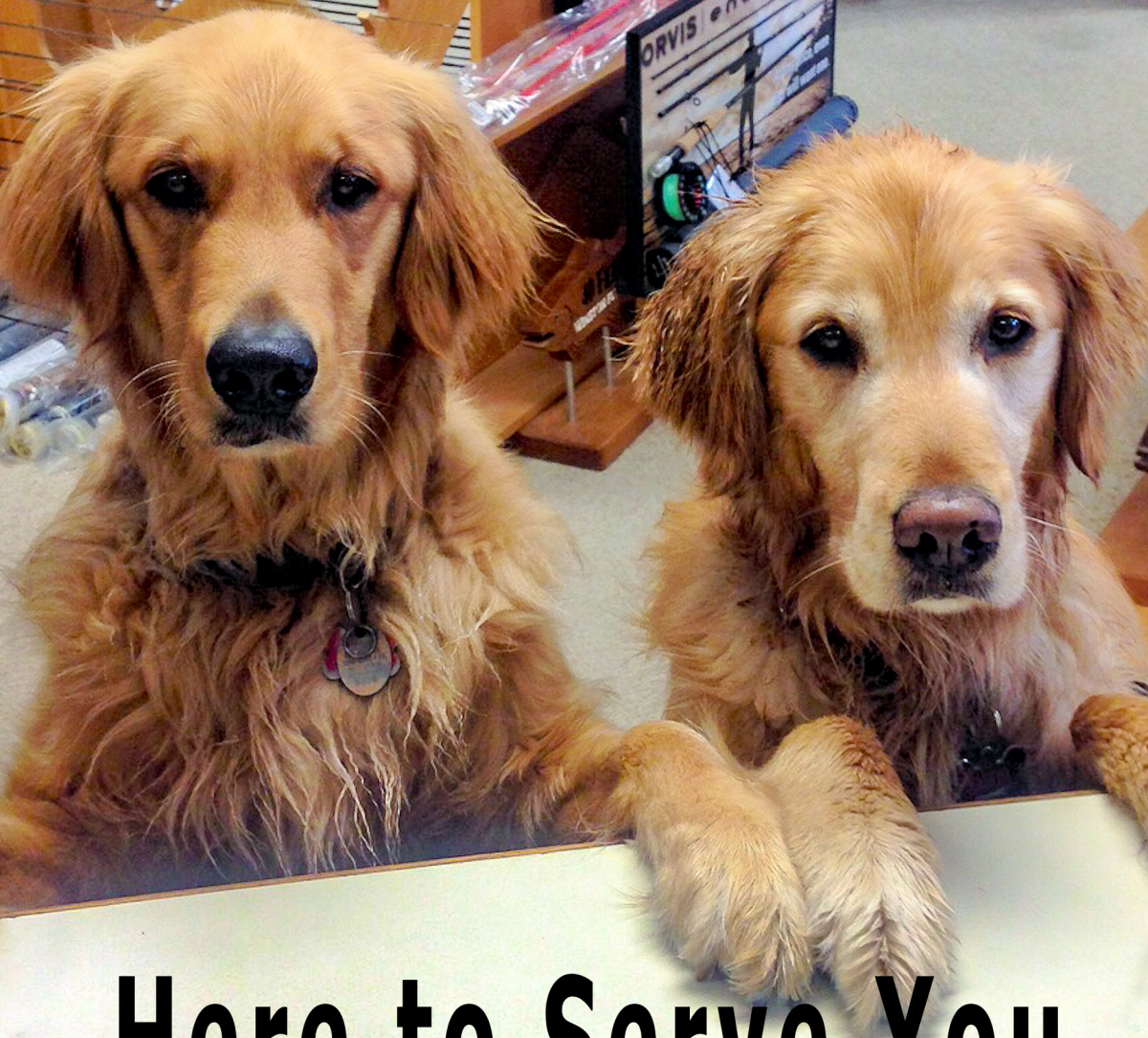


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Orvis Fly Fishing 101 If you want to learn fly fishing and get out on the water as soon as possible then our Fly Fishing 101 class is for you. In this you will learn the basics of fly casting, equipment and techniques. The Fly Fishing 101 sessions are all free and are held through out the summer months. Call the shop or check

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- **Beginning Fly Tying Class** where you will learn everything from setting your hook in your vise to tying your first fly.
- **Intermediate and Skills Development Fly Tying Class** is designed to pick up where the beginning class ends and continue to learn new techniques as well as new fly patterns.

**Check our Website for
dates for the Beginning Fly
Tying Classes.**



Beginning Fly Tying The beginning fly tying class is designed for absolute beginners. We will take you through all the steps of setting up our vise and tools to tying 8 different flies. This is a four part class that meets once a week for two hours. There is a class that is held during the week on **Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00pm.** and on **Saturday mornings from 10:00am – 12:00am.** They are the same class in the series just on different days to

provide greater flexibility. There is formal instruction on tools, hooks, materials, thread as well as how to tie flies. The cost of the class is **\$75.00.** This include all instructions, all tools and all materials. This class is open to children seven years or older and adults of all age. Fly tying is a great activity for everyone and a wonderful way to spend an afternoon (especially a snowy one).

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fishing seasons as well as flies requested by tiers. We will also throughout the year be focusing on new tying techniques. Whether

learning to spin deer hair, learning about various dubbing techniques or learning to work with certain materials, we will have special classes that are focused on advancing your tying skills. The cost of this class is normally \$20.00 and all materials are provided. Students do need to bring their own equipment and can check out our web site for each of the classes to see if any special tools or equipment are required for the class. Usually, we will have the flies posted a week ahead of the class on our web site so you can see what we will be tying.

**Check our Website for
dates for the Intermediate
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These classes are focused on what our customers are interested in learning and in tying. If you have a particular fly you would like to learn or a particular tying technique you would like to master, send us an email or call us with your request and we will get a class scheduled for you!

If there is a class you are eager to attend, registering in advance is the only way to guarantee a seat. Lastly, always check our web site or call us to make certain the class that is scheduled is still taking place. It is very rare but occasionally we do have to postpone or cancel a class unexpectedly.

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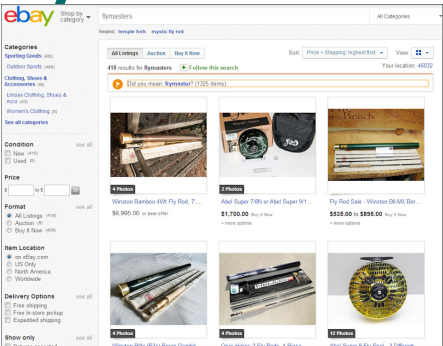


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What's In This Years Issue, By Derrick Filkins

In this issue of the FlyMasters magazine we pick up the theme of no boundary fishing. Not only do we sell tackle for fishing but we also sell an experience. To believe that everyone who fishes should have the same experience is goofy. We want to help all anglers catch fish in any form of fishing that is legal. That is no boundary fishing.

Cane pole, line, hooks and worms and they are out the door for under \$25. Asquith, Abel graphic reel, line, a few accessories and they are out the door for \$2500. We have made great friends with people on both ends and in between. Everyone gets a warm greeting when they walk in



the front door. And we do our best to help you find what you need for your next fishing experience. There are no boundaries to our service and kindness.

This issue is full of fly patterns that are tied on bent hooks. We learn a lot from conventional tackle people about how to get bites. This

particular hook is made by Mustad and is called the Slow Death and the larger Super Death hook. We also have a great article about hooks! One of our Reps has written a great article on fly line selection and key questions you need to consider and many people have fished with Kevin Morlock on the Pere Marquette River. He has found a winter home down south and we think you will want to visit him this next year.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you with your angling needs. Thank you for being a customer and we look forward to seeing you walk through the doors again at FlyMasters.

FlyMasters Rollcast

The best way to keep up with Angling Events at FlyMasters is The Rollcast, our bi-weekly newsletter about all things happening at FlyMasters and around the Midwest. At FlyMasters we understand all too well just how busy life can get. Work, families, homes, friends and relatives all take up a slice of our precious days. That is where the Rollcast comes in. When you can't spare the time to graze our website, The Rollcast will keep you up to date.

Here is what you will find in the Rollcast.

1. A generalize fishing report for the Midwest. What opportunities exist for fishing and who to contact for more info.
2. Upcoming Fly Tying Classes at FlyMasters, both Beginning and Intermediate Classes!
3. Notices for Fly Fishing School or special Fly Fishing clinics.
4. Announcements about guest speakers at FlyMasters or 4. Midwest Clubs.
5. New products that have arrived in the shop.
6. Upcoming Trips to a variety of destinations
7. Links shop at FlyMasters, eBay or Orvis that take you directly to Fly Fishing products.

FlyMasters Rollcast - 12/11/2015

Greetings!

'Tis the season, the shopping season not the fishing season. FlyMasters can help ease your holiday burdens and make your season a little brighter. Whether you shop in our store or online we have plenty of items for the fisherman and woman you love. Stop by the shop, we're glad to see you or see us online. Either way, we hope you are having a wonderful Christmas season.

The Staff of FlyMasters

Things To Look Forward To

Here you will find a quick list of things happening now and in the next few weeks. Plan your calendar accordingly.

December

Steelhead Fishing - With the cool rain this week the Lake Erie Tribes and the Michigan Rivers are seeing more fish in the system. Some guides are not as busy during December since many people have other holiday activities. But that means fewer people on the river. Give yourself a special day during the month of December and go Steelhead fishing. Call the shop for places to go!

Brookville Trout Fishing - With the cooler temperatures the trout in the Brookville Tailwater will start to disperse more along the entire stretch of the tailwater and even into the Whitewater River. Small nymphs still produce well. This time of year streamers can also be effective if the Brookville Reservoir is being drawn down to winter levels.

Tailwaters in the Southern States - Lots of fish and fewer fishermen in the tailwaters in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee. December a great month for trout fishing tailwaters. Marc Poulos, 478-409-8789, is a guide in Arkansas who fishes the White and Norfolk Rivers. Give him a call if you would like a couple of days on the river.

New 2016 Product - The boxes are piled up in the store with new product. It will be out by the time November 21 comes along. Reels, rods, clothing, long materials hooks etc. for you to look at and take home. It is going to be a great year for the novice to expert angler!

These are just the highlights of what is going on. Always check our [web site](#) for the latest news, events, times and dates.

FlyMasters Makes Your Shopping Easier

ORVIS Shop Online

FlyMasters is an Orvis dealer but we do not carry everything here in the shop (not enough floor space). However, you can **shop for anything Orvis offers online**. Currently, they have all sorts of specials going on for discounts and free shipping that make it more than worth doing your holiday shopping online with Orvis. If you or someone you love is just starting out in fly fishing the New Orvis Encounter Outfit is a great way to get started. A well balanced kit with everything you need for only \$159! There is plenty more Orvis offers that will make your shopping much easier this season.

If you are uncertain just what to get that special someone (who already has everything) then get them a **Gift Certificate to FlyMasters**. Just like in the shop, you can purchase as many as you like and in any amount you like. You can purchase these online, print them at home and stuff them right in the stocking. Certificates purchased online can be used to purchase products in the shop or on FlyMasters.com. What can be easier? No crowds, no driving around in traffic, and no searching for that "perfect" gift. Purchase a FlyMasters Orvis gift certificate, are perfect for the person who "already has everything" or you are not certain just what they have or what they need.

We love to see everyone in the shop but understand you can not do it all. But you can shop online and save money while saving your sanity. Happy Holidays!

Beginning Fly Tying Classes for 2016

We have had a wonderful turn out for our **Beginning Fly Tying Classes** this

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What Line For My Rod?

by Phil Cook

From a former guide, shop rat, and line vendor customer service perspective, this was a question I had to address countless times. Literally...countless! The funny thing is that my response was always a question back – what is your application? Are you slinging streamers for giant Brown Trout? Are you fishing GT's off Christmas Island? Or, are you dapping Chubs from the local creek? Most any rod on the



market can accept almost any matched-weight line, but each line will not match the anglers application. Each line is designed for a specific, or set of specific purposes. Matching the correct fly line to the application can make or break a day, and is quite possibly the most critical thing to address before hitting the water. That said, everyone should ask themselves the four questions below before making a fly-line purchase.

Do I need a floater or sinking line? Traditionally, floating lines are used in situations where the angler is fishing near the top of the water column. The obviously exception to this is indicator





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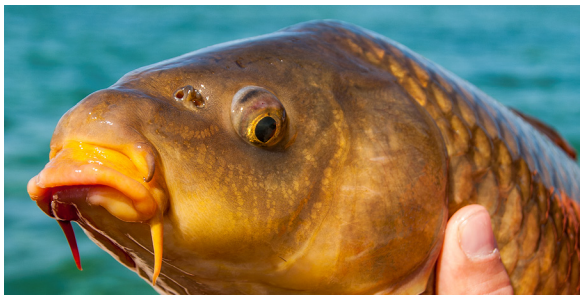
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fishing. But, for the most part you'll want a floating line if you are fishing dry flies for trout, or poppers for bass, or on skinny saltwater flats for Bonefish and Permit.



At the same token, some type of intermediate or fast sinking lines work when you are trying to fish flies deeper in the water column. For example, when fishing Tarpon in 10-12' flats an intermediate line will often times outfish a floater, simply because it gets the fly more "in the zone," where the fish can see it. When fishing most streamers, or getting a fly closer to the fish in high-water situations, some kind of sinking fly-line variation is also needed.

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Tailwater, instead pick-up an SA Trout or Double Taper. You'll be much happier with your decision. That same SA Titan would, however, be the choice for throwing big flies long distances.

What will the water/air temp be where I am using this line?

Obviously, this question would be more of a range, but this is just as important of a question to ask as the previous two. All fly-line manufacturers change the combination of core and coating on a fly line to help it cater to certain conditions. For example, the SA Mastery Saltwater has a coating/core combination that lends itself to hot weather and water, that same line would look like a slinky in a trout stream. Consequently, a line designed for trout would turn to a



spaghetti like mess if it were ever tried in the salt.

Should I buy a textured or smooth finish line?

Textured lines outperform smooth finish lines in a

variety of ways, but for day to day fishing applications, three items are the most critical. Textured lines shoot easier, have less memory, and mend much easier than their smooth counterparts all things being equal (same taper, same line weight etc.). The new SA Amplitude series, in addition to the items listed above, also boasts lasting up to 8x longer than the competition because of a new additive in the fly line coating itself. Generally, the only two reasons why I would go with a smooth finish line over a textured line is reduced line noise and/or the end-user being uncomfortable with the textured finish.

Many times, a person's error in buying a fly line is failing to do the research or ask the right questions. The guys at Flymasters have got you covered!

What is Our TradeUp Program

by Don Rollins



Soon the FlyMasters TradeUp Program will begin its 7th year. Never did we dream that so many people would have used, and sometimes very lightly used, outdoor equipment that they wanted to convert to a FlyMasters TradeUp Certificate that they could use to buy new equipment.

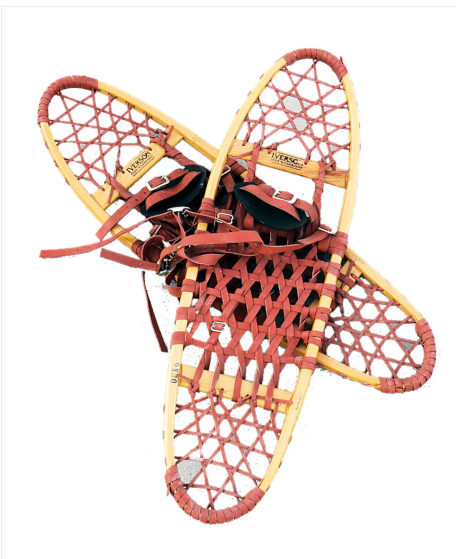
FlyMasters TradeUp Certificates can be used to buy anything in the shop, any item that we

can order for you from the many name brands that we carry (including Orvis), and any item that is listed for sale in our FlyMasters Web Store.

As we finish our sixth year of the FlyMasters TradeUp Program and our eBay Store, we have found new FlyMasters customers in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. In addition, our FlyMasters TradeUp business has grown dramatically outside the U.S. We have shipped our products to all of the Canadian Provinces and Territories and 62 countries all over the world.



If you are unable to make it into our Indianapolis, Indiana shop to bring us your TradeUp items, feel free to send them to us for evaluation in our FlyMasters TradeUp Program. If you don't approve of our strategy for selling your items, we will send them back to you at our cost. Our FlyMasters TradeUp Program is an easy, no-hassle way for you easily afford the newest and the best of equipment.



If you can make it into the shop, bring us those items you are no longer using. We can convert them to store credit that you can use to buy anything that we sell (except other FlyMasters TradeUp items). Call us 1-317-570-9811 or email us at info@FlyMasters.com to get any questions that you might have answered quickly.

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Thread:	Black FlyMasters + or 210 Denier
Blade:	#4 or #5 Inline Gold Hammered Blade.
Bead:	1/4 or 7/32 Black Bead.
Tail:	Gold Holographic Flash. No substitute. Olive to Black/Olive top wing of your choice. I use Green Supreme hair because of its durability. On a sunny day I will darken the top of the wing with a black marker.
Body:	holographic gold braid
Overwing:	Gold Holographic Flash, Olive to Black/Olive top wing of your choice
Underwing:	Fl Yellow Supreme hair or similar product. When I fish this fly in low light I use glow-in-the-dark flash for the underwing. Spirit River has Fl Yellow glow mylar that is very phosphorescent.

Instructions:

- 1) Use a 3/32 drill pit to make the hole in the spinner blade larger. Drill it at the same angle and leave the burred edge facing forward. You want the back side of the hole smooth so that it rotates with less friction on the bead. Slide the blade over the hook with rounded portion forward. Then slide on the bead with the larger opening facing to the rear.
- 2) At the end of the hookshank tie in Supreme hair for a tail. Then tie the holographic gold flash on top of the Supreme hair. Fold both of them back and secure with thread wraps.



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- 3) Tie in the holo gold braid on top of the tail section and wrap it forward. Stop the wrap $\frac{1}{2}$ " behind hook eye. That measurement includes the hook eye.
- 4) Tie in more gold holo flash, fold back and wrap over the fold. Just four or five wraps is enough. Super glue will bind the wraps and secure the bead. Tie in your Olive Supreme hair, fold back and secure with 4-5 wraps of thread.
- 5) Then tie in your Fl Yellow Supreme hair and/or the Spirit River Fl. Yellow glow mylar. Put super glue on the thread, push the bead over the wraps. Sometimes it helps to pinch the wraps and material into a round profile.

Make them as long as the baitfish you are imitating. A fish eats what is most abundant. And the young of the year species outnumbers matures by the thousands. (The other color combination used frequently is A silver blade with black over white using silver holo flash. We call it the Policeman!!!)



Joe Zienowicz May 2010 on Gould Lake in Ontario, Canada
 Fox Statler was the creator of the Spinner'd Minner fly. Thanks Fox!



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cutting implements and house the Vogel family.

Leaving the family home, Don and David Vogel's grandfather, Kurt A Vogel Sr emigrated to California. He then opened a shop to

manufacture and repair cutlery in San Francisco, California. Following the loss of his shop in the Great Earthquake he moved to Chicago, IL, married and reopened the business.

The Vogel Brothers name was incorporated in 1951 for the sole purpose of private label manufacturing barber, beauty, pet grooming scissors and shears. Don and David Vogel purchased Anvil Industries, Inc, a

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competitor in the beauty field and began branding their own line of scissors and shears as Anvil USA. The brand grew from a small number of scissors in fly tying to pet grooming, and beauty shears. Anvil USA has been in the fly tying scissor manufacturing for over thirty years and until recently, held three active patents in the cutlery industry.

On December 1, 2012 Vogel Brothers Corp was dissolved and the manufacturing expertise was divided between the two brothers, Donald Vogel and David Vogel. Their German manufacturing expertise passed through many consecutive generations. Vogel Brothers Corporation remained in the Vogel Family until December 2012. Beginning a new era but keeping the longstanding traditions and expertise in scissor manufacturing, Anvil USA, Inc was established. CEO, Barbara Vogel and COO Donald Vogel are expanding the brand and look forward to many more years of manufacturing.

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60-A LONG REACH SCISSOR

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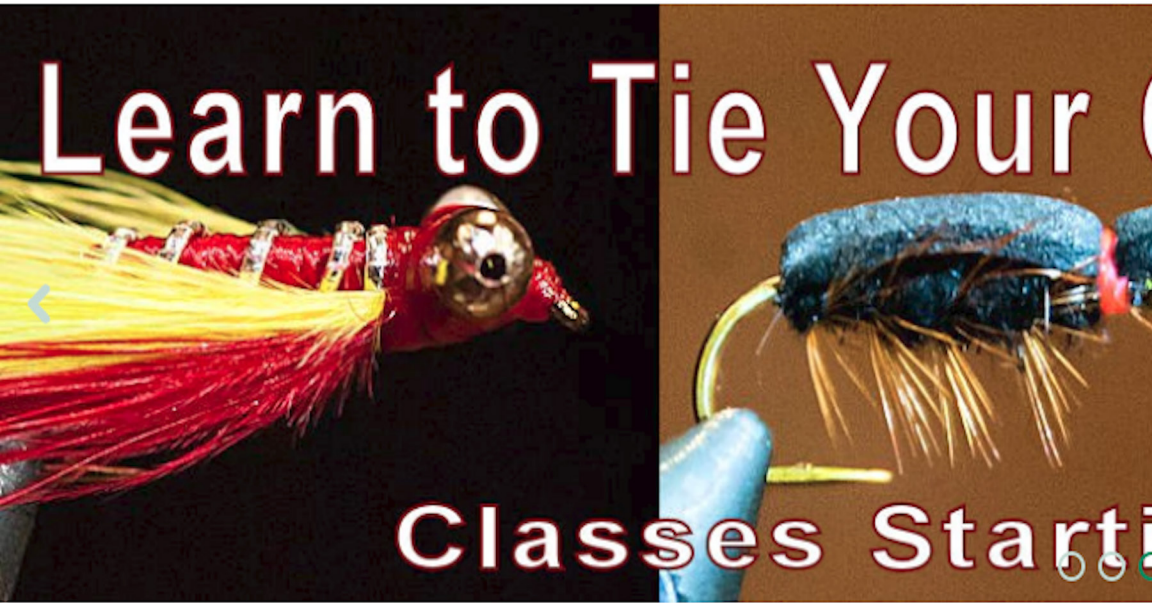
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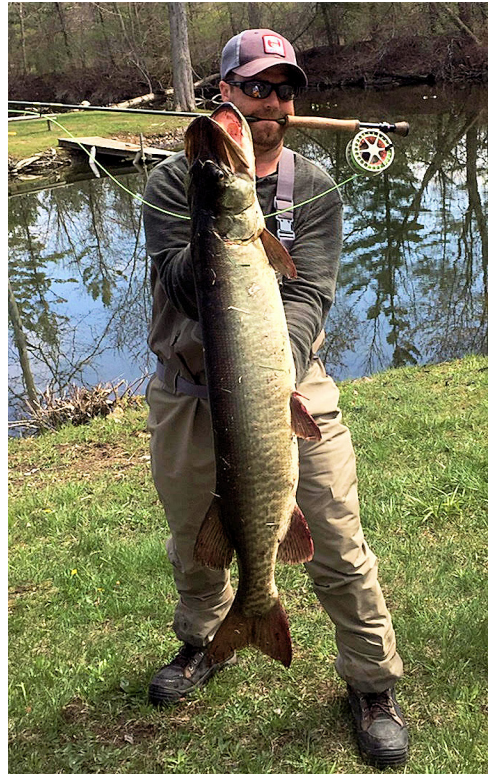
Scan the internet and you will find countless numbers of hook names. Of those names fewer than 5 actually manufacture their own hooks. Most hooks are purchased from independent factories and given various names. Do you know who is making your hooks?



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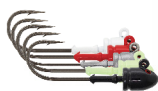
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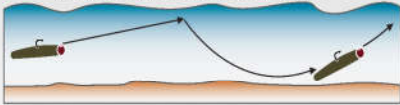
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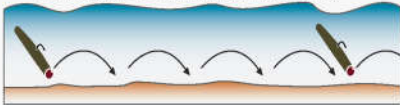
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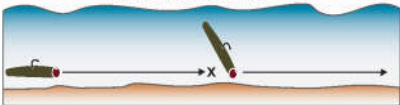
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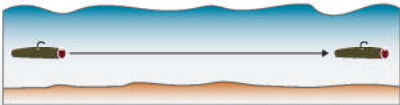
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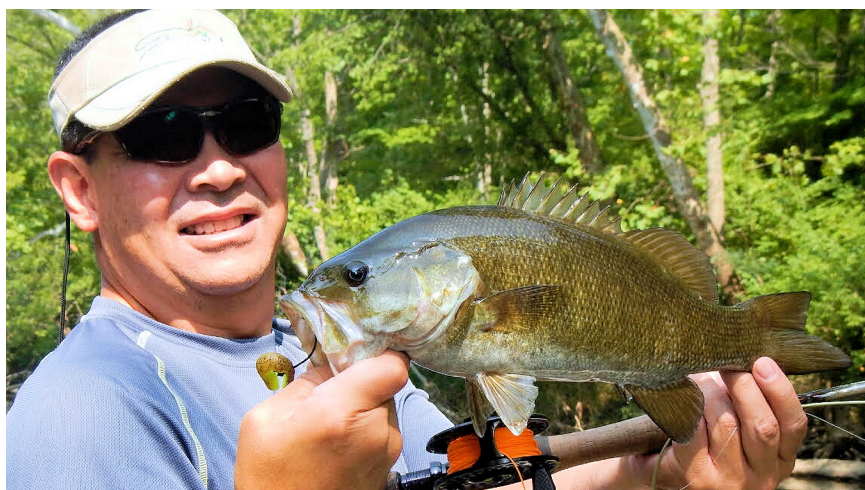


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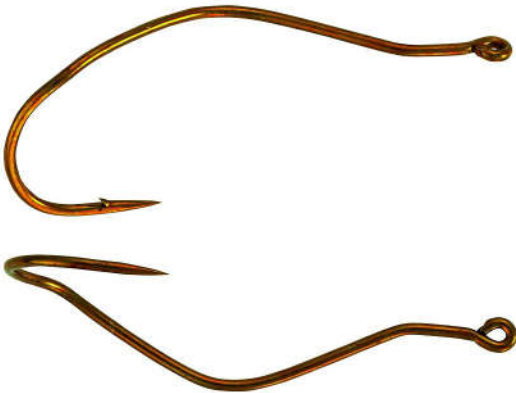
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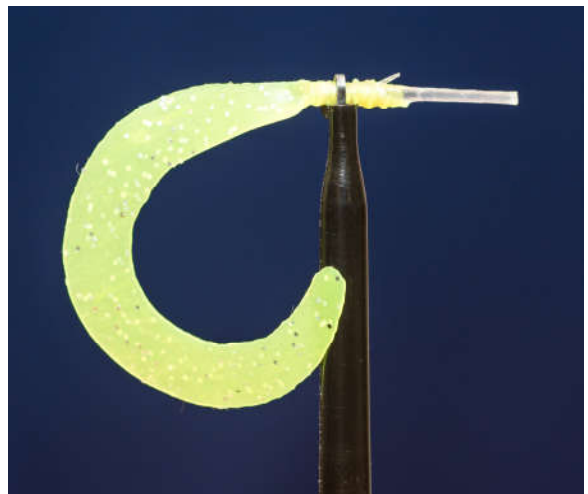
The hook used with this fly is the 2/0 "Super Death" hook from Mustad. It was designed to use with a nightcrawler or a plastic worm. You can view several videos online that demonstrate the appropriate rigging of this fly.



I never use weight on the fly, it reduces the action and promotes a quicker discharge by the fish when they feel the weight. I use a Mustad speed swivel 18" inches from the fly and I add weight to the opposite side of the swivel if I want it to sink. What does

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1. Take a piece of 40lb hard mono and tie on a twister tail. Color is your choice. I use the large size twister tail for this 2/0 slow death hook.





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2. Flatten the hard mono with a pair of pliers and tie it onto the hook. The direction follows the shank as it comes from the major bend in the middle of the hook. Tie in medium Estaz or similar product.

3. Wrap the Estaz forward and leave about 1/8" of hook shank by the eye. The fly could be fished from this point. I would add some eyes if you



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choose to fish it from this point. I think it spins better by adding the next step.

4. Tie in a piece of large pearl Mylar tubing and secure it right behind the hook eye. The length of the Mylar should be approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer than the length of the Estaz body.



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5. Push the Mylar tubing back over the Estaz and pull it as snug as possible and tie it down on both sides of the hook shank. I use red here just to give a sharp contrast.

6. Put on some eyes, color up to you, and I put a red band right behind the eyes because I like the idea. It may not make a difference but it is what I like. You can trim the Mylar in the back of the fly and make a smooth transition if you want. Whatever makes you feel good about fishing the fly. You can cover this hook with UV material or a gloss coat. This will make the fly heavier and it will sink faster. You must decide if you want it heavier or not.



Derrick Filkins has been designing innovative and unique flies for over 30 years. Whether you are fishing freshwater or salt, cold water or warm, he has some interesting flies that solve interesting problems that many fishers of the fly have come across. Stop by FlyMasters of Indianapolis and talk with him sometime about any of the great patterns he has come up with and what he might be working on next. You'll be glad you did!

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Dead Hair Day

By Derrick Filkins

The slow death hook was produced by Mustad after walleye fishermen had been bending straight hooks for several years. It was a huge bite advantage and after everyone starting doing it Mustad decided to just manufacture the hook. The Super Death hook used in this fly has a more acute bend to accommodate the use of a rubber worm instead of a live night crawler. It also comes in a larger size with wire diameters to land heavier fish.



To rig this fly I use a Mustad speed swivel 18" from the fly. The entire fly spins when retrieve. Retrieve and stop, Retrieve and stop, it is deadly action! In Indiana I generally do not want my flies to sink fast. I am mostly fishing for river Smallmouth over cover of rocks, logs, and brush. I prefer to have my fly hover over the cover instead of dropping quickly. Adjust for your specific conditions for fishing.

1. Tie in a bunch of bucktail that exits the back of the fly following the hook shank direction. It actually exists the side of the fly. This is done to promote the spinning of this fly when retrieved.



2. Tie some color of holoflash, gold here, and forward tie a large bunch of craft fur. If you are unfamiliar with this technique watch the utube video by Dave Pinchowski called the "Bad Hair Day". The quantity of craft fur depends on the size and weight of the fly you want to tie. Colors of craft fur depend on what baitfish colors you desire.



3. Tie in a second bunch of craft fur at the bend of the hook. By now you have one bunch of bucktail and two bunches of craft fur all pointing in the same direction. You have added some flash to all of this based on what you wish it to imitate when completed.

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4. Between the bend of the hook and the eye tie in two successive bunches of craft fur. Leave some space up front to finish a few wraps of flex hackle for the head of the fly.



5. Before wrapping the flex hackle for the head of the fly I put on eyes. Use a gel super glue to attach eyes of your choice. I then tie in the flex hackle and make three or four turns of the hackle depending on how much space I have left. Finish with a few wraps of thread. I like the hackle over the eyes since it can give the appearance of a blinking eye when moving.

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by Michael Calvin

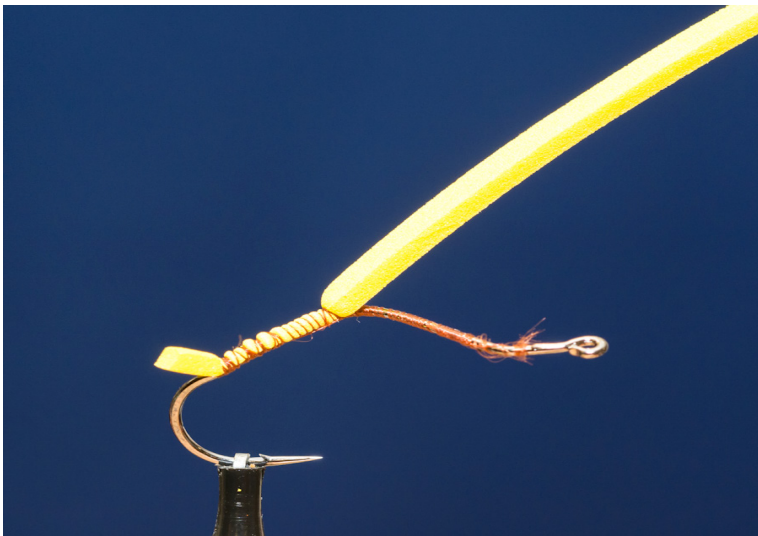
I was sitting around a Northern Michigan shop one morning in June, it was Brown Drake time, the first of the large flies that produce well founded expectations for large Brown Trout on the surface. My Brother Jimmy came in grumpily indicating "what, no soft hackles"? He was floating the noted author, John Gierach and a friend. I am almost always sitting at the bench tying at this time and while Jimmy was in having breakfast I tied him up a few, walked over to his table and with a super-secret "here ya go Jimmy" my underhanded pass delivered the soft hackles.

Now I rarely fish soft-hackles, but if my brother is asking for them, that's good enough for me. Reports of that day's trip came back that his client greased it and fished it dry the entire day landing a good 30 fish on a single fly. I took it to the river the next day with me, fished it off an indicator with shot, fished it high through the surface swinging and ginked up and fished it dry. All three methods produced fish but the dry pattern looked more like the natural from my point of view than any other fly I had ever seen and I tie lot of flies. So I worked on it a bit and started putting an undersized dry fly hackle behind the larger front hackle. Hence the name "Hardhackle", it's a soft hackle that's meant to fish dry. I added stiffer tails and tied up a bunch for a hex trip on another river. The fish killed it and now I tie this fly for several patterns all the

way down to size 14 hendricksons.

Then Derrick showed me these bent hooks which looked light enough to support this fly so I adopted the pattern a bit, added a foam underbody and tied it as a stacked-hackle spinner. For this pattern you need to use a micro-swivel on our tippet to leader connection.

1) Tightly lash a strip of closed cell foam to the shank of the hook. Wrap your thread all the way back to the end of the shank. Leave a small foam tag for splitting tails around.



2) Split two long moose body hairs for the tail using the tag to help split them.

3) Trim the tag to a small egg sack just off the back of the hook. Tie in a strand of Copper Flashabou at the hook bend. This will be used as a rib shortly.

4) Lash the primary foam strip to the front half of the hook. Make certain to



tie it in a little more loosely than the abdomen for bulk and flotation. Dub the body and bring the flash forward as a rib. Leave the body "spikey".

5) Now bring the foam back to the bend of the hook, tie down and dub some more. Leave a foam post.

6) Strip the end of two hackles that are twice the length of what you would normally use (about 2 ½ times the gape of the hook). Tie



them in at the front of the hook.



The next step is more difficult to explain with words and pictures. You will be wrapping the hackles around the foam post but you will start high up on the post and then wind down to the body. These four images, from various angles, should suffice in showing you how the



hackle is wrapped onto the post and tied off.



7) Wind the hackles around the foam post from top to bottom.

8) Once you reach the hook shank (bottom of the post) , leave hackle tip dangling and bring foam forward to the eye of the

hook and tie off the foam. Leave room for soft hackle.

9) Tie in a "big 'ole" Coq-de-Leon cape feather by the tip.

10) Wind forward into the web and tie off. Clip off the excess feather, create a



head for the fly and whip finish and your done.



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If you're looking for a warm, affordable and easy to get to winter destination with lots of big aggressive fish that just love to take flies, than maybe the Louisiana delta is the place for you.

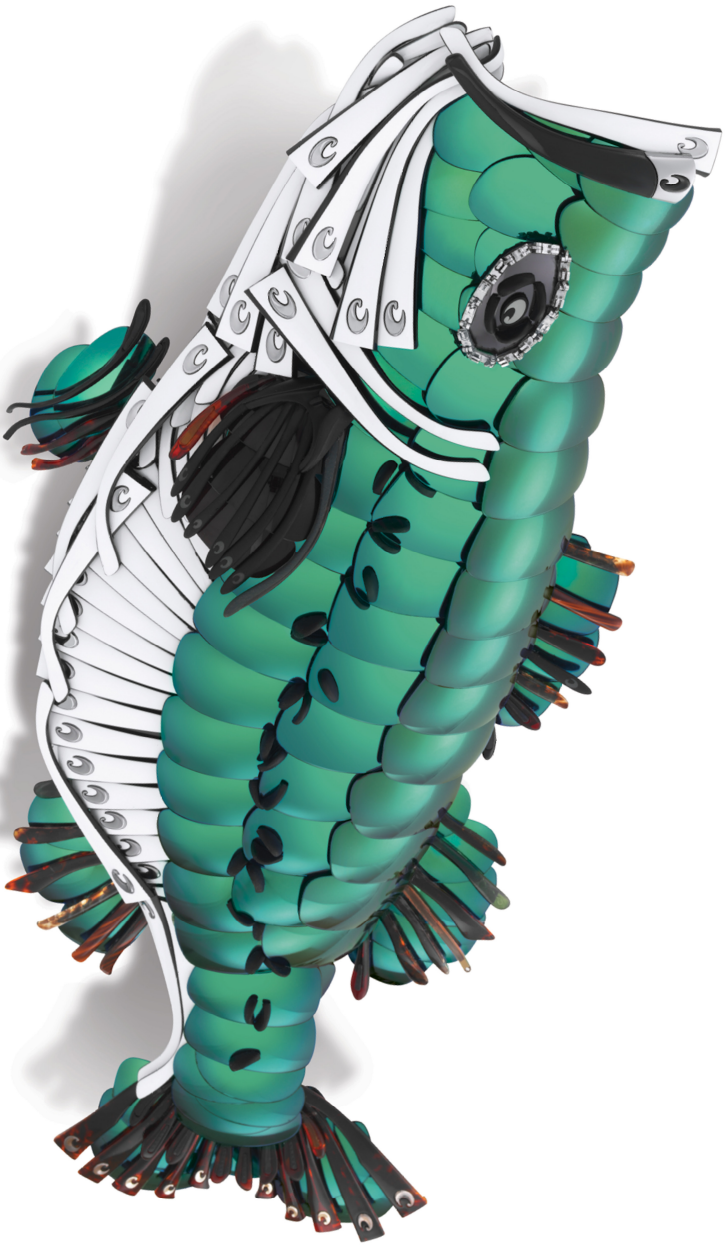
For the many years I've been on the look-out for a prefect location to bring my Michigan customers in the winter. Once I got my first taste of Louisiana I was hooked. What's not to love about the most abundant fishery I've ever encountered in an atmosphere of welcoming and generous people that happen to love serving large portions of delicious food.



Most people fly into New Orleans, though Baton Rouge is also an option, especially when flights fill around Mardi Gras. From either city it's only

an hour drive to where you'll be staying and fishing. New Orleans also gives people a great opportunity to spend as much time as they'd like in a fun city.

Over the years I've heard stories of fishing big redfish in Louisiana. I envisioned lots of smaller fish with a few shots a day at a big old bull. When I finally made a trip down, I realized that I couldn't have been



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more wrong, there are bull redfish everywhere, the Louisiana delta is truly an incredible fishery.

The option of poppers or streamers is based on water temp. Like most fish, when the water gets too cold, the fish won't pay attention to surface presentations. The feeding behavior around you will poppers are going to do the trick. And let me tell you, there is nothing like a 40" bull red wrecking a surface presentation.

If the water is cool or you just want a better chance at hooking-up then nothing beats a streamer. Color and style can change from day to day or even spot to spot but even on their worst day, reds are eager biters. At their most aggressive I would compare



them to Canada northern pike, where it would be more of a challenge keeping the presentation away from them.

The presentation is a cast past and a bit in front of the fish, like many fish, they don't like being hit on the head. After the cast just strip back to their head and let it fall just in front of that big mouth, maybe another short strip or two if the fish didn't see the fly or if it got lost in the mud.

Water clarity can vary from several feet to less than a foot but it is never what you would call clear. Your as likely to locate and target fish that are pushing water, have boiled the surface or are tailing, versus spotting the fish outright. The dirty water has one advantage and that is our ability to get close to them, so short casting opportunities are available.

While we always have one angler ready with his fly rod on the front deck we try to have his partner toss a spin outfit with a soft plastic and popping cork. Not only does it add extra action throughout the day but it also helps put more fish on the end of the fly rod, especially in the toughest conditions. On an extra windy day with a lot of chop and dirty water it can be especially tough to locate fish, by hooking a fish on the



popping cork, it shows us that there are fish in this area and we need to slow down and give it extra attention.

While chasing big

reds your also likely to tangle with a black drum, sea trout or sheephead, as well as seeing endless bird species and dolphins.

While you can fish Louisiana with an eight weight, most people find a ten is the best choice for fighting a big bull. We use a floating line ending in twenty pound leader and a ten weight allows enough backbone to put a big red in the boat without wasting too much fishing time.

As I mentioned earlier, I've looked for years for a winter fishing destination and I can now say with complete confidence that I've found it.

Kevin Morlock is the owner of Indigo Guide Service, spending Spring and Fall in west Michigan on the Pere Marquette, Manistee and Muskegon Rivers for steelhead, trout and salmon. In the summer he travels north to Beaver Island, targeting the crystal clear flats for carp and really big smallmouth bass. Your can reach Kevin at (231) 613-5099 or indigoguidekevin@gmail.com.

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