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What is your most memorable trip?

I have saved several clients from going overboard, but this was a first. My client caught a nice rainbow on the Watauga River. After a few photos, he wanted to revive and release the fish

on his own. I saw him start to lean. His leg was not in the brace. The look on his face said, "I don't want to drop this fish, but I need to grab something or I'm going in." His body arched forward, arms extended, fish high above his head. He went in fish first, and then head, shoulders, knees and toes. When he came back up from the underwater world, the fish was gone and he quickly pulled himself back in the boat. He was dripping 55-degree water from head to toe. A look of chill turned to a big grin and he said, "get a picture, my kids need to see this." I told him that was the coolest way I've ever had someone release a rainbow, "fish first."

Name three flies you never leave home without.

Streamer: Gamechanger, Dry fly: CDC sulfur, Nymph: Pat's Rubber Leg.



When did you start guiding and why?

I started guiding part-time in 2006. At that time I was a touring musician and it was hard to find meaningful, flexible work as supplemental income. I always knew my music schedule well in advance, which allowed me to schedule guide trips in between. In 2011, I began guiding full time.



excited. Come to find out, he had a thing for finding strange things on the river and said he was going to put a lamp shade on this find and put it in the window as in the movie, *Christmas Story*. About two weeks later, I saw a blog post about “the things you’ll find on East Tennessee rivers.” It was the guy with the strange fetish for finding weird things on the river. I learned that his empathetic wife posted a Lost & Found on a social media site describing the prosthetic leg and matching sock and shoe. Their efforts were fruitful in finding the owner. It turned out the owner was rafting the year before when he lost it. He had already received a shiny new replacement, but was happy to have his original as a back up. It’s a wild world out there. There are only so many degrees of separation and some of them are strange.

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What is the strangest thing you have experienced as a guide that is fit for print?

Once upon a smallmouth bass float, as we pulled into a little side channel off the main river to take lunch, we spotted a prosthetic leg, sock and shoe still included, upside down with the shoe sticking up. It perfectly slid onto a tree branch that was pointing up. It was hard to tell if someone planted it there or the fat chance that it had floated downstream at high water and happened to slip onto this branch in just a way. The guy in the back of the boat freaked out and was strangely



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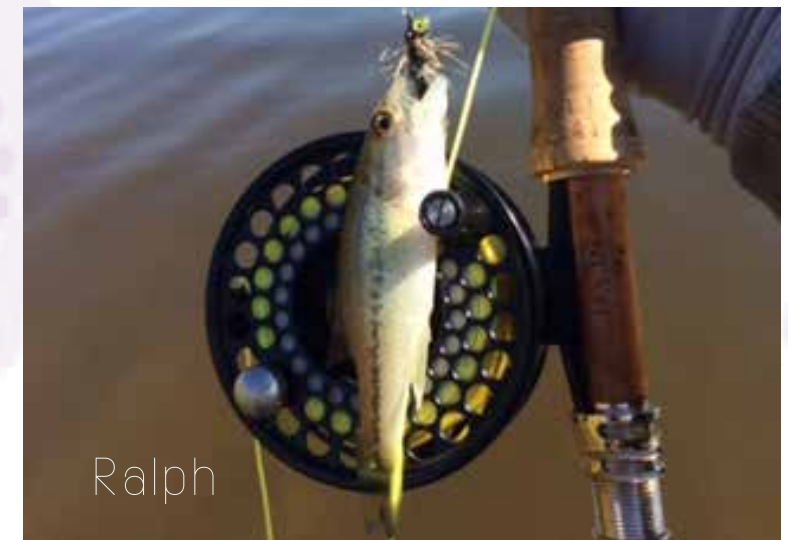
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Mom always says, "the older you get, the quicker the days go." I must be getting quite old because I don't know what day it is or where the weeks have gone. It is already well into spring in beautiful Tennessee and just thinking about the warmer days ahead makes my heart beat faster. There is nothing like waking up to the birds singing, the sun shining and the trees rustling. I feel like if I sit still enough, I can hear the tree buds bursting forth their leaves. Ah... Spring!

This is an exciting time to be a part of DUN. No doubt by now you've noticed the launch of our new website, created your own secure account and signed up for your subscription. You've heard about our beautiful print edition soon to be released and reserved your copy. Thank you for being a part of DUN. Having your support and hearing from our readers means the world to me.

As a magazine that exists to empower women, I firmly believe that empowerment comes through education and it is my main goal at DUN to educate you through our Take Aways, Lifestyles, inspirational articles and more. I want you to FLOURISH on the water and off. I want this season to be the best you have ever had. Life is not meant to be lived, but to be lived in full.

And with that, I leave you with the April/May edition of DUN. Get involved and follow our authors. Tell them what you think of their articles and let them inspire you. With much love, I give you ...

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You will either flourish or starve-feed and nurture what you want to flourish let starve what you want to go away.



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When I think of the word flourish I think about the old line "Bloom where you're planted." I feel like 'flourish' has the connotation of not merely surviving, but rather thriving wherever it is that you have found yourself in life.



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began fly fishing 12 years ago because of her job at the youth center Point de Mire in Montréal, where they run a fly fishing program for teenagers. In 2013, she became a Certified Casting Instructor with the IFFF. In 2015, she went to the Wulf School of Fly Fishing to learn more about teaching. She is a volunteer for the program Healing Waters (Chapter of Montréal) and in the last year has started her own business, La pêche au féminin, organizing casting classes, fly tying and women's only fly fishing weekends. She dedicates her time to increasing the popularity and numbers of new fly anglers in Québec, Canada.

Mary Ann Dozer



loves to take anglers' skills to that next level. She has been teaching fly fishing and has worked as a fly fishing guide for over 10 years. She currently guides full-time for the Fly Fishers Place in Sisters, Oregon. She is an IFFF Master Casting Instructor. Mary Ann's love and finesse of casting has put her on the Winston Pro-Staff Team.

Allison Helen Hendricks



has had multiple careers, but she has always known that fly fishing was her path. She continues to be a wade fly fishing guide in saltwater and freshwater, is a busy casting instructor, published writer and still serves tables at a local restaurant a few nights a week. Allison currently resides in the Tampa Bay area and still fishes at all hours of the day and night.

Knut & Solmor Ruud-Sandal



Solvor has been fly fishing since 1994 and is a licensed fly casting instructor, dry fly addict, trouthunter, mother, wife and electrical engineer for the Norwegian Public Roads Administration. Knut has been fly fishing since 1990 and is an unlicensed fly casting instructor, fly fishing addict, trouthunter, father, husband and works for the Norwegian Association for Hunters and Fishermen. They were last in line when the handed out names but Solvor means spring sun and Knut means knot. Ruud is an old nordic word for "a clearing in the woods" and Sandal means a "valley of sand."

Featured Contributors

Katka Švagrová



lives in beautiful Czech Republic. She is currently a student of pedagogy, and a graduate of Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Water at the University of South Bohemia. She comes from a fly angling family and began fly fishing at the age of 4. She began entering fly fishing competitions in 2012 and since then is the 4 time women's fly fishing champion and 1 time silver medal champion. She is an ambassador for Einarsson, RIO Products, Patagonia, ArcticSilver Innovation, Sightline Provisions and Reel Skipper.

Annarose Yvon



is presently growing up in northern Maine with her family and her dog Belle. She attends middle school and participates in choir, basketball and soccer. In addition to school, she is an active family member working on her Registered Maine Tree Farm, Twin Maple Farm. She has a passion for the outdoors especially fishing where she helps her Dad run their family business Twin Maple Outdoors. She has learned spin and fly fishing from her father Richard, a Registered Maine Guide. She aspires to be a game warden and live in Alaska. Visit her family business site at TwinMapleOutdoors.com



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HAIR CLIPS

By Nome Buckman



Above: At work

Right: Convenient storage space

Opposite Page: Not found in your local fly shop, look for these clips at the dollar store or your local pharmacy.



I feel I have some explaining to do when checking out with three dozen hair clips at a time when the longest hair on my head is under an inch long. I pipe up and explain it's for fly tying in an attempt to relieve the perplexed and judgmental look I get. You would think I just told the checkout clerk I'm going to commit murder with these hair clips as the perplexed face turns to shock. It definitely makes for good entertainment.

When on the road tying at shows or venues, I get numerous comments on the smart way to use small hair claw clips to help with fly tying. One in particular seems to be ideal for what I typically tie, but a variety of sizes are handy when switching from large to small species flies.

Good old Goody (as a kid I used so many Goody hair products) makes the best imho. The slide proof small half claws are ideal for my tying needs. They usually come 6 to a pack. Easy to use, they fit ever so nicely on the stem of my vise for storage when not in use. When tying dozens at a time I will have several flies in different

stages of progress. The clips are extremely handy when adding new material in front of already fluffy material. Using a clip to protect the existing and make room for the new addition does make a fly tier's life much easier. Typically, I use these handy tools for streamers or any time I need to tame materials. They come in handy particularly for tandem or articulated flies. I originally experimented with these clips to aid the finishing process of the heads of flies by managing the materials. It speeds up the process time and makes it much easier to apply eyes and UV glue.



childhood

annarose yvon



My name is Annarose Yvon and I live in the Highlands region of Maine. My family and I moved to Maine, just before I was two years old, from Connecticut. We moved because my parents wanted our family to live in an area where we could enjoy the outdoors. I live on a small tree farm with my Mom, Dad and my younger sister, Amanda. I am truly blessed because it is the perfect place to live when you are a person who loves the outdoors. I have had the pleasure of fishing and hunting in Maine since I was a toddler. My grandmother was originally from Maine and my Dad spent much of his childhood fishing and hunting with my Great-Uncle Rodney in the great north woods. Uncle Rodney is a Master Maine Guide and he inspired my dad to become a Maine guide.



The Landlocked Salmon is native to the state of Maine and is considered the cousin of Atlantic Salmon



After practicing how to properly drift the fly, I had my first hook up.

My Dad introduced me to hunting and fishing. Over the years, we have done many types of fishing together. We've done open water and ice fishing on lakes, ponds and rivers. We've taken our jet boat up the rocky waters of the Penobscot River for bass fishing. We've done dip net fishing for smelts in the springtime and we've gone fly fishing as we drifted the rapids of West Branch River of the Penobscot. Each of these trips offers a unique experience and is always a great time spent with my Dad.

Our salmon trip started out by preparing for our fishing adventure. I had to think about what I had to do and bring. We started out by towing our drift boat down many miles of bumpy, dusty, dirt roads. I'd say the trip was already an exciting adventure, passing by Mount Katahdin and the beautiful, big Maine north woods. When we got there, we checked into the Big Eddy Lodge. Don, the caretaker, was there to greet and welcome us to the camp and river. We unloaded the truck and settled into our campsite. Now the excitement really started when we launched our drift boat into the Big Eddy. Dad and Don had to shuttle the truck and

trailer to the takeout spot, as I patiently waited with our drift boat.

As we started fishing, Dad gave me instructions on how to nymph fish. After practicing how to properly drift the fly, I had my first hook up. I was so excited! Dad coached me on how to keep the line taut; I can hear him now, saying, "Annarose! Constant pressure! Don't drop your rod tip!" I fought the salmon and grabbed the net. Then I leaned out to get the fish, trying to not go overboard! Finally, I was able to remove the hook and release the beautiful fish unharmed. I didn't think that I would catch a fish because we had not

had any luck ... so I was quite surprised. I was very proud of myself because all my Dad did was just stand there with the camera. That is why fishing can be a big surprise!

That was one of the most exciting fishing trips I've been on. I loved the feeling of getting excited and reeling the fish in, but mostly because I love using a fly rod. This fishing is fun for all ages! As I think about this trip, I'm wondering what crazy things will happen next year!



My Dad kept saying ... Rod tip up! don't give him any slack!

Our fly fishing adventure on the 63-mile bass waters of the Penobscot river is another trip which will resonate into my 'forever' fishing memories of childhood. My Dad, our dog Belle and I headed out one Saturday morning for some smallmouth bass fishing. Dad mentioned that this was a fly-only trip and we left all our spinning gear behind. I remember feeling somewhat nervous about a fly-only trip because of my lack of experience on the river with a fly rod.

The morning started out with beautiful weather with no wind. This definitely made me feel more confident. As we anchored the boat in the current with our trolling motor, my Dad instructed me to drift my popper against the shoreline. I proceeded to cast toward the bank where I know big fish live and then my fly got snagged on a tree limb. I looked at Dad with disappointment in my eyes. I remember him saying, "That's ok honey... let me help you get that out." While retrieving the fly with a hook and telescoping handle, Dad brought the branch down to my level and I was able to unhook my fly from the limb. After we resumed our fishing, I watched Dad catch a few bass which really got me excited, but made me feel excluded at the same

time. Dad noticed I was feeling kind of down so he made the boat drift the same speed as the current. He said, "This might help you with casting and mending your line." He was right! I was able to drift my fly much easier, which I preferred and so did the fish! We stopped fishing midday because my tummy was rumbling and hurting. We pulled up under a huge red oak tree with plenty of shade. I love country music, so I asked my Dad to put on his speaker. We started listening to music as Dad took out the gas grill and hamburgers. We ate our lunch and talked about our morning, which made me giggle and smile! Having a full belly, I was ready to continue our special time together, not even caring if we caught a fish or not. After drifting for some time and least expecting it, I suddenly had a smallmouth bass come up from an undercut at the bank of the river! "Fish on!!" I yelled, as Dad brought over the net. My Dad kept saying " Rod tip up... don't give him any slack!" Dad brought the net underneath the fish, as I was grinning from ear to ear!





We ended our day pulling our boat out of the water and stopping in at the local ice cream shop. Special times with my Dad is what I will always remember. Hopefully, someday I'll my kids will have the same special memories. I am very grateful to my parents for raising us in the outdoors where I can learn and appreciate the wonders of nature. I wish this for every kid: to have the opportunity that I have been blessed with.

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TIPPET RINGS

By Nome Buckman



Above: The tiny tippet ring almost rigged for action

Right: Tippet rings are often sold on a snap swivel for easy storage and use.



It's been an overlooked helper for years. These tiny rings enable you to switch out tippet quickly and productively without burning through dozens of leaders in a season, because tippet rings give you a well-defined break off point. I recommend installing them in the comfort of your favorite reading or fly tying spot where lighting is good and you can see the little buggers.

Tippet rings usually come packaged on a snap swivel for on-stream or off-stream ease. I suggest you tie onto the closest ring to the opening BEFORE you open the snap swivel... or you stand a good chance of losing the ring before you even get a chance to tie a knot on it.

When time allows, open a fresh packet of leaders and carefully unfurl them. If your leaders are 9ft, they typically have a two foot section of tippet. So snip two feet up and tie on the tippet ring with an improved clinch knot. When in doubt use a tippet gauge to help ensure you are in the right spot. Save the tippet you just snipped off, if 9ft leaders are what you prefer. Tie on the tippet with another improved clinch knot and roll up your leader, as it's locked and loaded ready for the water.

I typically make up a half dozen, which usually gets me through a season with three different rods. A tippet ring not only saves you from wasting leaders, but it also gives a perfect spot to add a dropper fly. Hopper dropper anyone?

Now, you would think a metal ring would sink, but these rings are so small, (typically made of nickel alloy) they usually just sit in the water tension and work just fine with a floating or sinking system. And before you try to argue they might be a weak point, the typically 2-3mm rings are rated from 25-30 lb test. So no chance of that being an issue.

Lastly if you're worried the fly won't turn over well because of this little lifesaver, you need not fret. The leaders work just fine and operate as normal. Tippet rings are useful for both commercial and homemade leaders. The only obstacle you have is actually installing it.

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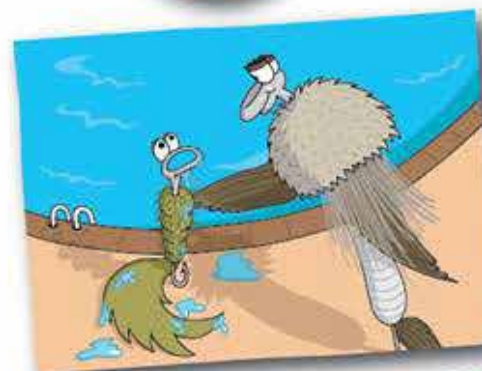
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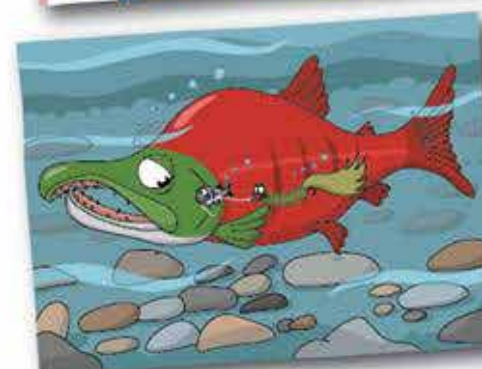
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I started fly fishing 12 years ago because of my work at a youth center in Montreal: more exactly in Verdun, which is an underprivileged area of the city. We do all kinds of activities to help the children become more responsible, active and to help them develop a more critical mind. All activities are designed to make them think, and to give us, (the counselors) a chance to talk with them and to bolster their self-esteem.

One of the activities consists of fly fishing, which my colleague Mario Viboux started 27 years ago. We teach teenagers from 12 to 18 years old how to tie flies, how to cast and how to raise funds for their fishing trips. To raise funds, they have to work and tour with us to fishing shows and present and sell their "fisherman's coffee" and different items. They first have to work with us and follow our instructions, but they soon become role models and start helping teach others. I could write a full article about what we do with them and how amazing and good these kids are. (I love my job, you see!)





So I started fly fishing, thankfully, because of my job, but I soon became crazy about it. I started to improve my techniques and to become a better teacher. I passed my CCI (Certified Casting Instructor) with the IFFF in 2013. In 2016, I went to the prestigious Wulff School of Fly Fishing for an Instructor Class with Joan Wulff. Can you imagine how surreal it was to help Joan Wulff in her own kitchen, where she hosted students for a cocktail? It was like a dream come true!

For a long time, I cherished another dream, which was to help increase the number of ladies around rivers who would practice fly fishing. Although I gave lectures about the ladies in the world of fly fishing and facilitated some "ladies only" workshops in a Spey Clave, I felt like it was not enough. In 2015, I was invited to be an instructor in a special weekend event for ladies called Fauniquelement Femme, which can be translated to "Wildlifelily Woman." The event gathered 30 ladies in the woods to teach them how to shoot a bow, shoot a gun, fly fish and manage a motorboat. All workshops were designed to last 45 minutes. After every single small group workshop, I could see the women's faces saying, "I don't want to leave and I want to learn more. Only 45 minutes! It's too short!"

That was it! It was that small push I needed to decide to create a full weekend of fly fishing for ladies only.



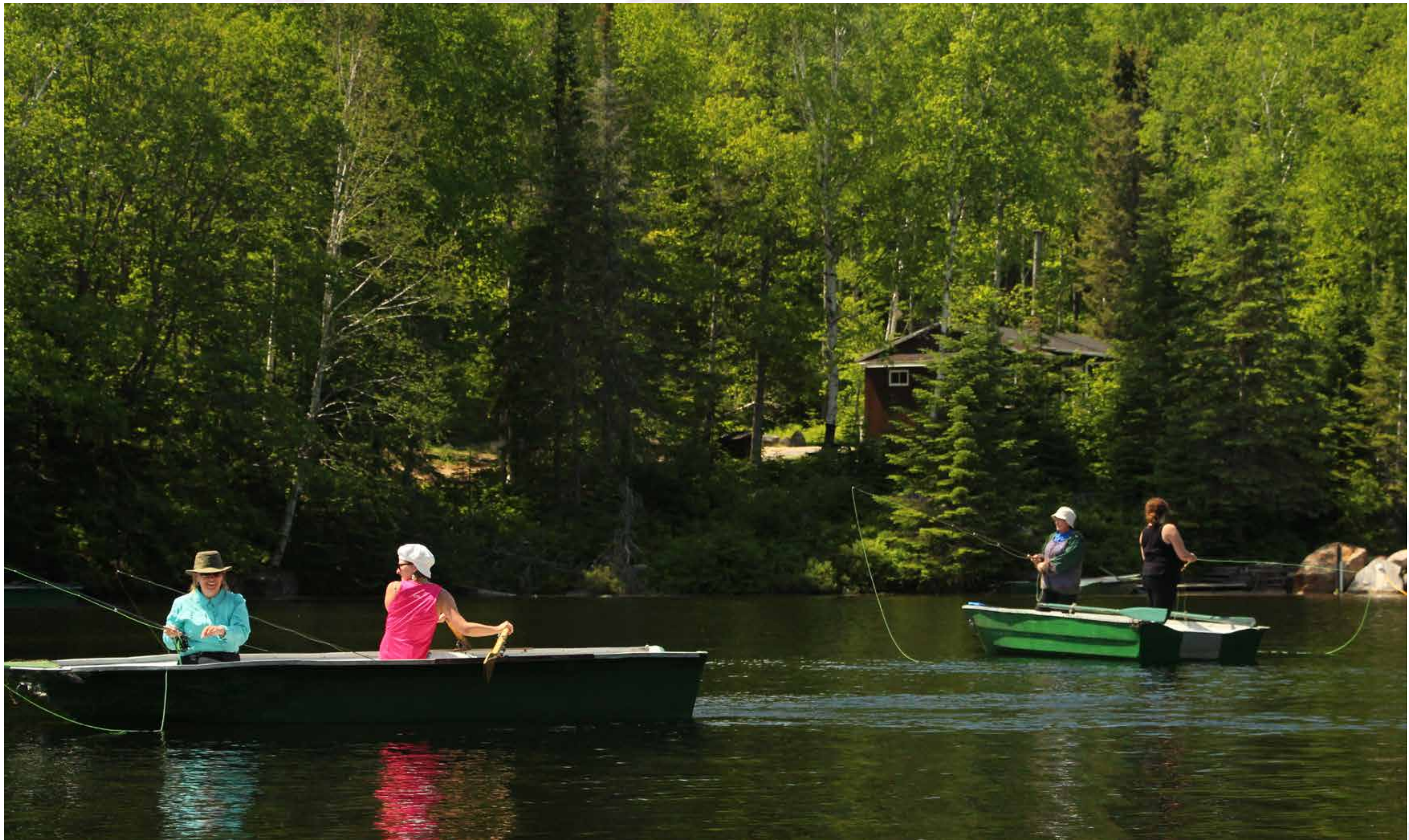


I came back home and asked my friend Sabrina if she wanted to work on the project with me. Of course, she did! She is as passionate as I am. At 21 years old, she is already a fishing ambassador. She was only 17 when she became a CCI. We started putting together a schedule of workshops for a fly fishing weekend and our project was ready to launch.

We talked about our project to a good friend, Karl Larrivée, from the ZEC Lavigne. ZEC is an area of controlled exploitation, basically a hunting and fishing territory of the province of Quebec, located on public land. This type of organization was founded in 1978, when the government decided to open the old private fishing and hunting clubs to the people. Karl, who already hosted weekends to introduce kids to pheasant hunting and fishing activities, was thrilled with the idea of the project.

The program filled quickly with a group of ladies who came from regions all around Quebec. The ladies learned everything they could about fly fishing in a weekend. They felt free to ask questions, without the fear of being judged or laughed at. Our goal was to help them become autonomous and empower them to fly fishing.

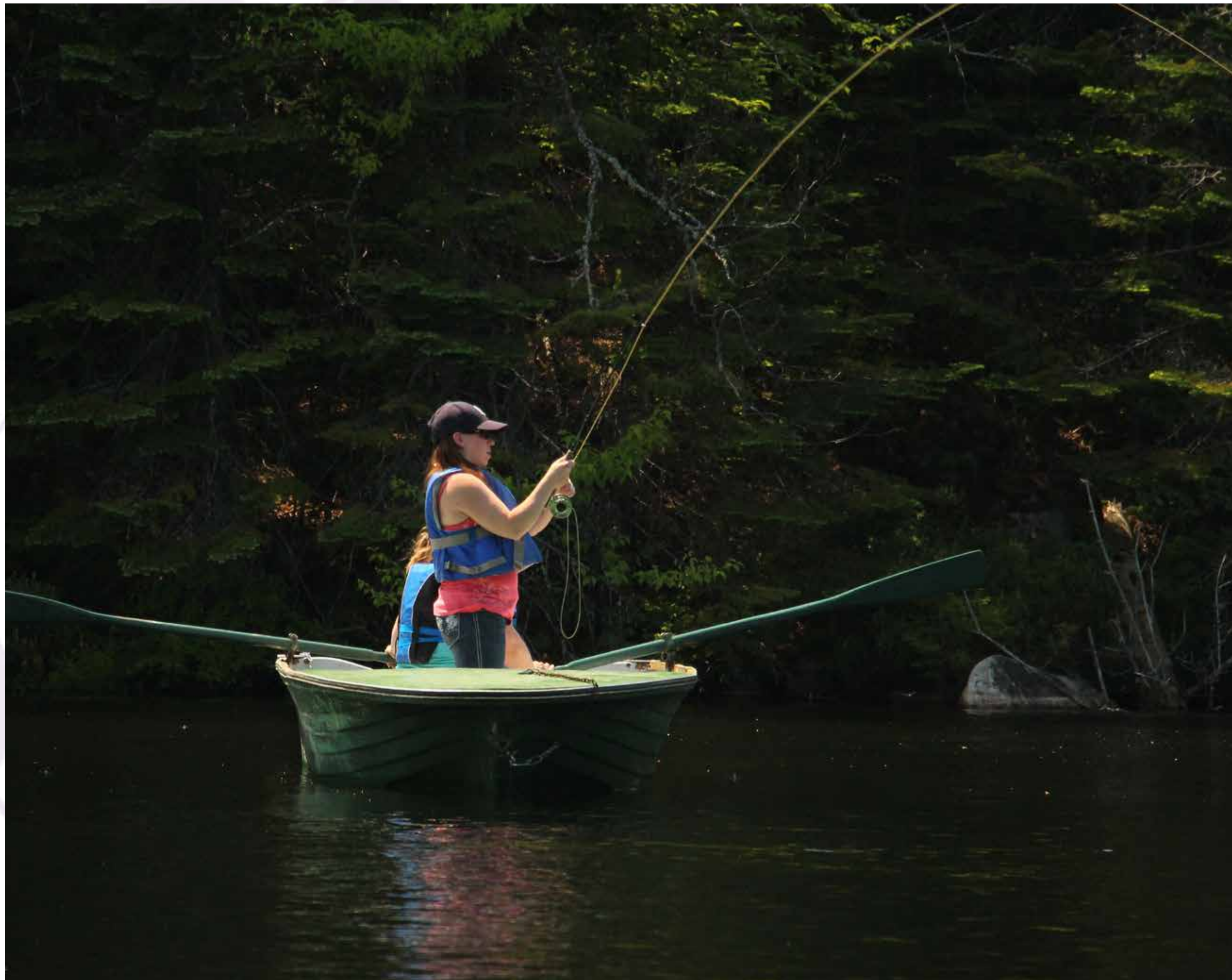




Our first day of workshops include information about basic equipment, knots, leaders and a casting class. Then we head to the lake for some brook trout fishing. We finish the first day around a campfire, telling fishing stories and talking about ... men!

Early the next morning, we go fishing with the "real ones," those who woke up really early. Our journey ends with "the must of the must," the fly tying class. The ladies are so proud of their flies that it's fascinating.

These ladies come from every part of Quebec, every sphere of society. They are single, married, mothers... and each woman was amazing. One lady told me that she has been an angler all of her life and when she had the opportunity to come to one of my weekends, she accepted without a doubt. She said she went straight to her garage to find her fishing box and realized that her last fishing license was from 2000. Time goes fast, life got crazy. It makes me happy to create moments and more opportunities for women to get outside, learn a new sport and take time for themselves.



As I am writing this, two feet of snow are falling on the ground and a lady called me to be part of a weekend trip with us next summer. She said, "I am a teacher and I am having a tough year with my class. To be part of a ladies fishing trip will be my light after the darkness!" This makes me feel like I have achieved my goal. I am happy and proud to be this spark.

Last year, we had three weekends fishing for brook trout. This year, we will fish twice for brook trout, one week at the famous Bonaventure River for the mystic Atlantic salmon and one weekend at St-Jean Lake for the landlocked salmon.

Only time will tell where our project will take us. Soon, I will facilitate a fly tying workshop for the Canadian Wilderness Women Weekend in Ontario. Hopefully, I will be able to make them as crazy about it as I am, even if English is not my first language.

I wish you a good fishing season everyone! Don't forget that "newbies" are very important. They can be your girlfriend, your kids, your friend's kids, your colleague. Please, take at least one beginner with you this summer.



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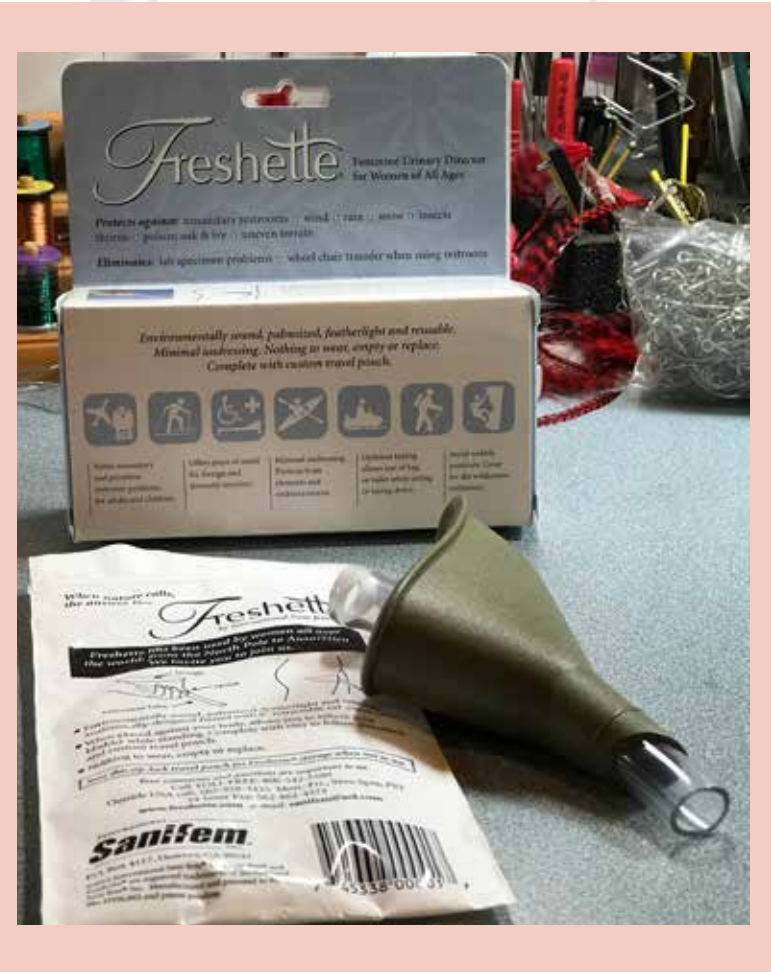
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FRESHETTE

By Nome Buckman



Above: The Freshette system

Right: Nome practicing her penmanship outside



When nature calls, the answer is Freshette! It's unassumingly liberating to finally have a pee aid that allows women to pee standing up flawlessly. This product describes itself as a 'female urinary director,' and it does just that. I've tried several different brands and have concluded that Freshette is the best all-around product of this type.

There are numerous designs on the market with many racking up only mediocre reviews. The Freshette takes high honors with an intelligent combination of soft and stiff materials in the correct places for ease of use, quick cleanup, easy storage, comfort and most importantly, confidence it will work! Consisting of only three pieces; the trough, a clear one-half inch tubing and a single white gasket. Read the directions carefully, I found a lot of misinformation online.

Install the tubing through the trough with the white gasket snugly fitted inside the spout of the trough (once the extension tube is pulled out all the way). It's actually a simple,

bullet-proof tool once you learn how to use it. Be sure to rinse it right away after use.

The rigid narrow trough has a lip in the back, and when cupped tightly against your bits and thighs, creates a consistent seal. If you wear clothing with a bit of comfort room, you don't even have to unbutton your pants to pee. Once I got over the fear of leaking and realized I can't pee too fast for this device, (if used correctly) I was free to open the floodgates! I do recommend practicing, as it takes a few times to get the feel of how it needs to fit as everyone is uniquely shaped. Don't forget to lower the toilet seat!

Once mind over matter set in, I began to test my new found freedom by peeing over the porch railing, off a cliff and every chance I got when outside. I even spelled my name in the snow! I feel I've taken my relationship with the out of doors to a whole new level now. You can bet this handy tool will be with me on all future fishing trips. I do advise you keep your back to the wind!

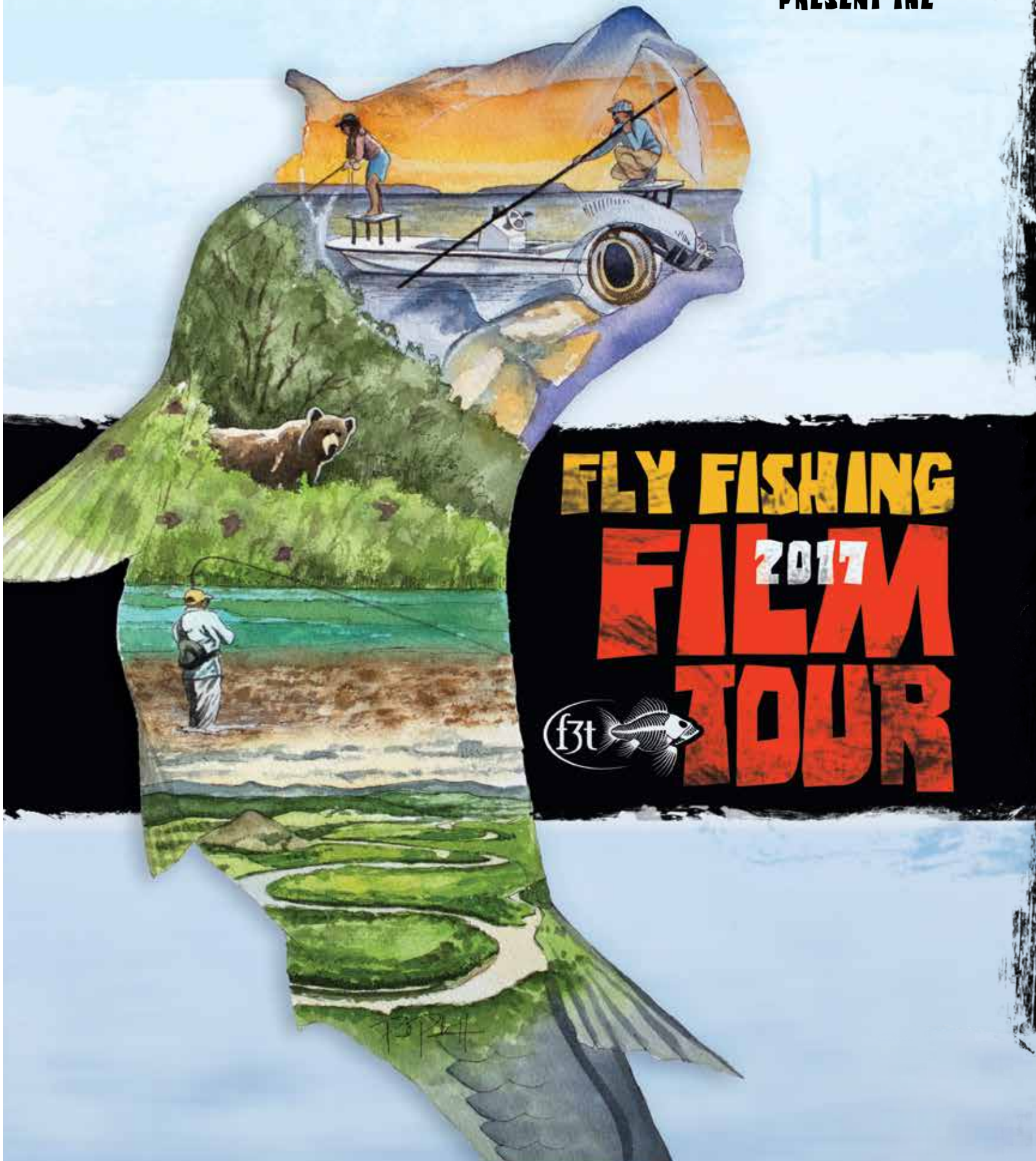
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The blue markings brought the bells right back to my frontal lobe



It is strange how big changes often present themselves in modest ways, like the first ripples on the water before the storm or the small blue marks on a stick that indicates a major change is in the makings. Up until the encounter with the blue stripes, my biggest angst as a fly angler had been whether wind conditions and water flow would mess up the next fishing trip. Being a simple-minded fly angler, I never planned longer than the next weekend. But, half way to work the morning of the blue marks I suddenly had a rare moment of clarity: "DUDE, in 9 months it is the end of May and the start of dry fly season! What have you done?"

Fly fishing has consumed every available (and at times also unavailable) resource of time, energy and money in my life since the early 90's. For years, we would nerd-out completely on fly fishing. We chased the mayfly hatches all over Scandinavia in the summer and traveled the world in our off season to hunt for big trout in Montana and New Zealand. In my mind, we had the perfect life with an intense focus on fly fishing. We even got engaged on a river in New Zealand

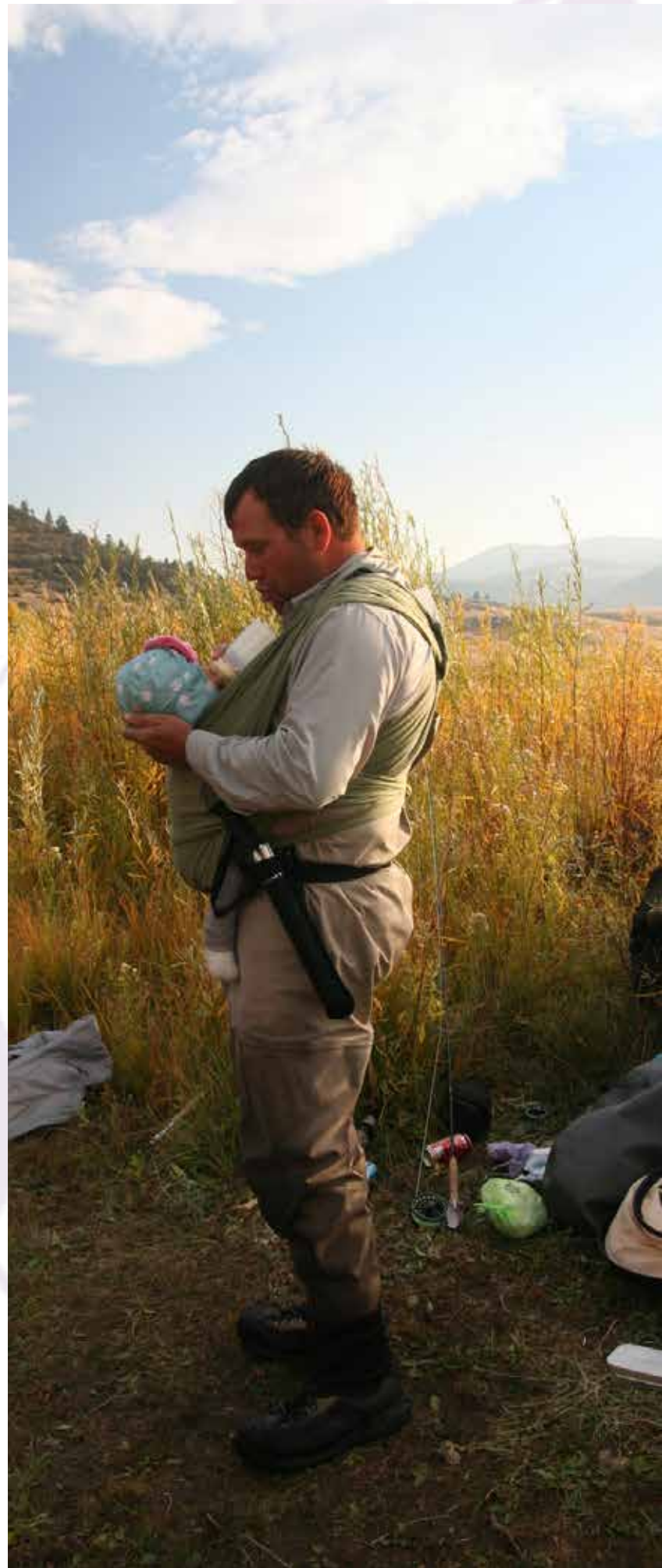
and honeymooned on the Bahamas with DIY bonefishing. I guess that the bells of the biological alarm clock had been ringing for so long while we were off fishing that the sound had blended into the background noise of my life and I had forgotten all about it.

The blue markings brought the bells right back to my frontal lobe and filled the space in my ears that used to hold the screaming of fly reels. My primitive reptilian brain even went through the fight and flight debate before I realized that parenthood was the only way for me to be able to keep fishing my brains out and not lose my fantastic wife. So I followed the drill for dramatic events, "breathe normally and put on your own mask before helping others." The first days as a father I tried to figure out who had caught who and eventually I realized that my little girl had caught me and she had no intention of releasing me, so it was time to try to change the way I relate to my hobby.



Our laid-back fly fishing-obsessed selves were in for a major nose dive into adulthood and our fishing buddies were placing bets on how long it would take before the rods were on craigslist. We made it 6 days as serious adults before we had to go fishing. So, we dressed the baby up in homemade waders (can you believe they don't make waders in size infant?) and headed for the nearest creek. Those 45 minutes of fly fishing were a real epiphany for us. "Heeey, this is doable even with a baby!"

What better to do during your maternity leave than take your husband and baby (meaning man and daughter, not man and baby being the same person) on an 8 week road trip in the western USA? We decided that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity to go fishing and still get paid, so we booked flights from Oslo to Denver in September of 2012 and rented an RV the size of a standard Scandinavian apartment and fished our way from Denver to Fort Smith and back. We had to make some changes in our standard routine and make equipment changes to make room for the baby sling where our chest-packs used to be, but all-in-all things worked out great. We fished 5 states, 16 rivers and spent 51 nights riverside in our RV (a real luxury upgrade from the tent we normally use).





Epic fishing trips have a cunning way of changing from a “once in a lifetime” to a really expensive habit. You simply have to go again. We started saving for the next trip before we left Denver and we made it back to Montana in October 2014 and 2015. In 2015, the financial situation dictated that we had to rough it up a notch and use our tent instead of an RV, but that worked out fine. We spent the summers of 2014 and 2015 back-country fly fishing north of the arctic circle in Norway, so our daughter had plenty of experience with camping in not-so-pleasant weather. With a good sleeping bag and wool clothes, camping in 16F is no problem for a 3 year-old. Just make sure mom has warm feet and you’ll be fine!

For years other fly anglers have asked me “why do you bring your wife when you go fishing?”





I don't **bring** my wife, we fish together and share the joys and frustrations of trout fishing. To me fishing with Solvor is not like driving with the handbrake on, it's more like driving with two feet on the gas pedal. She sees the world through a different lens than I do and often sees opportunity and trout where I do not. Most importantly she fishes because it is fun. For me, it is great to get a way from the "my-fish-is-bigger-than-yours" mentality and just fly fish for the pure fun of it. Fishing with a baby can still be quite controversial. We have seen guides run their boats aground because they could not believe that a mom was walking the river bank with a fly rod and a stroller. The way I relate to fly fishing has changed since we started bringing our daughter, I used to think that fly fishing was the toughest most difficult and hard core hobby a dude could have, but she made me realize that it is just a combination of back-packing and rhythmic gymnastics. This was of course a disappointing realization at first and meant that I had to change my view of myself. The up-side is that fly fishing is no extreme sport and anyone can enjoy it!



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Kids love being outdoors but just like grownups they only enjoy it when they are dry, warm and happy. Starting slow and easy is the key in any new undertaking, so we started with a 45 minute trip to the local creek and gradually increased the distance and longevity of the trips. My daughter turns 5 in May and has been on three trips to the USA, spent three summer holidays canoeing north of the arctic circle in Norway and lots of weekends in tents and cabins all over Scandinavia. But, don't think that bringing a kid or a baby won't change anything, it will, but with the right attitude and some adjustments fly fishing does not need to be a past hobby.





Our top tips for fly fishing with kids:

- 1:** Don't confuse baby formula and dry fly powder, that will sink your dries!
- 2:** Choose easy access rivers. You will be hauling a lot more stuff so do yourself a favor and don't haul it too far into the bush.
- 3:** If you want to get in to the back country, get a canoe. It is much easier to paddle remote creeks in the back country lakes than to hike with all the gear needed.
- 4:** Don't bring a lot of toys. Kids love to play with sticks and stones.
- 5:** Don't forget the pacifier. That will hurt your fishing more than not bringing your fly boxes!
- 6:** Use a baby sling to carry babies, that way you have both arms free. Use a child carrier from age 1 year.
- 7:** Get your kid a pair of kid's waders, not for wading but for staying dry.
- 8:** Remember why you fly fish. It's for fun.
- 9:** Let the kids take part in the fun. From age 3 our daughter has been netting the fish. She is super excited and so proud, but you have to accept that some might get away, **so don't let them net the trophies.**



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ICE JAMS



This has nothing to do with that delicious freezer jam or favorite winter tune. Ice Jams are an annual occurrence where rivers freeze over and break up during spring runoff. Large "bergs" clog bends or narrowings of rivers and can be backed up in a river for miles. With consistent water pressure flowing into these natural ice dams, eventually the power of water causes the river to elevate along with the ice chunks and push itself out of its banks if the ice jam does not break free of its own accord or with human intervention.

At flood stage, an ice jam becomes a very dangerous scrubbing process. The river at this point ends up being reshaped. Any natural or man-made creation in harm's way will be damaged or even demolished by the sharp scouring ice along with frigid, flooding waters. If you have ever wondered how tree trunks by the river get such bad wounds, so high up, it's easy to imagine after knowing how ice jams work.

Much is unknown about the exact combination of events which cause ice jams other than they occur after winter's freeze. Studies today are being done on riparian trees. Each ice scouring occurrence is recorded in the cambium layer (live skin area of a tree) annually. It is interesting to note they have a backlog of history and can follow trends, then attempt to match it up with weather. Many tree ring studies in Canada are concentrating on typical ice jam locations to see if they can find a

predictable recipe for ice jams to help prevent costly damage and flooding to towns.

Today several engineering attempts are in place to try to control these ice jams; everything from sculpting the river banks to re-enforcing the bends with large rocks drilled into the bankside, and even a really ingenious concrete barricade system spanning across a river like the ram barricades you see at the entrance of store fronts. The concrete pillars are anchored to the bottom of the river bed and protrude above water enough to allow the straining of large ice chunks, which keeps the river from jamming. If the water were to rise quickly, the barricades just get submerged by water. At the same time, water flows freely, fish migrate without hindrance and boaters are not inhibited by the structure.

Whether you did or did not want to know about ice jams today, you have to admit it's a unique thing to be able to stand in a river, mid summer, fishing away and pausing to actually see and imagine the history the river has around it. Keep your eyes open and stay curious.

Above: Ice breaking apart in big chunks

Right: An ice jam



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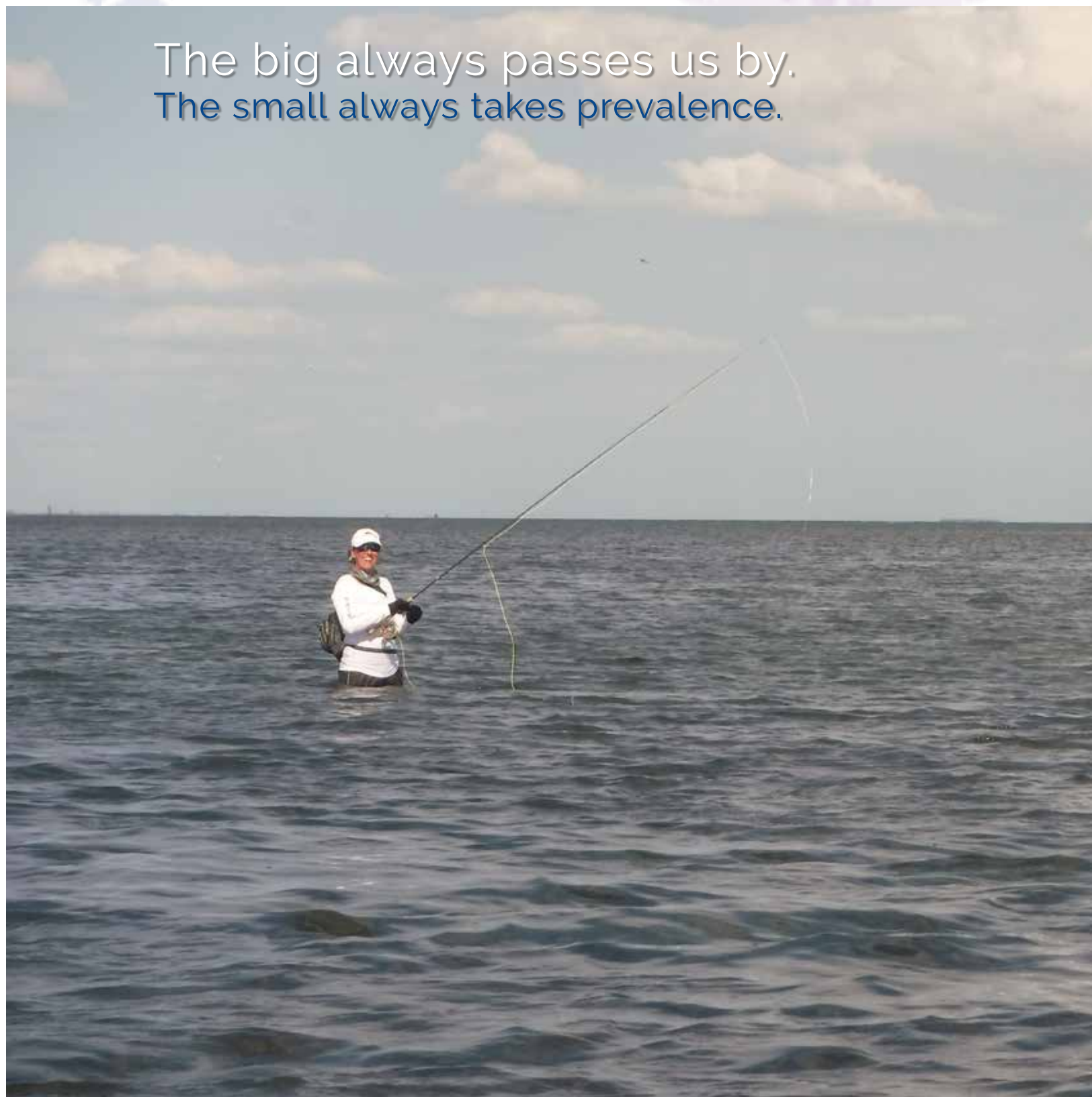




The Real Reel

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The big always passes us by.
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We all want to be part of something new, something big, something important. But when we get there, these are the things that elude us. The big always passes us by. The small always takes prevalence. For me, life has been filled with almost too many ups and downs. It took me my entire lifetime to find my happy. However, I saw it, knew it and felt it years ago. It was the first time I went fishing as an adult. And when that fly rod was handed to me, I knew I was home. For it wasn't just the remembering of a lifetime of fishing that got me, not even the fish that I caught that day. It was the life and love that I had found within my own loop that brought me home. Something so small, the perfect circle, something you never think of. But the sound of the loop when it reaches its full potential, is the big I had always been looking for.

I hadn't fished at all as a young adult or even into my early adulthood, but I knew the moment I heard that noise, that I had found what I was supposed to do. We focus so much of our time on our mistakes, on our sadnesses, our failures. And we forget to remember the perfection of our happy. Where were you? Were you alone when the biggest moment of your life happened? And it is a profound moment that we should share with others. Were you by yourself?





Up, down, in, out and around. These are the things that we strive for, but never achieve. However, isn't it the thing we always want most that is so far away? There was always a sadness to me, my talents hidden, my smile far away, my graces not known. And when that sweet sound of the loop passed my ear and the sun hit just right, it was golden. And over the years, as it became tighter, I knew this is what I wanted to do. You see, I never wanted to be a fly fisherman. It never even entered my mind. But when something so profound, as hearing your own being, flying by your ear, touching god on the way up and down; you finally know that it was that thing you always knew how to do, but never understood.

To this day, some of my favorite times, are during my casting lessons. To help someone else find their loop is amazing. And when I hear their loop for the first time, after hours of casting, it is something that brings life. Sometimes there are tears, sometimes there are high fives. But really, it's a joy to teach others what brought and what brings me peace

within my own loop. And then to watch my students as they pass their loop onto their own children; is really what it's about. This is what the perfection of the loop, in the end, is all about.



We all want to be a part of something big, something new, something real. But who knew it would be the real in my own loop. My own perfection, my perfect circle, my calling and my life wrapped up all in one. These are the moments that we should remember. These are the moments that make us, us. And they allow us to understand why we strive for the things that we do. It is the smallest of moments that become the real reel in the end. And for all of these things, I am truly blessed.

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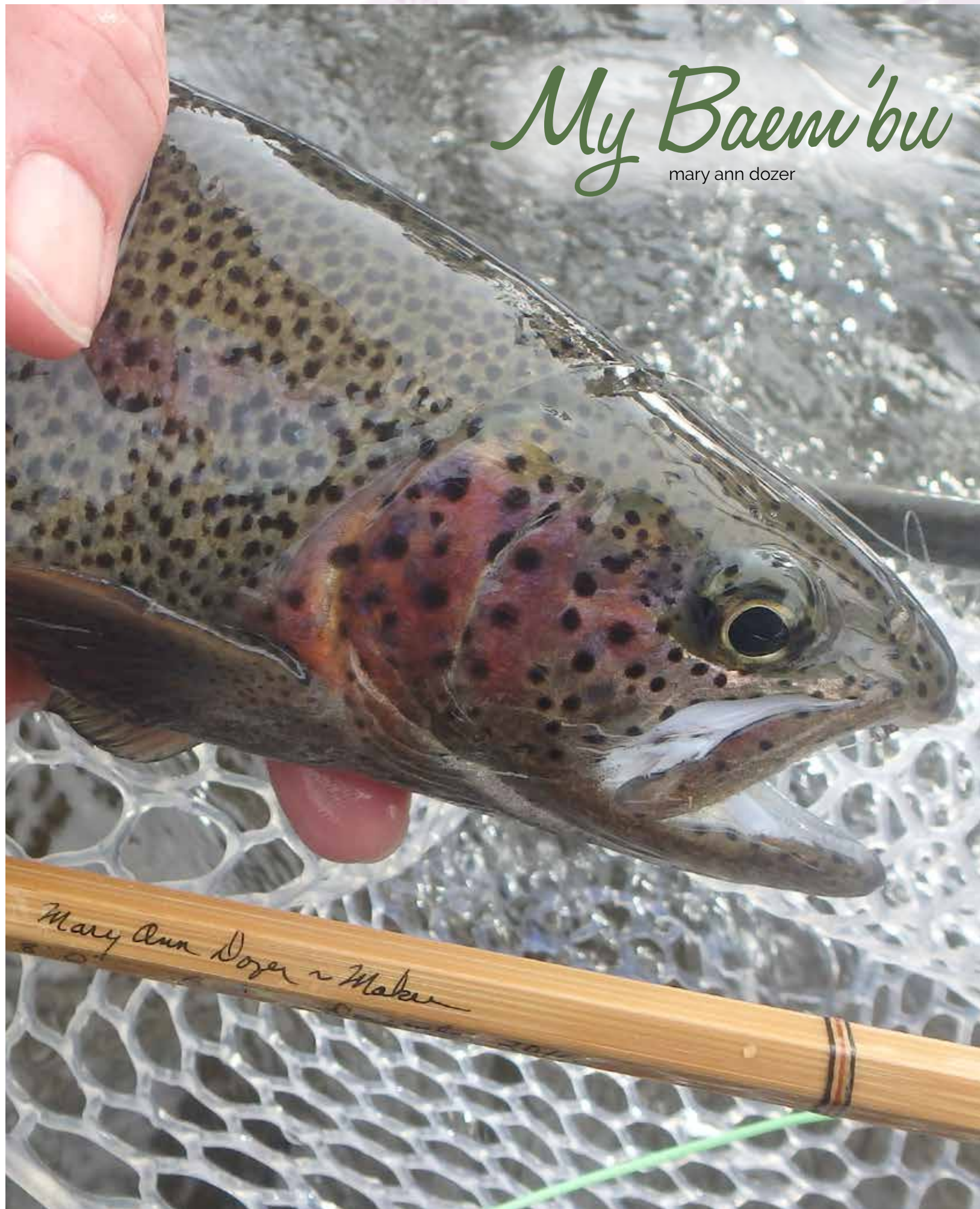


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My Baem'bu

mary ann dozer

For over a decade, I observed as my husband crafted the bamboo fly rods I so much love to fish. This winter I embarked on a pursuit to craft my own bamboo fly rod. Oh my goodness!

I had no idea how much fun it would be and how much intricacy there was to building a bamboo fly rod. Beginning on this page and for the next few pages you will be taken on a photo essay of my bamboo rod building pursuit. And, of course, my first fishing pursuit with my new rod in hand. I can only hope that my words and pictures give you a sampling of how intriguing and rewarding this pursuit was for me personally.

Selecting and Cutting the Bamboo Culm



Who would have thought picking out a couple of pieces of bamboo would be so perplexing, but it was important to choose two pieces with minimal blemishes and with a similar color tone. The first step serves as the foundation for the overall look of the rod.





Splitting the Bamboo into Strips

Precision was necessary to determine "where" to start the split. Bonk! Bonk! Bonk! – nothing gentle about starting the split. Once the split was started it was a gentle push to encourage the bamboo to split along its natural fibers. Like managing a drift boat floating with the current, an occasional nudge to the left or right was necessary.



Heat Treating and Sanding

Now this step was intimidating. The intent is to heat up the bamboo strips to remove any residual moisture. All I could think of was lighting a strip on fire! My fear, although real, was unfounded. The strips heated up nicely and stiffened up the bamboo.

Straightening and Beveling Strips

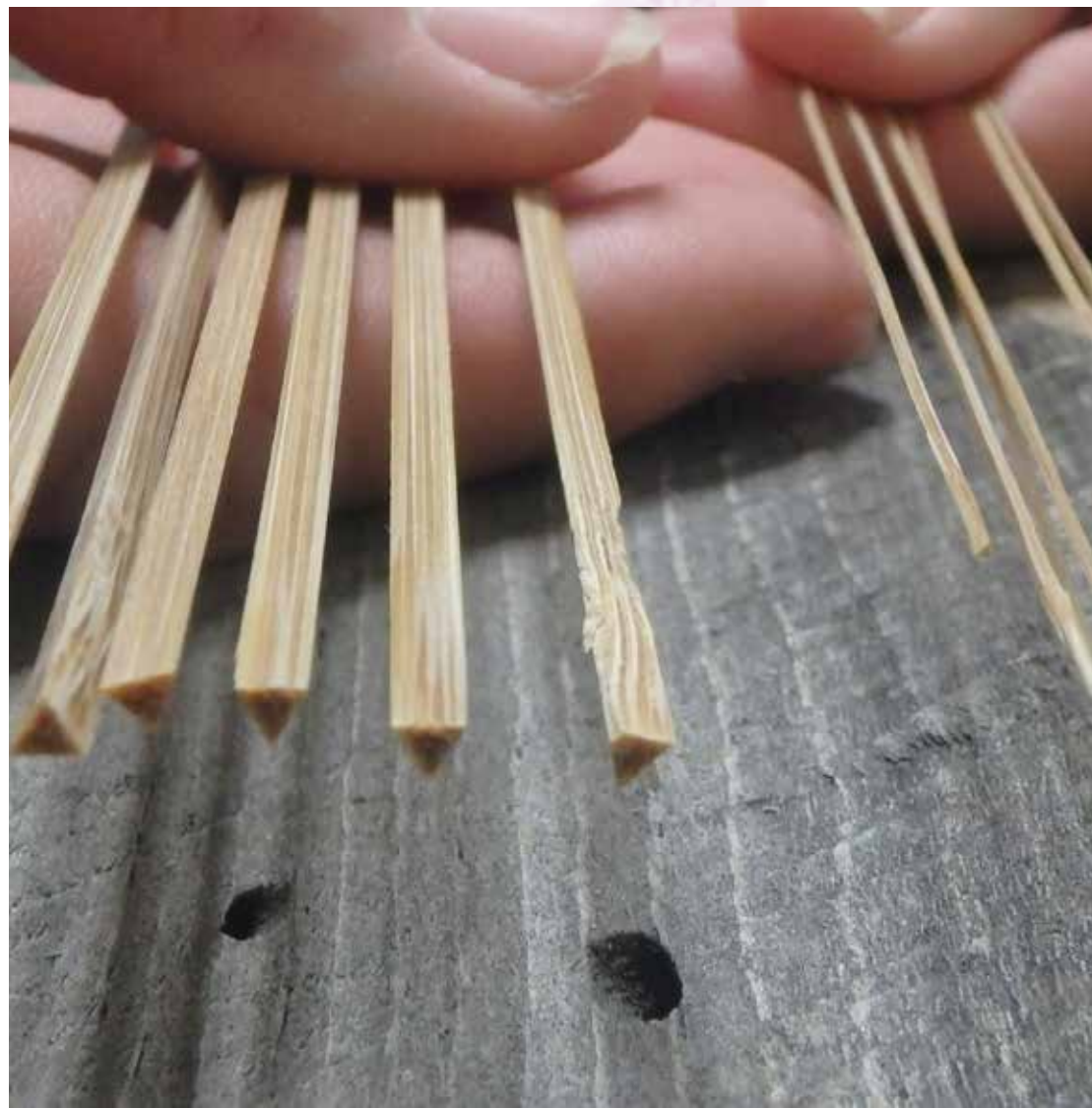
Wow, the whir and buzz of the beveller was thrilling. I now get the high from hearing the noise of shop tools. Yes, sound muffs were necessary. Each pass shaved off 0.024 inch. Amazing transformation from rough bamboo strips to a precise triangular shape ready for planing.



Planing Bamboo Strips

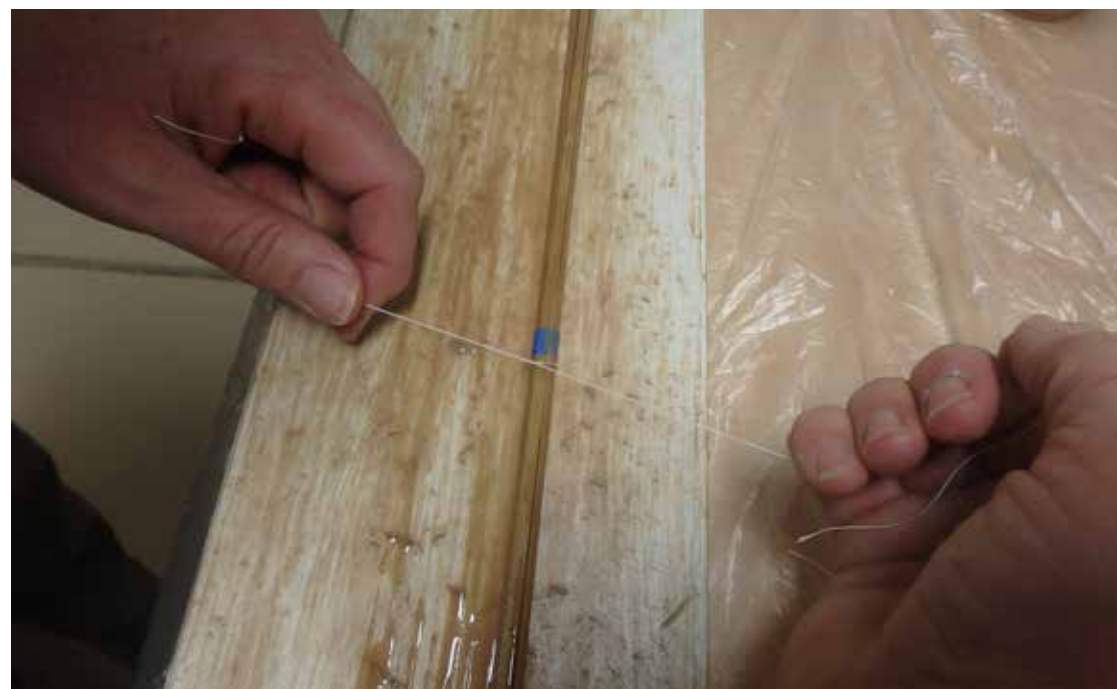
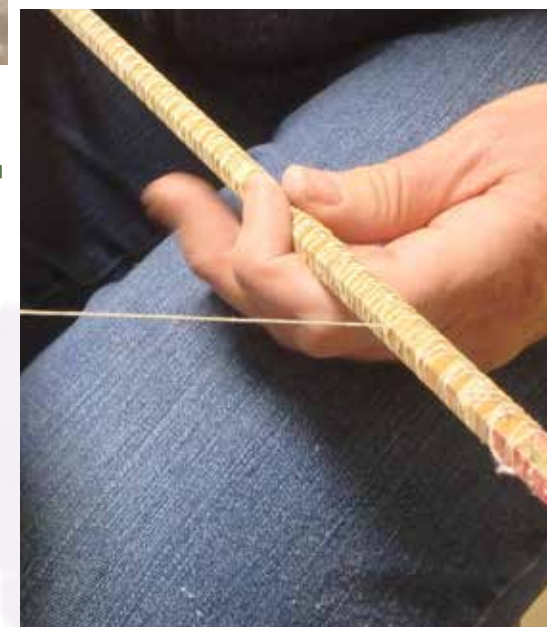
While planing I discovered a new depth of my obsessive compulsive nature. I made sure each strip was planed to perfect dimensions. I loved the precision and mechanical nature of setting the depth of the planing form. The hand planing; who would have thought it was a form of meditation. Which each swipe a 0.001 inch of material was removed. After many hours of meditative hand planing, I was disappointed that I was finished!





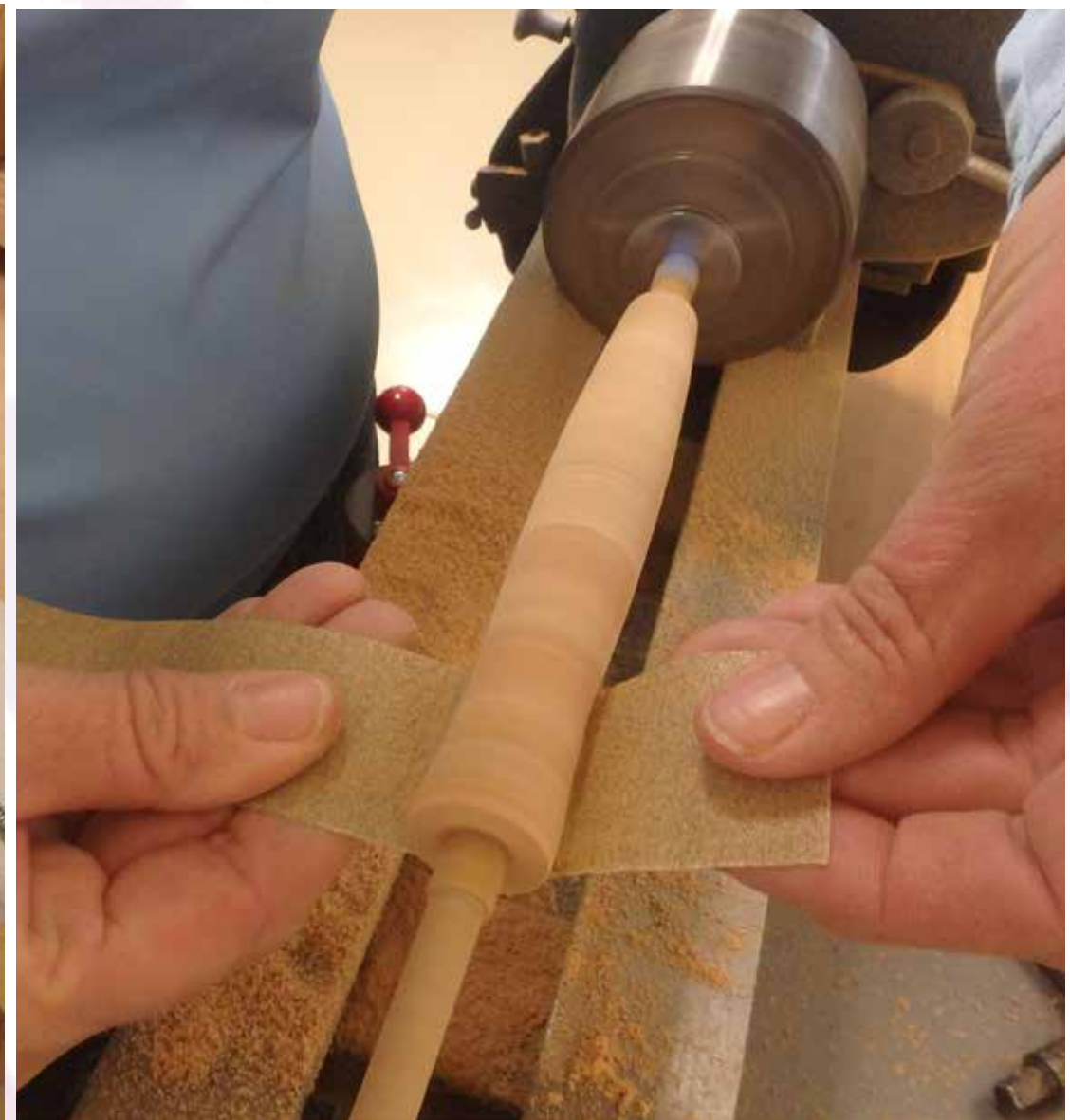
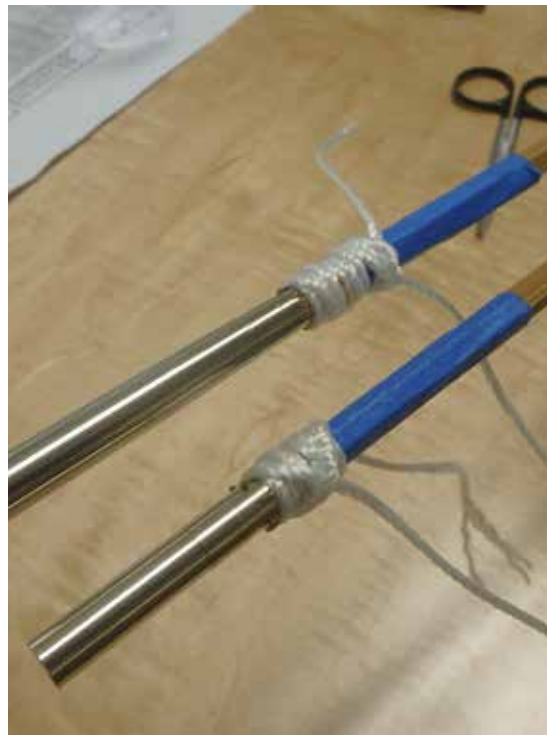
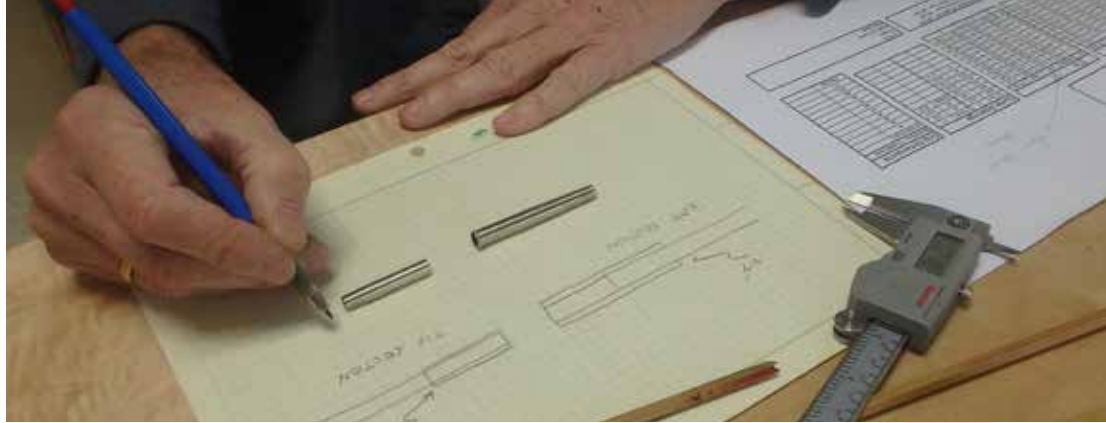
Gluing Strips

So much for meditation. Gluing up the separate pieces into distinct butt and tip sections was intense. First, the glue needed to be applied quickly but not too thick or thin. Then these sticky & gluey pieces had to be rolled into their final hexagonal shape. Lastly, quick work was required to send each piece through the binder. Whew, I was glad when that was done. After drying overnight, it was back to the meditative aspects of removing the bindings and residual glue.



Fitting and attaching the ferrules

What a complex set of steps to put two ferrules on! I now have a new appreciation for the complexity of those two metal pieces that make my butt and tip section one.



Building and installing the cork grip

Back to the workshop and the lathe to rough and finely sand the cork grip. Looking like a bamboo fly rod that will fit perfectly in my hand.

Finishing the rod sections and attaching the guides

Wow, now this was a moment to take a deep breath... as I watched Dave inscribe my name, Mary Ann Dozer, as the maker for the rod. Deep breath, a sense of pride and accomplishment! With each application of a rub-on varnish I found myself getting impatient wanting to forge ahead. Why? Because my rod was really looking like a rod and I wanted to fish it.

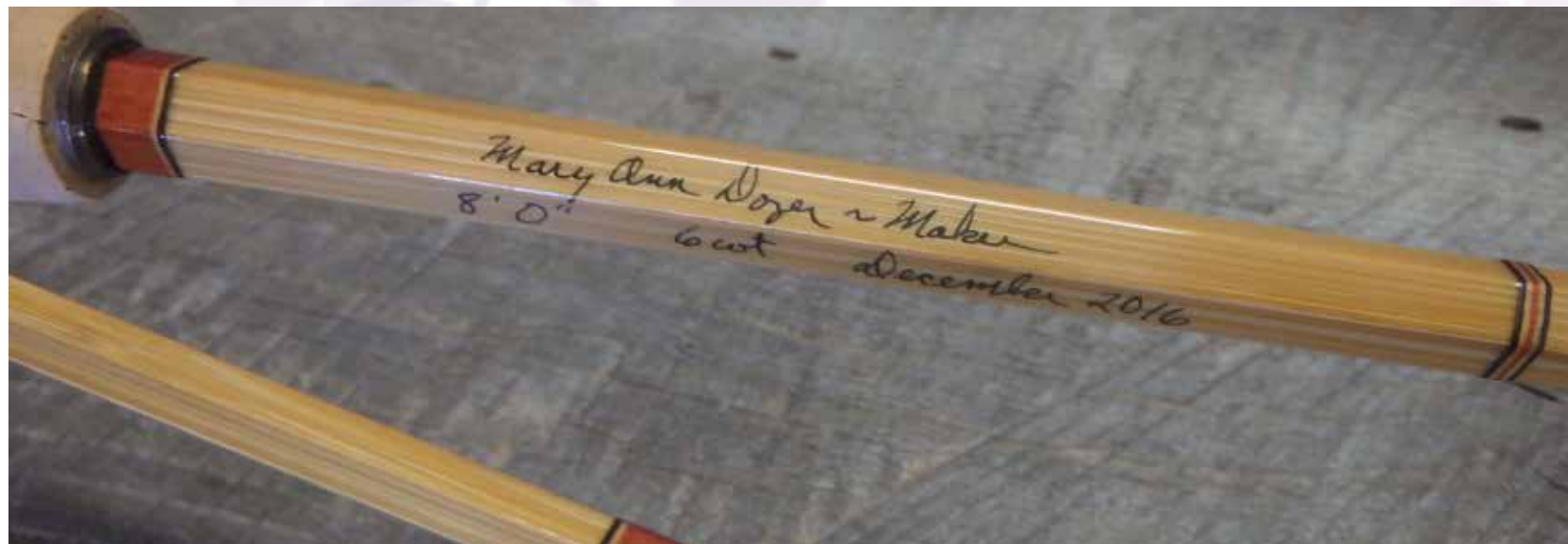
Wrapping the guides produced two diametrically opposed emotions. One emotion was the meditative process of five wraps and then pack... five wraps and then pack. The other emotion was the pressure of ensuring each wrap was perfect, as I know all rod makers check the quality of the wraps. And yes, another opportunity for my obsessive compulsive side to emerge. I lost count on the number of re-wraps.





Final Polishing of the rod

WOW, almost unbelievable. A final polish to spiff up the rod and it's finished, ready for the water. What a pursuit! So many emotions; fun, intimidating, energizing, meditative, impatience, patience, and lastly pride. Voila! Let me introduce to you "My Bamboo Rod", and I emphasize the "My".



Fishing My New Bamboo Rod

Anglers talk about the joy of fishing the flies they tie and catching fish. Let me double that. Fishing my own crafted bamboo fly rod with a fly I tied. How cool is that?!



I started building my own build fly rod in December. In mid-February I landed my first fish with my "My Bamboo Rod". This entire pursuit, over many days and numerous hours, was a huge accomplishment and my heart is full of pride and joy. Never would I have guessed how much I enjoyed running the workshop tools and the fine hand work of planing and wrapping the bamboo rod. A fine tribute to the old adage, it's always important to challenge yourself and try new things. Some may dream and long for that week on a warm and sunny beach. Not me, I long and dream of building my next bamboo fly rod. Till then - I will relish every moment I fish it.



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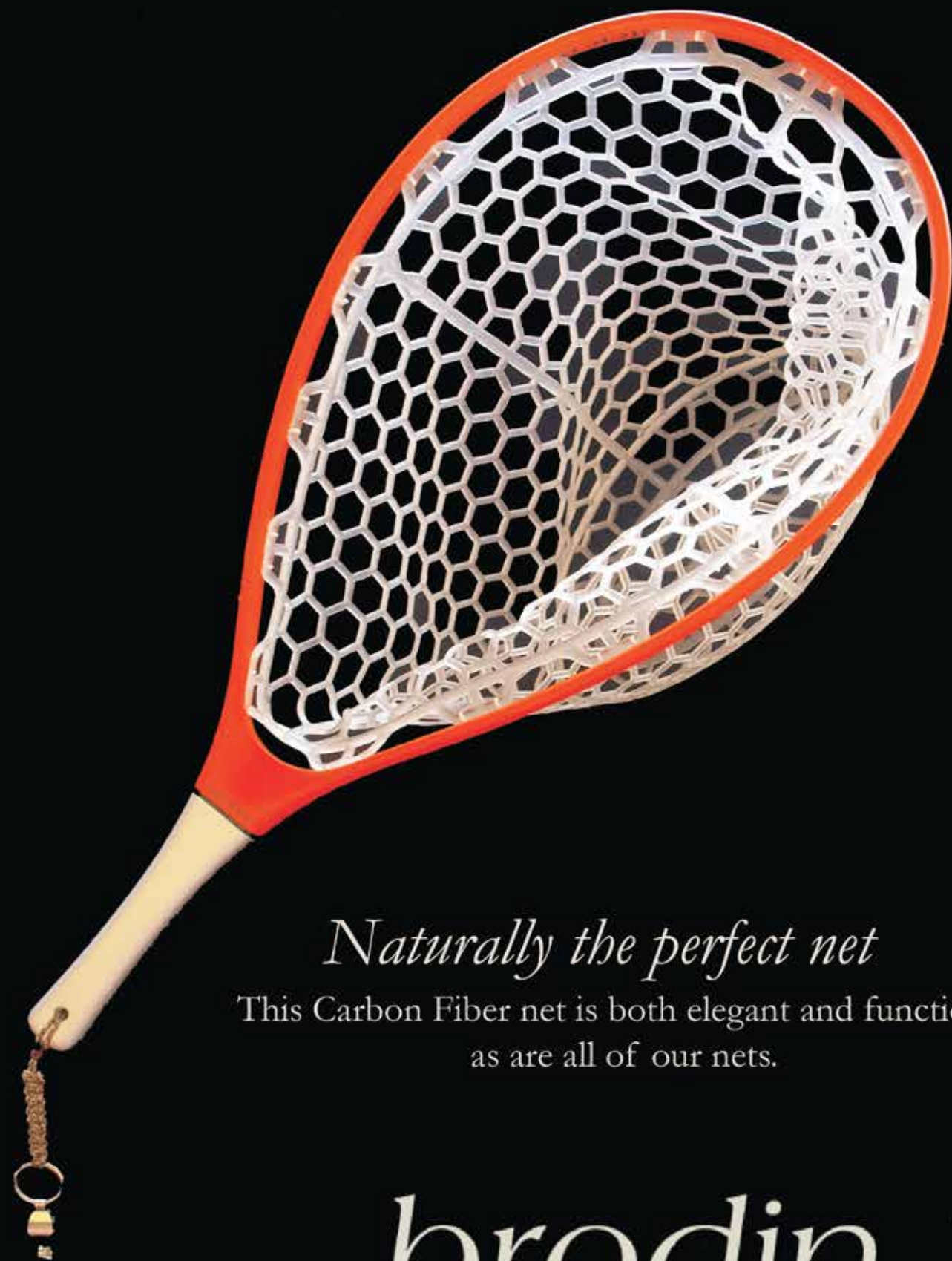
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The perfect rod

For exact long distance casting with a unique feel

Katka Švagrová
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What The Company Says

* The ground-breaking and innovative Free-Flex handle is designed on the basis of the logical principle that a rod's power potential is situated in the butt section of the blank.

*ArcticSilver ZENSE rods use the full power potential in the rod's lower section by letting the blank load inside a hollow handle. The Free-Flex handle allows the butt section of the blank to load with less energy – it's simple and it works!

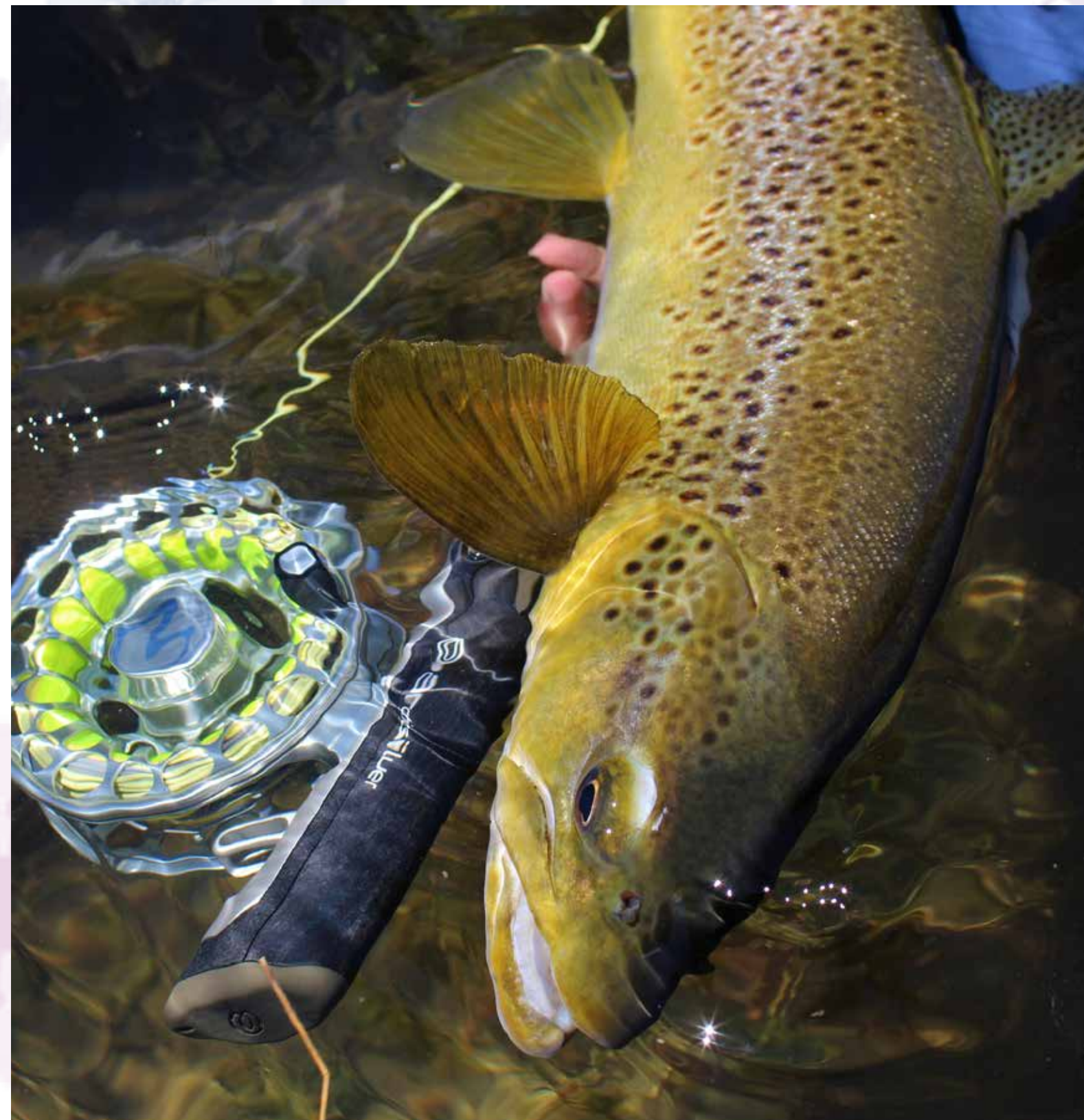
*ArcticSilver's Free-Flex rods represent a new category of fly rods making for a unique feeling, improved ergonomics, precision and effortless distance. The concept is protected by international patents.

My Thoughts

Before my trip to New Zealand I got a new Zense rod to test in hard New Zealand conditions. There is no better place in the world where you can put your freshwater rod into more complex conditions.

It's not only because these fish are super powerful, it is also because they are so spooky. They don't give you a single chance to make a mistake. Your casting has to be exact. Your fly has to fall gently on the surface, and for sure the rod has to have enough power to fight with New Zealand's beasties. Sometimes you have to cast a longer distances without losing precision.

After few days of testing, I realized that I found all of that in the new Zense rod.



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Another nice surprise came up when I got my first New Zealand brown trout on the rod. I remember the evening well. I was quite disappointed from an all day tour without any fish (weather was just bad and rivers were pretty high). We were preparing our tents for a simple dinner and a good night's rest, when I decided to walk down to river to wash my dirty waders.

It was a magical evening; the sun was slowly disappearing behind the horizon, sandflies were biting like a hell ... and then I saw him. A big brown trout was sitting behind a rock, rising from time to time. I quickly crouched to the ground, my heart pounding, and for a few seconds I didn't know what to do. I felt like a little girl lost somewhere in the New Zealand jungle. That trout just looked sooo big. But, soon I came to my senses and grabbed the new rod.

I took my Zense rod and the game began. My friend Petr navigated my cast from the bank. It took maybe 20 casts until the brown finally rose for my nymph. Hook set and I finally felt the free flex feeling. The blank blended more freely when I was fighting the fish and the contact with the fish was so sensitive. This rod helped me catch my first New Zealand brown! What a magic moment!



Final Verdict

My super dynamic combo was the new Zense model from ArcticSilver Innovation in the 9.6 foot, 6 wt, Einarsson Plus reel and RIO gold floating line, which made the perfect combo to feel the pure New Zealand brown and enjoy every second on the water.

All Zense ArcticSilver fly rods blanks are covered by a lifetime warranty and they are made from the most recent high-end (46T) Nano-Carbon material. Quick lock system will facilitate and speed up the exchange of your reel. Even though the handle looks heavy, in fact the handle is really light and at the same time very powerful and able to endure a strong fight.

This rod was everything that I expected and what I required for my New Zealand trip. I would suggest this rod to every fly angler who likes a modern design and who is not afraid of new things. You will not be disappointed.

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Thanks Katka for her contribution to this edition of DUN Magazine.



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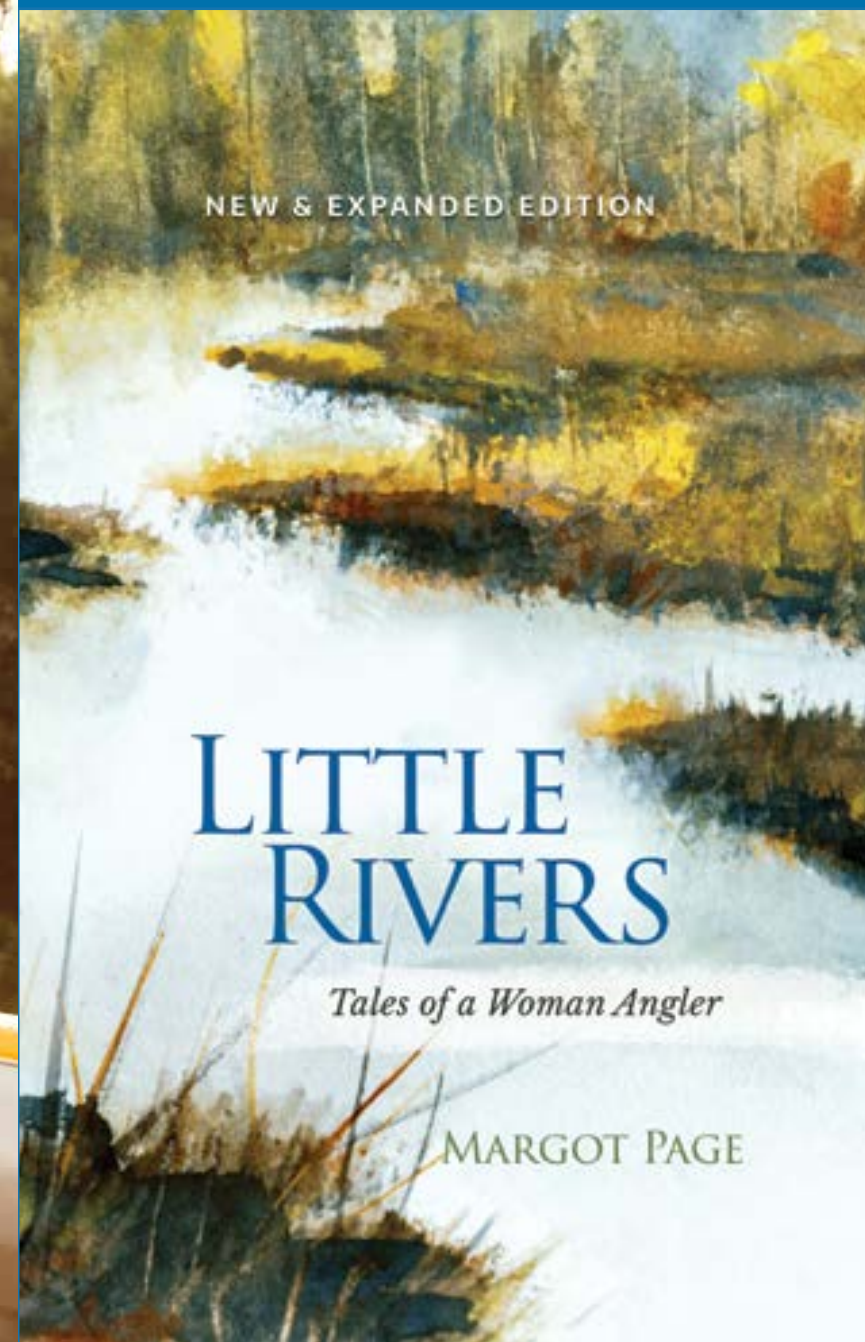
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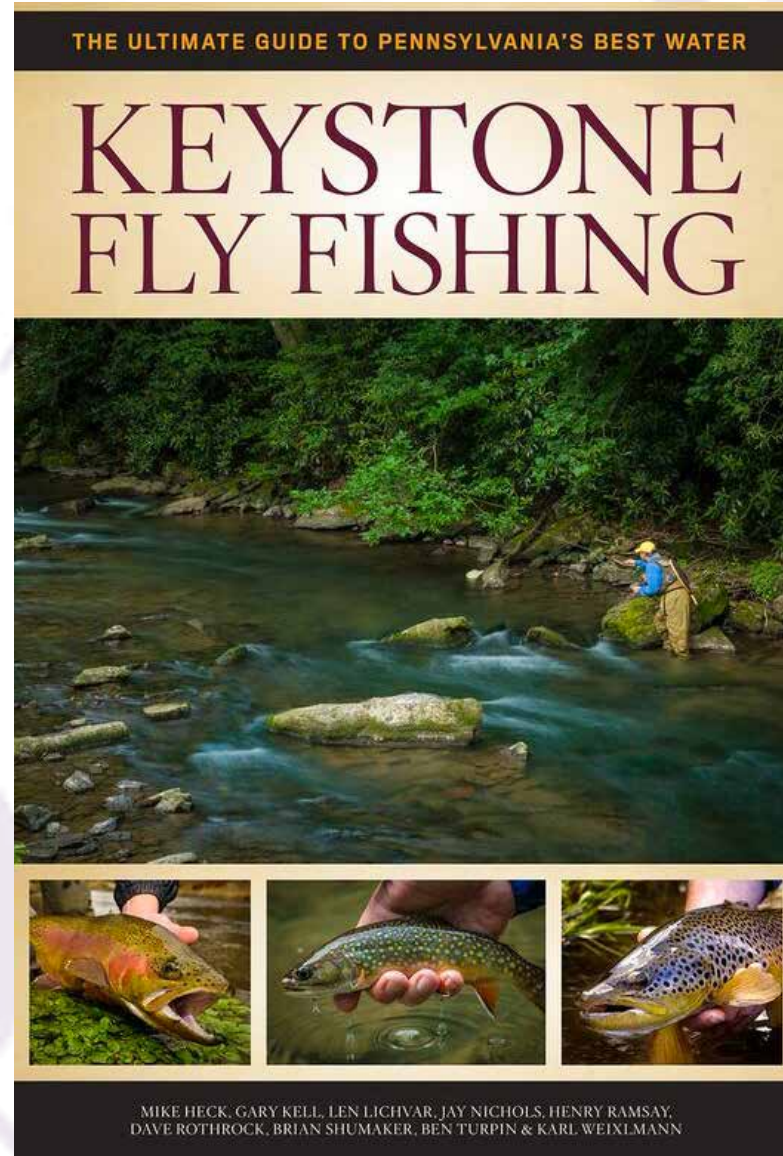


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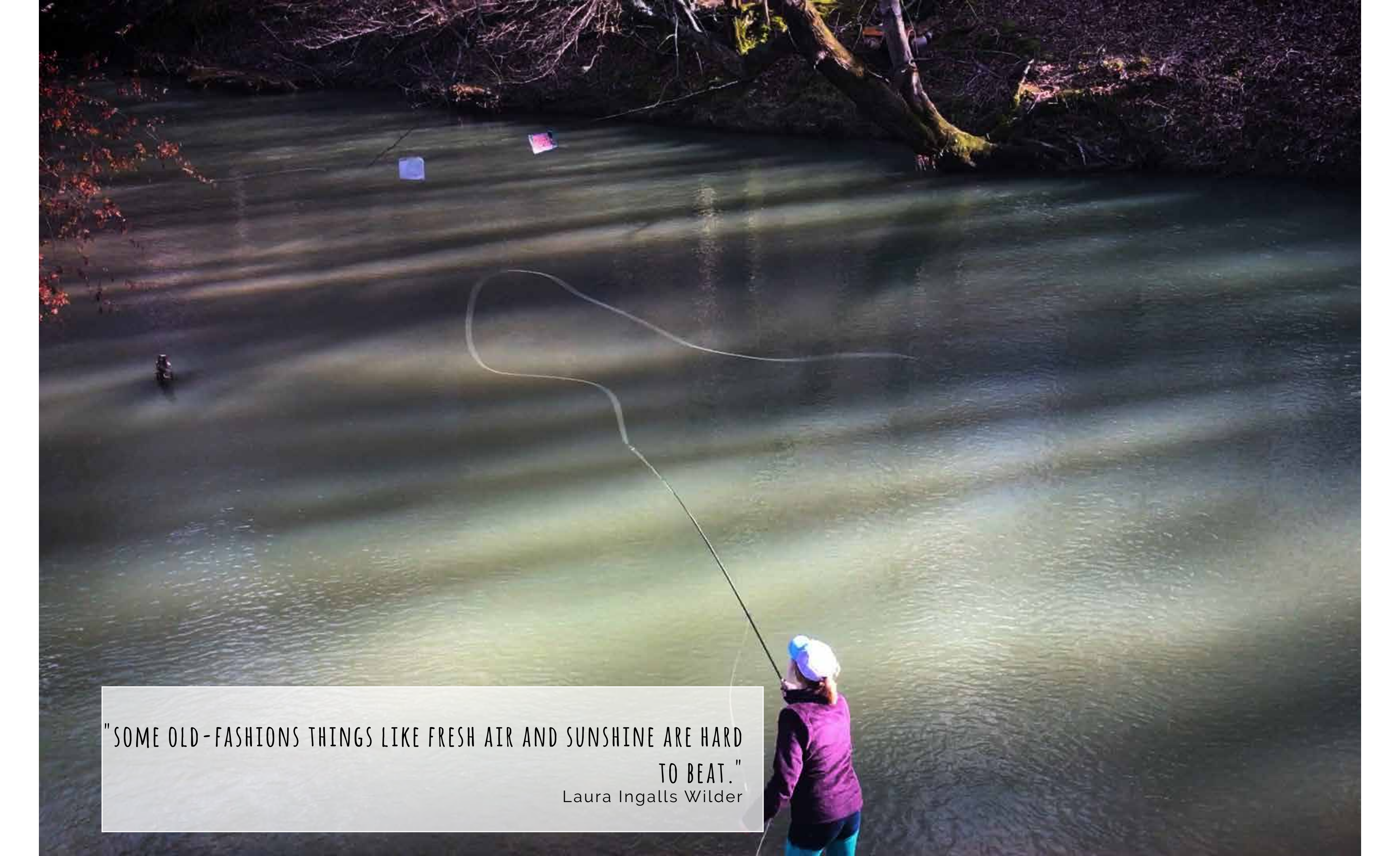
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