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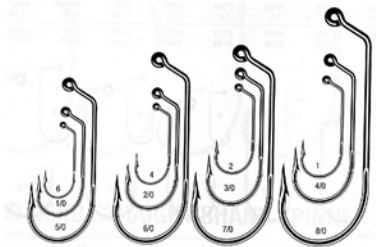


Conventional casting vs. Fly casting

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If you call yourself a fisherman or fisherwoman, you might be a Conventional caster or a Fly caster. Better yet, you might be both.

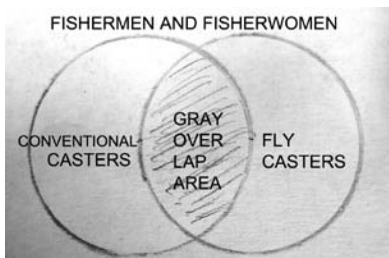
A Conventional caster casts weighted baits usually 1/32 ounces or heavier. A fly caster usually is cast a fly that weights almost nothing unless they are casting a jig fly which might weight 1/100 ounces. There h are many differences between the two. Just one example is the Conventional caster's 60 degree jig hooks, sizes 8/0 to 6.



The Fly caster's 60 degree jig hooks sizes 10 to 18.



I believe that there is a gray over lap area between the Conventional caster and the Fly caster. In this area the two different casters may start sharing information and ideas. And maybe, they will become both, a Conventional and Fly caster.



I remember going night fishing at Taneycomo. I had my fly rod but the

they were running water and fly fishing was not going to work. But I had my spinning rod (Conventional caster) and a few crank baits. That night I caught 5 walleyes, 2 rainbows and 2 browns, all over 20 inches.

Another time I went to Stockton Lake to fish for white bass. The wind was blowing much too hard to use my fly rod, so out with my Conventional caster. We caught over 20 white bass in 2 hours.

As a fly fisherman, there are times when I would like to get my fly down on the bottom. Unless I am using a big heavy fly, that is not going to happen. But a Conventional caster can get their baits on the bottom.

The Sowbug (Lead fly) because of its weight will get me down on the bottom. The idea came from a Conventional caster. With the Sowbug on the bottom I can tie on a drop fly to the hook or tie on loop on the Sowbug and have that to tie on the dropper fly.



If an extra eye was added to this Sowbug,



now the Conventional caster could tie on a fly to the extra eye and fish with a fly at the State Trout Parks. (Weight 1/8 oz.)

My grandson, who is a Conventional caster, has a hard time as a Fly caster. But by adding Sowbug to my grandson's Conventional casting equipment and tie on a fly, we are both fly fishing.

A Conventional caster will use a 1/8, 3/32 and 1/16 oz marabou jig with a grim reapers tail for White Bass and Trout. Fly caster can copy that fly with 1/32, 1/64, 1/80 and 1/100 oz jig and have the same success.



What else can these two casters share?

If maybe we learned to do both, Conventional and Fly casting, we would be a better fisherman or a better fisherwoman? We would be fishing more. Maybe we can convert a fishing person to fly fishing person.

What do you think? Let me know.

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