



Warm Welcome

Will Michener is a recent graduate of Valparaiso University in Indiana. Will received a Bachelor of Finance degree. He initially joined the W&A team in January of 2021 as an intern and, after a few short weeks, Will transitioned into a full-time role of Junior Wealth Management Planner. He has begun his Series 65 study program and will eventually begin working towards his Certified Financial Planning (CFP) credentials.



During his internship, Will worked as our Director of First Impressions at the front desk while also working with every team member to learn the intricacies of the firm's daily operations. As he transitions into his full-time position, he will be working closely with Cindy Alvarez and Eleni Yeros to help foster relationships with both current and new clients. He will be responsible for designing financial plans, updating existing plans, assisting with onboarding processes, creating portfolio allocations, and will continue being a team player in assisting others where it is needed. Will is looking forward to building new relationships with clients and bestowing confidence through financial planning.

Will ran on both cross country and track teams at Valparaiso University. He participated in the 8K for cross country, the 1500M Run, and the 3000M Steeplechase in track. During his free time, Will loves to ski, enjoy the outdoors, watch sports with his friends, discover new music, and is always looking for a great spot to grab a bite to eat. Please join us in welcoming Will to our Wambolt Team.

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Fly of the Month · April 2021



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Streamers - for most fly fishers they either love them or are intimidated and frustrated by them. These big flies imitate baitfish, leeches, crayfish, or minnows and specialize in catching the biggest, baddest meat-eaters in the river! More technical than your standard dry fly or nymph pattern, to fish streamers to their greatest effect you'll need to learn how to rig and fish them properly. The goal of this multi-part series on streamers is to equip you with the know-how to fish your fly box's biggest bugs like a pro! Let's start with the gear you will need and how to rig your streamers.



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FLY OF THE MONTH • MPMD NYMPH • SIZE 16

A mayfly nymph from another mother, the MPMD Nymph is one of Ascent's "secret weapons". This Pale Morning Dun Mayfly Nymph is one we pull out when trout become wary of more common patterns and we're looking to turn the day around! This fly pattern is unweighted and is an active swimmer as it drifts along the bottom of the river. Give it a try and we'll accept the fish pics you post as our thank you for turning you onto this great fly pattern!



Dry/Wet: Wet | **Fly Category:** Generalist Pattern, True-Fly Pattern

Family: Mayflies | **Species:** Cahill, Pale Morning Dun, Pale Evening Dun

| **Life Stage:** Nymph, Emerger

Fly Fishing with Streamers – Part I: Rigging

By: Peter Stichter

Rods

Due to the weight and wind resistance of these large fly patterns, streamers are best fished with fly rods varying in weight from a 5-7 weight for most trout patterns, 6-9 weights for bass and northern pike patterns, and 7-12 weight when you are chasing saltwater species. The benefit of the heavier weight rods is their stiffer graphite will cast these big patterns with energy-saving ease, while giving you greater control and range. **Heavy rods excel at casting these heavy flies!**

Rod position

Arm extended, rod tip pointing at your streamer, and rod tip low to the water.

Fly Line, Leader, & Tippet

While there are streamer specific fly lines, using your standard weight forward floating line, a sinking line or a sinking tip line can all be effective when getting started with streamers. More important than the type of fly line you are starting out with is the length and weight of the leader or tippet you use. **When fishing streamers it is important to go short and heavy.** Instead of throwing away your tired and worn tapered leaders, you

can cut them down to 4' – 5' before tying them directly into your streamer. If you don't have a leader to cut down, a 4' – 5' length of 0x-2x tippet will get the job done. **Using short, heavy lengths of tippet or leader will give you a quicker hookset while reducing the number of lost fish and flies.**

Knots

While the clinch knot is sufficient for your dry flies and nymphs, you'll need to up your game if you want to get the maximum action and movement out of your streamers. Our preferred knot when tying on a streamer is the *Non-Slip Loop Knot*. As opposed to cinching your line tightly to the eye of the hook- like with a clinch knot, the *Non-Slip Loop Knot* allows for free articulation and movement at the eye of the hook.

Steps for Tying a Non-Slip Loop Knot:

1. Start by making an overhand knot in your leader/tippet approximately 5-6" from the end.

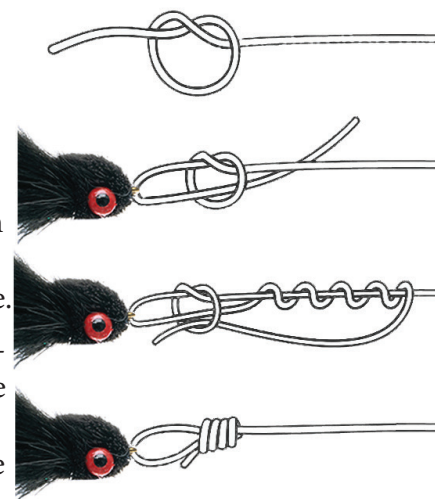
2. Pass the tag end through the hook eye and back through the loop of the overhand knot.

3. Wrap the tag end around the length of line 4 or 5 times before bringing the tag end back through the overhand knot, entering from the same side it exited from before.

4. Wet the knot before slowly pulling the tag end to loosely stack the wraps of the knot together. Then pull the loop and the standing line in opposite directions to firmly seat the knot.

5. Trim the tag end close to the knot.

Non-Slip Loop Knot



Rods, line, and rigging are just the beginning! Return next month as we delve into how to fish streamers. Rome wasn't built in a day and neither is learning to fish with streamers so hang with us!