

**EURO NYMPHING OVERVIEW:**

Euro nymphing is a short to medium range nymphing technique that provides a better dead drift fly presentation in technical, mixed current water than indicator/floating line methods commonly used in the west.

The technique involves suspending thin, light euro nymph line and leader above the water surface in order to avoid drag from the moving current. Suspending the line also provides the angler a more direct connection to the fly as slack line is greatly reduced. Strike detection and hooks sets are far superior.

**CASTING:**

Unlike traditional fly line, euro nymph line is too light to load the rod when casting. Instead, weighted flies are used to load the rod. Remove all the slack in the line when initiating the casting stroke in order to feel the fly's weight with the rod tip.

**ROD:**

Euro nymph rods are longer to extend reach. This helps to suspend the line above the water during a dead drift. They also have a softer tip section to aid in casting light line and weighted flies.

**REEL:**

Traditional reels with drag systems are often not needed when targeting trout under 22," or so. Instead, the lightweight Stinger without a drag will greatly improve arm reach, dead drifts and overall rod and line control.

**\*See MavrK casting videos and other useful tips on Youtube and at <https://www.mavrkusa.com/video-gallery>**

**USEFUL TIPS:****1) PRACTICE PULLING LINE OFF THE STINGER-**

Rotate rod to align the Stinger with your line hand (usually the left hand). Pull line straight off the Stinger spool with your line hand onto a clear area on the ground. Always align Stinger and line hand for easy line extraction.

**2) PRACTICE WINDING LINE ONTO THE STINGER-**

Pull all the line off the Stinger. Practice winding line back onto the Stinger slowly and carefully at first to familiarize yourself with this new hand motion. Repeat until it is a familiar movement. Soon you will be able to wind line onto your Stinger fast and easy.

**3) WINDING LINE AGAINST FAST CURRENT-**

Large flies and or fast current can make hand winding line onto the Stinger more difficult. If this is the case, strip your line in until your leader is close to your rod tip. With tension off your line you can easily wind line back onto the Stinger and exit the water.

**4) CASTING WITH A STINGER-**

If you are new to euro nymph casting, first practice in an open area using a weighted fly or split-shot. Start out with short "side to side" casts making sure to remove all the slack line between the rod and the fly. Gradually increase distance. \*Avoid hitting your rod with flies or split-shot. This can break your rod! Wear eye protection at all times.

**5) STINGER RED RUBBER BAND-**

The rubber band helps to secure line and flies to the Stinger spool when not in use. While fishing, store the rubber band on your wrist for easy access when finished.

**6) FIGHTING LARGE RUNNING FISH-**

If you need to let a big fish run to prevent a break off, allow the line to pass through the pinch finger and working hand and extract off the Stinger spool. Apply needed pressure to the line with your pinch finger to slow the fish and bring it under control. Steer the fish with side pressure.

Stinger Instructional Videos at:

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