



Phil Rowley on the OutBound Hover Line

When it comes to fly fishing stillwaters I have a decided preference toward slow sinking lines. It should come as no surprise that when I discovered the Outbound® hover line I made a point of adding it to my stillwater kit bag.

My Outbound hover met all expectations performing flawlessly in a variety of circumstances. When trout were chasing water boatman and backswimmers over long stemmed weeds in water less than seven feet deep my Hover line performed like magic. The line's 37.5 foot hover head shot a country mile yet sinks slow enough to allow me to retrieve my flies back to the boat without any hang-ups. In these circumstances the Outbound Hover is perfect for the 'washing line technique' consisting of a buoyant fly on the point and traditional patterns on one or more droppers, a great technique for presenting not only for boatman and backswimmer patterns but forage fish as well. Rio's integrated technology used on all of their Outbound® lines features a 37.5 foot head that is heavier than AFTMA standards. The end result is a line that covers distance like no other!

The Outbound® hover line is also an excellent chironomid line in water deeper than 15 feet, particularly on windy days. The hover portion of the line slices through the chop while the slow sink rate permits the snail paced retrieves necessary for success. Rio's Outbound® hover is perfectly suited for a variety stillwater situations, from 5-15 feet. I even put my 6 weight hover line to good use chasing coho and cutthroat trout along the beaches of Vancouver Island. It is one versatile performer.

I strongly recommend you consider an Outbound hover for your kit bag. I found the line such a pleasure to use that I added the type 3 full sink and clear intermediate as well.