



When All Else Fails – Tactics for Catching Trout on Slow Days

Jason Randall's presentation will help you the next time the fishing is tough. Most of us have had one of those days when nothing seems to work. When you've tried everything you can think of and you end up staring into your fly box for the tenth time that day looking for the magical answer?

The answer to catching fish on "slow" days lies not in a single fly selection. **Putting fish into your net lies in the sum of a lot of little adjustments.** Understanding the "why" of slow days offers insight on "how" to adapt as an angler. Jason's website: jrflyfishing.com

Jason was born in Morris, Illinois. His father introduced him to fishing, hunting and camping and his growing love of the outdoors led Jason to become an Eagle Scout when he was just 15. He attended veterinary school at the University of Illinois, served in the Army and then moved to Woodstock to start his practice. He is not only a veterinarian, but a veterinarian certified in fish health and medicine. He is also a member of the *World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association* and the *Society for Freshwater Science*.

Jason picked up a fly rod in 1983, but with no guidance or instruction, became frustrated with fly fishing and casting and didn't handle a fly rod again for almost a decade. It was, during a Colorado vacation, that a friend suggested they go fly fishing. Fortunately, they hired a guide who gave them casting instructions and solid, accurate advice. After these brief, though valuable lessons, Jason proceeded to catch several native trout and this experience, says Jason, hooked him on fly fishing for life.

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His books:

- ***Moving Water: A Fly Fisher's Guide to Currents***, (released in 2012) studies the effect of current on trout, their prey species and presentation, where vertical layers of current create drag and requires adjustments to improve nymph fishing success.
- ***Feeding Time: A Fly Fisher's Guide to What, Where and When Trout Eat***, (released in August 2013) focuses on matching your fishing strategies to the trout's feeding strategies, especially when targeting large trout.
- ***Trout Sense; A Fly Fisher's Guide to What Trout See, Hear and Smell*** offers anglers an opportunity to know more about the quarry sought.
- ***Nymph Masters: Fly Fishing Secrets from Expert Anglers***, combining secrets, tips and hints from some of the top nymph fishermen in the sport.

Temple Fork Outfitters (TFO) named Jason to their National Advisory Team to develop a new and innovative nymph fishing rod. In October, 2017 the '*Drift Rod*' was released to wide acclaim as the first truly convertible rod, changing in length from 9 to 12 feet.