

Combined Casts & Mends

Gordy,

One test story I've heard is that during the curve cast task Gary Borger asked the candidate if they could combine their curve cast with a slack line presentation. The candidate was unable to do so and, according to the story (and we all know how stories evolve), went so far as to say they didn't think it was possible. At this point Mr. Borger borrowed the candidate's rod and executed a curve and followed with a pile mend - the result, of course, was a curve cast with a slack line presentation. To be fair to the candidate they may have been so focused on the current task that they may have been thinking adding a mend to the curve cast wouldn't be allowed...

On another occasion I was doing a casting demonstration and showing some of the things you can do with a fly line as opposed to gear that uses "unweighted" line, i.e. curve casts, mends, parachute casts, etc. I then got into combining curves and mends to get other cool results. At this point one clever observer asked if I could combine a curve cast with a parachute cast. Of course I had never thought of doing this particular combination before but then I went on to impress even myself by getting it right on my first attempt.

Of course, none of this is too earth shattering to those who have read Jason Berger's book.

Cheers

Walter



[GH] Walter,

I was made aware of that several years ago. Gary is great at adding things which teach on an MCI exam. Of course, he wouldn't flunk a candidate for an "add-on" like this if the candidate couldn't to it, because it wasn't specified on the task description.

Gordy