

Ready to Test? A checklist

Candidates question - ***When am I ready to test?*** Guidelines representing my *personal* opinion follow -1. Performance is consistently above 90% on each practical-test task under ideal conditions. This means that 9 out of 10 attempts are successful within the published test criteria.2. You have at least two methods to perform/anchor most Roll Casts. Your Roll Casts on water appear identical to those performed with your on-land anchor methods.3. You can perform the entire practical test above 70% (7 out 10 attempts successful) with adverse conditions or while *over-training*. See "over-training" references beginning page 7 of *THE LOOP*- Summer 2009

4. You have presented a mock test to at least three different qualified examiners and they say that you are *impressive*, not just ready.5. You have written out your own procedures to teach each task on the test (not just the explain and demonstrate portion). Better if these have been reviewed by an examiner and you revised based upon those suggestions.6. You have read **and STUDIED** each of the books recommended.

7. You have reviewed at least half of the videos recommended.8. You have assembled materials for **and** co-taught at least one *comprehensive* fly casting course with an experienced instructor. You should have made initial presentation of instructional material regarding loops, casting essentials, accuracy skills, adjusting to wind, smooth distance delivery, etc. It helps if your mentoring instructor insists that you initially field questions from students.8a. You have revised your hand-out or course notes after teaching each topic with the goal of prioritizing critical elements and providing reference material for further study. The revisions have been reviewed by at least two MCCI's with critique. You have studied the critical comments and understand the reason that Master suggested changes. -----

I personally find the standard recommendations with no objective comparison decidedly unhelpful.

My LOOP article on Training vs. Conditioning follows my signature-

Gary Eaton From *THE LOOP Summer 2009*

[GH] Note : Rather than printing out Gary's entire article, here, I'll refer you to the LOOP available on the FFF Website.