

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## PRISM WATER BOATMAN

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Remember that warm September afternoon out on the interior lake when it started raining and there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

It sounds like hail hitting the aluminum boat and pounding on the water. Have a look.

It's Water Boatmen returning to the water after their flight and acting like Kamikaze pilots.

Yes and you look to your fly box and not a Water Boatman in sight.

This is a fly that should be in your fly box. Yes, I have a old version that is beat up and now I have the new version tied with all man made materials.

Try it .... you will like it.



*Peter Chatt's Prism Water Boatmen.*

### MATERIALS



- Hook:** Standard Mustad 3906, Heavy 3399  
Tiemco 3769
- Thread:** Black
- Bead:** Clear prism
- Foam Back:** Thin black craft foam
- Body:** Black pearl Chenille X small.
- Legs:** Soft Body Stretch Floss Gray
- Shell Coating:** Soft Body

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS

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- Place the bead on the Debarbed hook.



- Cut a narrow strip of foam (1/8 or less)
- Cut a point and the third side.

**TYING INSTRUCTIONS** *(continued)*



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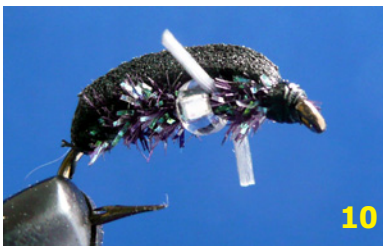
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*Prism Water Boatman (Bottom)*

- Tie the foam with the flat side down.
- Add the Chenille.
- Wrap the chenille forward a third of the way up the hook.
- Tie down. Lay chenille flat the width of the bead, bind down that portion and trim.
- Slide the bead over the bound down chenille. It should be tight.
- Bring the thread over the top of the bead.
- Slide the floss legs tied as a loose knot over the hook.
- Tighten up against the bead and secure.
- Tie the chenille back on and finish wrapping the fly.

- Draw the foam back over with slight pressure and finish the head.
- Coat the back with soft body.



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*The Finished Fly*



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*Prism Water Boatman (Top)*

**THE FINISHED FLY**