

Marine Optics Glasses

<http://www.marineoptics.com.au/products-page/sunglasses/river-lenses/>

If you are anything like me, the passage of time is making it harder and harder to get that x6 tippet through the #20 fly eye! Trust me to take up fly fishing just at the age that my body is starting to fall apart!

I've explored various options for optical correction in the context of also having my polarised glasses. Some of the fancier glasses can be acquired complying one's optical prescription, but even with private health fund refund this is a very expensive approach. Noting that my problem was mainly only the close work, I chanced on one maker with high quality/fishing oriented glasses but with option for 'bifocals' – actually they have no distance vision correction but have a 'reading glass' portion at the bottom of the lens (in a range of offered strengths). At a keen price of \$100 I was able to tempt my kids into buying a set for birthday/father's day.

Have been using them for six months now, including time in New Zealand, in most weather conditions. The lens colour works for me and, after a short period 'breaking them in' to my slightly rounder than normal head (no comments Peter!) I now approve of their comfort. Certainly they are very light (almost as light as my Maui Jim glasses) and stay on your head even without any neck strings. My only criticism is that (at least for me) the magnifying lenses are a little small and quite low down on the glasses. This means you have to bring objects quite close to your chest to see them in the correction lenses. I had to learn to make a conscious effort of keeping my head up and turning my eyes down in order to look through the correction segments.

Apart from that point, I reckon these have been a great buy – happy for anyone in the club to try them out. Mine are +2.00 lenses but they are offered from +1.5 to +3.0.