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Fred,

As many people have mentioned working on your 'drift' my really help you. Also throwing a heavy rod that you can't overpower will also tell you whether or not you're overcompensating with muscle/power where slightly better technique is needed.

Also your rod may come into play when you start to reach out to those lengths (a pro caster could argue otherwise). I have a couple 4 wt's I can through the entire line with but when it comes to one 5 that I have it dies out at 80-85 feet. I have made it on occasion spit the whole line into the backing but those are few and far between.

I know that between some of my rods with just slightly different actions I have to adjust my casting stroke to 1: keep from throwing tailing loops at long distance and 2: utilize the flex of the rod to do the work for me.

When I was struggling with tossing the whole line on some rods I read about and implemented a 'drift' in my back cast which enabled me to feel the line a little better and translated into better/cleaner forward strokes. I found this to be especially true on light rods such as 4, 5 and 6.

Lastly, and this is a question I've been meaning to ask to other distance casters is, how much line are you carrying before your final haul for distance? I find that if I'm carrying too much line in my final haul that my line/leader will peter out at the end and will end up in a bunch instead of be straight out. Typically my last haul before the the long shot I'll be carrying 60-65 ft of line (roughly). If I get out into the 70's I typically lose control of my back cast and it all goes to crap.

Not sure if any of this will help you or not but hopefully it will give you something to think about. Also having another at least experienced caster to diagnose your stroke a bit will help. Have a video camera or digital with video? Have someone video you and watch it. It will reveal wonders.

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<http://www.sexyloops.com/advice/drifting.shtml>