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Attached is a review for the fiberglass rod board on the Sage Bass rods. My guess from the description is that they are parabolic action (flex to the butt) rod - even the fiberglass afishinados like them!! They likely use lower modulus graphite coupled with a heavy line (290 or 330gr.) making the rod flex deeply into the butt. Also, given the moderate price (for a Sage), I'm sure they don't use their more expensive HM graphite to build these rods. The rods aren't made to cast for distance – which is okay, they are designed to handle bigger wind resistant flies at shorter distances. The rod is shorter, but the lever is longer since it flexes 7+/- feet to the handle, instead of 3-4 feet down the rod as with a fast action rod.

Sage lists the weigh of the "smallmouth" model at 3 1/2 oz. I have a 9' 8wt Sage RPL that weighs 3 1/2 oz. It is 2' longer, but the weight of the rod after casting all day shouldn't be an issue. I believe that Pad mentioned one time that Bob Clouser is an advocate of bass rods that flex to the butt. I believe that Clouser has a 8'9" signature rod made by St. Croix. Maybe Pad can elaborate.

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Interesting this subject comes up right now. This past weekend I decided to go with my wife right down the road to Marsh Creek Lake, with our kayaks. I wanted to take advantage of the summer October weather for one last time this year. I wanted to do a little fishin', but I couldn't decide if I was going to fish for bass with my 8wt, or bluegills with my 4wt. I would let the fish decide, so I took the 6wt I built as a "practice" rod to learn rod building. The rod is a 9' 6wt Rainshadow IM7, a medium slow rod IMO (remember, my favorite rod is my Sage XP). With the slower action rod, I had no problem casting larger poppers and hairbugs for bass from short to medium distances. The fuller flex action worked fine, as long as I didn't push it, which was surprising to me, especially since I was underlined by using a 6wt for these larger wind resistant flies.

Interesting. Now I have to try one of these rods just to see. Sounds like your ready to buy Fred. Good luck with that rod.