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Re: New Sage BASS RODS !!!!!!!
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Interesting thread. As I was reading through, I was thinking more and more that the rod sounded like a moderate-slow action rod, maybe even fiberglass. Sounds like afishinado was thinking the same thing.

I build most of my rods now and have a moderate action 8' 6wt that I built specifically for smallie fishing from my solo canoe. I have 3 other 6 wt. rods (2-9' and 1-10') and the 8 footer is my favorite from a seated position in the boat. The shorter length also makes it easier to stow, rig up and breakdwon while in the boat. A shorter rod will almost always feel lighter in the hand and while casting than a longer rod of equal weight, so I'm not surprised about comments that the Sage "feels" light when casting as Fredrick mentioned. (I read a really good description of why a shorter rod feels lighter, but can't remember where or who the author was off the top of my head).

I'm thinking that Sage has just gone "back to the future" with a shorter full-flex rod with a perfectly matched line. The rod builders at Orvis are probably chuckling about this new concept. My guess is that matching the line has as much to do with performance than the design specs of the rod itself. I've found that finding a line that matches well with a specific rod is a bit of a crap shoot. I have several 6wt. rods and several 6 wt. lines from cheapo to expensive and the difference when swapping them can be astounding. I've found its more about finding the right match, than the name on the rod, or how much you paid for it. When I find the right combo, its like magic - I actually look like I know what I'm doing

Normally I would even look at a rod at that price (there's too many good choices that cost much less), but knowing it comes with a matched line would make me consider it. Wonder if they sell the blank and line.....

Tim B.