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<http://fiberglassflyrodders.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=14043>

Based on what I see in the attached link, I would say that my earlier impression is correct in that the last 3 digits do indeed refer to the rod length.

Regarding line weight, one of the responders at the link above owns several 7 1/2 foot model 1407 1/2 HI rods. He claims that model is a 7 1/2 foot rod on which he uses a 6wt line.

The AFTMA (tackle manufacturers) have established a range of 134 to 146 grains for 5 wt lines and a range of 152 to 168 grains for 6wt lines. So, if my guess about the first 3 digits of the rod model referring to line wt is correct, then the fellow with the 1407 1/2 has likely overweighted his rod slightly by using a 6 wt. I say this because, at 140 grains, his rod model falls within the upper range for a 5 wt. But, perhaps he likes to throw heavy flies for bass or casts relatively short distances and needs to load his rod earlier. In any case, he prefers a 6 wt.

If the model numbering theory holds, then your rod falls just below the lower range limit of a 5 wt, and you may wish to give a 4wt line a try. I suppose the best policy is to try several line weights until you find one that suits your casting style. However, based on the little info we have, you may wish to start experimenting on the lighter side of DT6 rather than the heavier side.