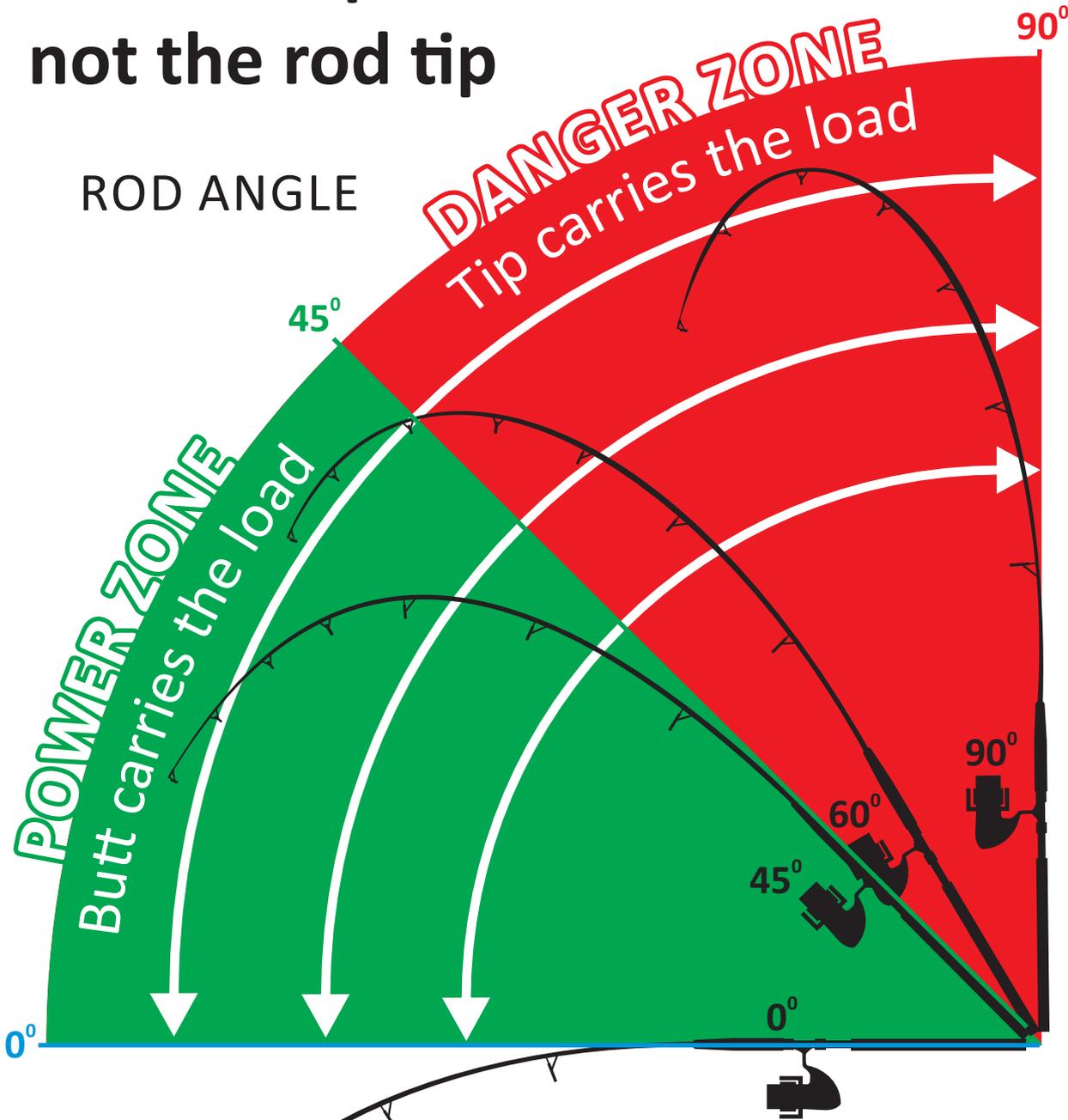


The rod's power lies in the rod butt, not the rod tip



"As the rod angle goes toward 90 degrees, the pressure you're exerting declines. You're working just as hard when the rod is vertical, but the rod is not working for you and you're bringing very little pressure to bear on the fish."

"If you can put 10 pounds of pressure on a fish and keep it there, you can beat any fish"

"You have to keep the pressure constant and not give the fish a chance to rest."

"When you have got your fish into the boat, put your rod into the rod holder & "flip" the bail arm on the reel to release the pressure on the rod."

A good fisherman will keep the rod tip no higher than 45 degrees. Jamming the rod butt into your stomach or gimbal belt and leveraging with both hands, you can increase the fighting pressure.

With the low rod angle, the bend is in the rod's thick butt section. It doesn't take much resistance to bend a rod tip. There's a reason rods are tapered toward the tip. A flexible tip also contributes to rod sensitivity, enabling the angler to detect a subtle bite. More rods are broken from fighting fish with a high rod angle than for any other reason.

"Remember your rod is not a crane, Never use your rod to lift your fish into the boat."

"You should use a net to lift your fish into the boat, if a net is not available lift by the leader."

Poor technique has a name: **"High Sticking"**