The Circle Cast

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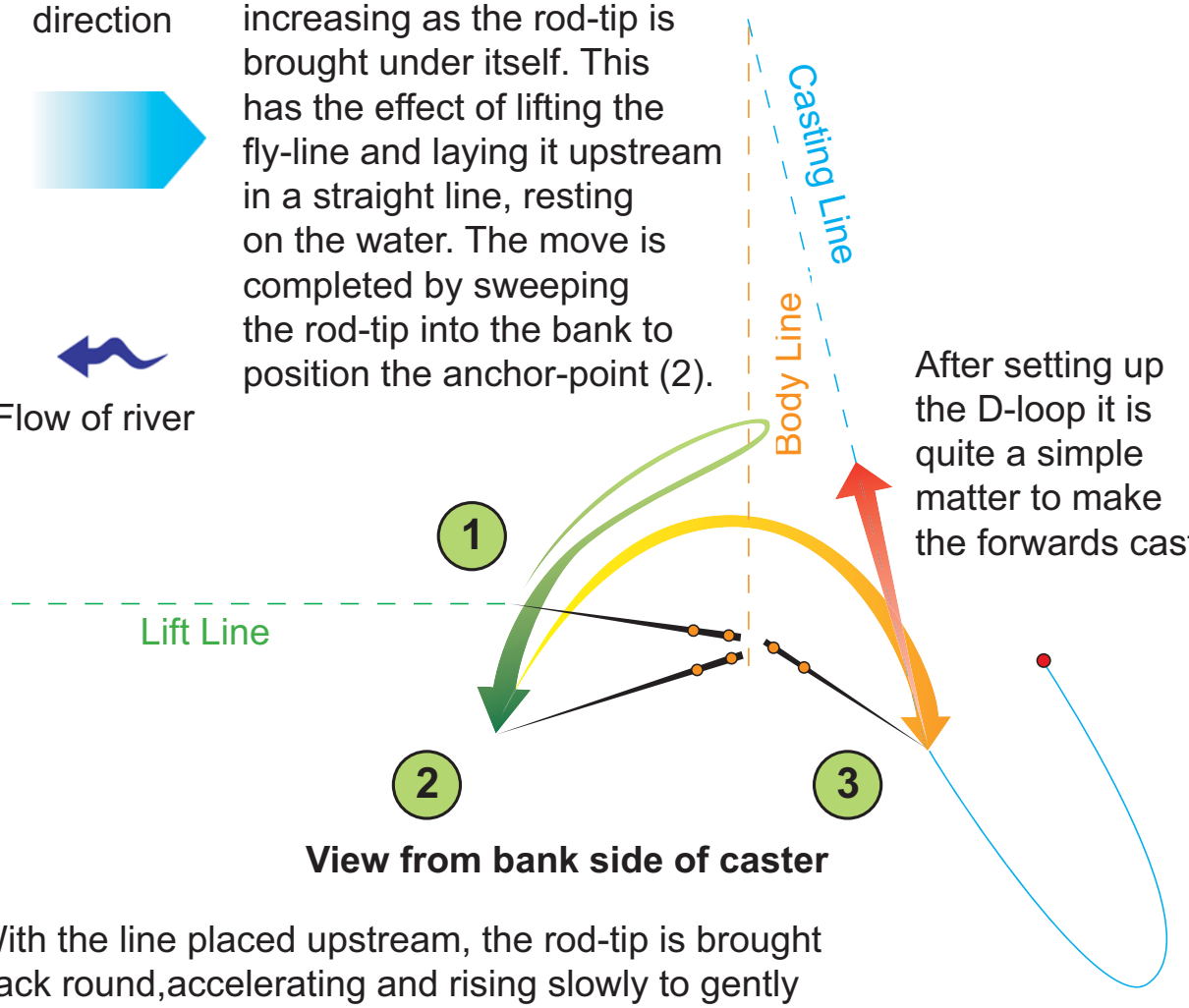
View from above

Wind direction

Flow of river

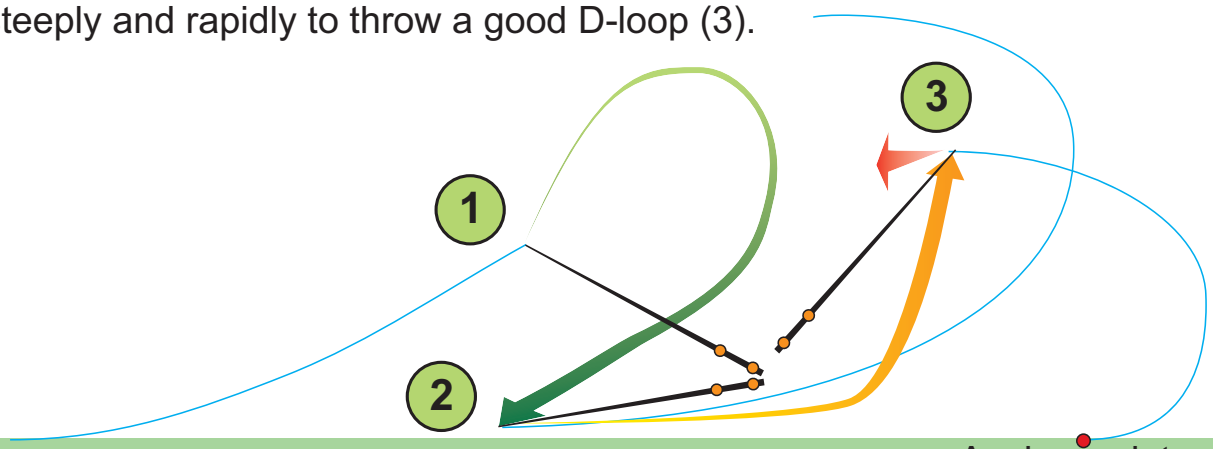
From the lift position (1) the rod-tip is moved in a high, wide, circular motion with slow acceleration at first , increasing as the rod-tip is brought under itself. This has the effect of lifting the fly-line and laying it upstream in a straight line, resting on the water. The move is completed by sweeping the rod-tip into the bank to position the anchor-point (2).



After setting up the D-loop it is quite a simple matter to make the forwards cast.

View from bank side of caster

With the line placed upstream, the rod-tip is brought back round,accelerating and rising slowly to gently peel the fly-line off the water, until the rod-tip passes over the anchor-point where it is brought up more steeply and rapidly to throw a good D-loop (3).



River

Anchor point