Activision Classics Fishing Derby FAQ

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Mission Statement
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I was looking through a bunch of my older games and was wondering to myself
why I didn't write any FAQs for these classics. So I decided to write a guide
for some of my favorites. That is why this guide is here today. I hope it can
help you out.

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|     I I                       VERSION HISTORY                                |
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Version 1.00      I have got just about all of the FAQ completed. There may
 _____     be some more updates in the future.



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|      I I I                      GAME BASICS                                  |
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Objective:    The objective of this game is to catch 99 pounds of fish before
 _____   your opponent can.


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Difficulty 1a    With this option enabled you must have the end of your line
 _____   directly below the fishes nose. This is for player one.

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Difficulty 1b    This option is easier than the other option - You only need
 _____   to have the end of the line near the fishes' mouth. Likewise,
                 this applies to player one.

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Difficulty 2a    Player two must have the end of his line directly beneeth the
 _____   fishes' mouths in order to hook the fish.

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Difficulty 2b    Player two only needs to have the end of the line near the
 _____   mouth of the fish that they are trying to catch.


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One Player    This sets up the game under its normal difficulty
 _____   and where there is a player versus the computer.

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Two Player    A head to head competition between two human players.
 _____   It also uses the controls and setting for the normal
              mode.



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| Action Button | Reel  Action | As soon as you get a fish hooked onto the |
|_____|_____| end of your line, hit the action button.  |
|_____|_____| Doing this will speed up the pace that    |
|_____|_____| which you will reel the fish in.          |
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Joystick	Line Control	Moving the joystick in any direction will
		allow you to move your line in any
		direction - Unless you have a fish hooked
		at which point you can only use the
		horizontal directions to move the line.

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| I V   STRATEGY |
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Jaws is Not Your Friend

You will notice that there is a shark that is swimming atop the water. He is a hungry little guy, so whenever he gets the opportunity to, he will eat the fish that you are trying to catch. Be careful, you may need to let go of the action button for a second until he gets out of your way and you can make the safe catch.

Big Fish = Good

Obviously the larger fish that you catch, the less fish that you will need to catch, which means you dont need as much time to catch the 99 pounds. However, this strategy isn't as perfect at it may seem: there are less big fish in the sea, and it takes more time to get your line all of the way down there.

Small Fish = Easy

The alternative to going after a small amount of large fish is going after a large amount of small fish. The clear advantage of this method is that you can get fish very quickly into your live well. However, you will need to catch more fish to win.

A Healthy Medium

If neither of the two previous strategies tickle your fancy then this one is sure to. The answer is simple, go after all medium fish - There is a large supply of them and they carry enough weight to save you a lot of time on reeling in fish after fish.

Reel It In!

After you get your fished hooked, do not just sit there and let the game reel it in for you. You need to hold down the action button. Doing this will save you precious seconds every time that you catch a fish. This action is a must!

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| V   FISH SPECIES |
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Nemo	2 Pounds	This fish will always be found swimming his way at
		the top of the screen. He is named after the cute
		Disney animated character for his small size and
		strong determination to not be caught. Although in
		this game, he never really accomplishes his goal

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| Sal Man    | 4 Pounds | Sal will be found in the middle of the lake. He    |
|_____ |_____| prefers to remain neutral in his locality. He also  |
|_____ |_____| likes it when he doesn't get a sharp metal object   |
|_____ |_____| pulled aggressively through his face - but I don't  |
|_____ |_____| care what he wants -- This is FISHING, baby!!!       |
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| Big Mama   | 6 Pounds | Big moma is the mother of all fish. This is why she |
|_____ |_____| is proud of the fact that her name is not a huge    |
|_____ |_____| misnomer like the Secret Service. Due to her large  |
|_____ |_____| body weight, she tends to stay on the bottom of the |
|_____ |_____| lake, so you are going to have to come down there   |
|_____ |_____| and get her, because there is no way you can get    |
|_____ |_____| to come up on her own.                              |
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| Jaws       | unknown  | How about this one? Jaws is the huge shark that has |
|_____ |_____| a tendancy to go around and eat things... a nickel  |
|_____ |_____| prize is rewarded for anyone who can find him.      |
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