

# Bassin's Black Bass with Hank Parker FAQ/Walkthrough

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| 1. Introduction |
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Bassin's Black Bass With Hank Parker, for the Super Nintendo, is a HIGHLY anticipated sports adventure. Featuring Hank Parker himself, showing up at the last tournament. This game is an overall 10 out of 10 on a scale of 1 to 10. This game is one of my personal favorites of all time. It can be challenging, too. This game has good quality sound, but some are a bit annoying. It also features four tournaments, lots of lures, lots of fun, so-so graphics (they aren't bad for a SNES game). It also features other things that will be listed in this guide. Buy this game, it rocks!

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| 2. Version History |
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Version 1.0 / Completed the guide.

Version 1.1 / Fixed some squares that were on my guide from Metapad, as I now use Notepad. Also, fixed how I spelled Buoys. Finally, I added a little bit more direction on how to get the third and fourth hidden lures.

Version 1.2 / Added a FAQ (Frequently Asked Question) to the FAQs part of the FAQ, and fixed a minor thing you'll never notice.

Version 1.3 / Updated the Lures section a bit.

Version 1.4 / Updated the Lures section again. Fixed a minor error in that section.

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| 3. Storyline |  
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The Storyline goes like this: you're a fisherman who wants to become a pro fisherman. You travel by yourself (or with John, an expert fisherman). John doesn't come with you all the time, however. You can refuse him and fish alone. I personally find this the best way and the most fun way to fish and catch bass. The storyline, like I said, is, you wanting to become a pro bass fisherman and have to work your way up through the ranks with four tournaments, in which you also have the time and chance to practice and hone your skills. The last part of the storyline is to catch the "big bass" which they speak of in this game. There is no big bass, hate to tell ya. I used Debug Mode and caught a 22 pound Largemouth, and the game STILL said to catch the big bass. 22 pounds is the biggest you can get, too.

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| 4. Controls |  
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A Button: Toggle through sentences, cast when fishing, select a lure, confirm actions, steer boat forward.

B Button: Cancel actions, steer boat backward.

Y Button: Cast when fishing, steer boat forward.

X Button: When you're fishing in a location such as the Open Water, brings up the menu to move, mark your fishing spot to cast, select lures, bring up tournament info, or quit the game.

L Button: Does nothing.

R Button: Does nothing.

Start Button: Pauses the game.

Select Button: Brings up a map (fishing mode only), displays the weather condition and the time (boat mode only).

D-Pad: Moves the cursor, controls the direction of the boat when you're steering it.

**Fishing:** Fishing is fun and easy to learn, as well. To fish, simply cast your fishing pole. Once you land in the selected casting spot, if there's a fish around, use the selected lure of your choice to see if they bite it. More information on fish in the Fish section of the Game Basics section of this guide. Once you have the fish hooked, reel him in and good luck catching it.

**Reeling:** Reeling is the only way to catch a fish, as you already know by real life fishing. To reel, simply press and hold A. Don't forget to "pull back" when the fish fighting gets tough.

**Boating:** You have a boat in this game. Steering it isn't hard. However, if you bump into things too much, you'll get a warning message on the screen that tells you that if you damage your boat anymore, it's going to be so damaged that you won't be able to fish in the tournament you're in and you'll automatically have to go weigh-in. When the warning message appears, it doesn't mean that if you bump into one more thing, you're boat's gone. It just means that you should avoid bumping into any more objects, as in a matter of a few direct hits, you will be taken to the weigh-in station and the tournament will end. Be careful when driving your boat.

**Marking:** Marking the location of the spot you want to cast is easy. Simply press X (when fishing only) and a menu that gives you the option to Move, select a Lure, or to Mark will come up. Select Mark from the menu. Once you select Mark, move the purple marker to a spot in the water of your choice. Once you find the spot you want to cast, press A or B. Then, when you go to cast, you'll see a purple arrow pointing in one of three directions, straight up, diagonally right, or diagonally left. The direction of the arrow depends on where you choose to mark. For example, if you mark in the top right corner of the water, the arrow is going to point diagonally right. The arrow direction indicates exactly WHERE to cast to get to the appointed spot. When you mark the location of where you want to cast, move the D-Pad in the exact direction of the purple arrow. For example, if you mark a location to cast diagonally and the arrow is diagonal, hold the D-Pad in the exact same direction as the arrow is to cast to the EXACT spot of the marked location. Thanks to my brother for this point out. E-mail me if you don't get it.

**Fishing Locations:** There are various locations in this game that you can fish at. Some contain more fish, while others don't. It all depends on the weather condition and the selected spot you are fishing in. For example, the Timber location seems to have some lunkers, while the Open Water usually doesn't. This doesn't mean that you can't FIND a lunker in the Open Water, it just means that there's a better chance of you finding one in the Timbers.

**Fish Radar:** Your fish radar is a useful tool that detects fish in a location that your boat is on. You'll hear a "GAAAA-like" sound when there is fish in the area you're in. Your radar will also turn red by lighting up (the place that will light up is in the left side of your radar screen). This indicates that there are fish around. Finally, the Fish Radar screen. The Fish Radar screen shows small, black fish which means that there's fish near your

current locale. Sometimes there are three fish which appear on radar, while other times it is only one. Use your radar wisely, as it is the key to be a good fisherman.

**Fish:** To hook a fish, just cast to a spot where a fish is. It doesn't matter if its not a bass, you can still catch a fish. However, bass are the only thing that count in any of the four tournaments. In other words, the whole game. Anyways, when a fish lights up and comes toward the lure, that means it wants the lure you have out there. If one doesn't light up, however, you may want to try and use a different Lure. Sometimes fish do not want anything at all, so be aware of that when catching a fish.

**Lures:** As you already know, there are lures in this game. There are quite a bit, too. Lures can be used anywhere, but some are specific, which means if you're in the Open Water, the Plastic Worm (preferably the Natural Color) is good for catching fish. More on this in the Lures section. Also, use Bright Lures only if it is bright (sunny). If it is a dark condition (fog, cloudy skies, rain), then use Natural Lures.

**Move:** When you press X, you'll be able to move your boat to a different location, mark your fishing spot (when fishing only), cast (outside of fishing only) select a lure, check the current statistics in the tournament, or quit the game (outside of fishing only). When you select "Move" from the menu, you'll be able to move your boat to a new location (when fishing only). You can move throughout the level of the tournament you are currently in. You can move anywhere through the level as long as it's reachable and supposed to be in the game.

**Catch:** This is also another thing in the menu that you can pull up (outside of fishing only). When selected, Catch will show you your livewell. You can either choose to look at just one fish of your livewell, or to look at the entire livewell which tells you all of your fish's weight, and the estimated total of all of your fish's weight combined.

**Info:** This is another command in the menu that comes up when you press X (outside of fishing only). This command shows the tournament's current player ranks (statistics).

**Quit:** This is the final command in the menu that comes up when you press X (outside of fishing only). This allows you to quit the game.

**Weather Conditions:** The weather plays an important role in this game. For example, it could be raining one minute, and then the next minute, become sunny again. There is also a degree meter (farinheit). For example, it could be 60 degrees and could drop to 59.9 degrees. The weather varies as the day goes by. There are no winds, snow, or ice, sadly. Catching fish depends on the weather condition.

**Timer:** The timer appears just right of where the weather bar is (top right corner). You start each tournament at 7:00AM. The timer will count down until it reaches 16:00 or 4:00PM. Thankfully, you can weigh-in whenever you want, without having to play till 4:00PM.

**Fishing Bar:** There's a fishing bar when you are in fishing mode. The bar will change rapidly while there is a battle with a fish, or when you're reeling. The bar is red black with red in it (like a thermometer) and will go up and down when you are catching a bass. For example, if the bass or a fish is fighting very hard,

the red line in the bar will fill the entire bar. The bar will flash black, red, and white, if the fish is REALLY fighting (this is as tough as they come). Be careful and "PULL BACK" if the bar is like this, or if you keep hearing a beeping sound. Pull back, then reel again. The Fishing Bar also changes when you are reeling in, etc. If the bar tension gets too high, you could easily lose your hook which will eat up about 45 minutes of the tournament up, so try and avoid this at all costs. Tough fish have a better chance of breaking your line. You can also lose your bait from a fish. More on that below. If you break your line, you'll also lose the bait you had when you broke the line. Be careful!

Line: Line is in fishing mode only. Line appears above the "Depth" writing (fishing mode only). Line tells you how far your line is in the water (e.g. 50 feet from where your boat is). A fish can drag the line 70 feet in the last tournament. Be careful!

Depth: Depth appears above the "Line" writing (fishing mode only). Depth tells you how far your Lure is underwater (e.g. it could be 6 feet deep under the water, depending wether or not you're reeling).

Lure Box: The Lure Box appears on the very bottom right corner of the screen (in a box. The lure you're currently using appears in the box. No other lure. The lure inside the box will shake when a fish is about to steal your bait. When the shaking scenario happens, IMMEDIATELY PULL BACK by mashing Down on the D-Pad, and then releasing. Constantly hold Down on the D-Pad, then release when the lure in the Lure Box shakes. Note: NEVER, EVER, hold Down on the D-Pad for more than 3 seconds.

Map: This game has two maps: one in boat mode, which displays the entire lake that you're currently in, and the second is in fishing mode only and I don't know what the map does. E-mail me and tell me, please.

View Records: On the title screen, you'll be able to select this if you want. This displays your best records (only if you save them), for each stage and what kind of fish you caught, and how much pounds the fish are. You can select official or unofficial records. Official are records built into the game, while the unofficial records are your records.

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| 6. Walkthrough |  
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Finally, the Walkthrough. Onto tournament 1.

Local Amateur Tournament  
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Fishing Spots: Open Water, Lily Pads, Reeds, Trees, Marina, Weeds, Buoys,  
Bridge

Fishing isn't too hard in this level, just takes long, as there's no real lunkers. Head for the Lily Pads, the Reeds, or the Weeds to catch some real fish. Weigh-in with about 25 pounds. You should win.

Amateur Bass Championship

Fishing Spots: Open Water, Lily Pads, Reeds, Marina, Weeds, Buoys, Rocks, Timber, Bridge

This one isn't that hard, either. Take note you can Catfish here. Yes, Catfish. They don't count as weight for the tournament, though, so just catch them for practice or for fun. Anyway, try fishing in the Lily Pads, the Rocks, the Piles, or the Reeds. Weigh-in with about 32 pounds and you should win.

Pro Bass Tournament

Fishing Spots: Open Water, Lily Pads, Reeds, Marina, Weeds, Dam, Buoys, Timber, Dump, Bridge

Ah, the semi-final tournament. A bit difficult, to say the least. Try fishing in the Open Water, the Timbers, the Dump, the Lily Pads, or the Open Water to catch the real lunkers. Weigh-in with about 47 pounds.

Bassin' World Championship

Fishing Spots: Open Water, Lily Pads, Reeds, Marina, Weeds, Buoys, Pile, Dump, Bridge

The final tournament is where you can catch the big bass and the REAL lunkers. You can even catch lunker-sized Catfish, Smallmouth, AND Spotted Bass here! This is the most fun tournament in the game in my opinion. It's also the most hard, so be prepared for some tough fish battles, A LONG tournament, and plenty of lunkers. Try fishing in the Dump (especially the Dump and the Bridge) for some REAL lunkers, even a 22 pound Largemouth Bass!

Try to also fish in the Open Water, and the Bridge, and the Lily Pads for some lunkers. Weigh-in with 60+ pounds. Congratulations! You've just beaten Bassin's Black Bass With Hank Parker!

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| 7. Lures |  
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Here, I'll list all the Lures in this game, where to find them, where they're good to use, and information about them, etc.

Backtail Jig

Location: Hidden In The Fourth Tournament (see below for details)

Description: The Backtail Jig is useful. I imagine it'd be useful in the Dump.

Buzzbait

Location: Hidden In The Third Tournament (see below for details)

Description: The Buzzbait must be reeled in constantly, or it will sink. The Buzzbait is a good bait that is found in the third tournament.

#### Crankbait

Location: N/A

Description: This is good for the Bridge, the Dump, and the Open Water (depending on what the fish want). The Crankbait is especially useful with its Natural Color.

#### Crayfish

Location: Hidden In The Second Tournament (see below for details)

Description: Hidden within the second tournament, the Crayfish (or Crawfish if you prefer), is a very useful bait with its Bright and Natural colors.

#### Frog

Location: N/A

Description: The Frog is a bait used only in the Lily Pads. Both the Frog's Natural color, AND Bright color, are very useful when catching bass in the Lily Pads.

#### Grub

Location: John Gives This To You If You Refuse Him As A Guide

Description: The Grub, I have never found to be that useful. The Grub is better in its Natural color.

#### Jig-&-Pork

Location: N/A

Description: The Jig-&-Pork is very useful in the Weeds and the Reeds. It is perfect for hooking good-sized fish.

#### Minnow

Location: N/A

Description: The Minnow is a very useful bait. It is used under Bridges, in the Marina area in each tournament, and is essential for hooking fishes such as Bluegills.

#### Noisybait

Location: John Gives This To You If You Refuse Him As A Guide

Description: The Noisybait is a bait given to you by John. This bait is not very useful, except for in the trees, and even that's rare.

#### Pencilbait

Location: John Gives This To You If You Refuse Him As A Guide

Description: The Pencilbait, ah, back in the day I used it, but I don't know where it is used essentially.

#### Plastic Worm

Location: N/A

Description: The Plastic Worm is one of the best Lures in the game next to the Crankbait. The Plastic Worm is ESSENTIAL in the Open Water, and is also essential for catching Catfish. Especially, in the Open Water.

#### Spinner

Location: N/A

Description: Ah, the Spinner is the counterpart to the Spinnerbait. The Spinner isn't very useful at all, but it does catch some fish. Its Natural color is the best.

#### Swisher

Location: N/A

Description: The Swisher is another good bait. It's used under the trees to act as a bug fallen from the tree. The Swisher ALWAYS works in the trees. It could work elsewhere too, but not that good. Its Natural color is the best.

#### Spinnerbait

Location: N/A

Description: The Spinnerbait is a VERY good Lure and can be used almost anywhere. It may be hard to use, but it can hook some good-sized fish. The Spinnerbait's Natural Color is its best.

#### Tubebait

Location: John Gives This To You If You Refuse Him As A Guide

Description: The Tubebait sucks. I don't know which color is the best.

#### Vibrating Lure

Location: Hidden In The First Tournament (see below for details)

Description: The Vibrating Lure...I also don't know its uses. E-mail me, please. My guess would be under the Trees.

#### Hidden Lures:

##### Vibrating Lure

Location: In the first tournament, head to the Trees and keep casting under them until you find it.

##### Crayfish

Location: In the second tournament, head to the Rocks and look around. You'll find it eventually. Don't break your boat.

##### Buzzbait

Location: In the third tournament, head to the Timbers. Once there, you have to keep searching because it's hard for me to tell you the exact location.

##### Backtail Jig

Location: In the fourth tournament, head to the Dump in the southwest part of the map. Once there, head to the eastern side of the Dump and keep casting until you find this hidden lure.

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| 8. Fishes |  
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There are several fish in the game. Below tells you information about them, etc.

#### Bluegill

Location: The first and fourth tournament

Description: Bluegills are cute little fish that look like Flounder from The Little Mermaid. Bluegills are easy to catch, and the biggest I've ever seen them be is 5 pounds.

#### Crappie

Location: The first tournament only



Description: Crappies are Brims. They are also very light (like 1 pound or so). However, Crappies CAN exceed a pound or 2 and get up to 3.6 (the biggest I've ever seen on record). Crappies are easy to catch.

#### Catfish

Location: The second, third, AND fourth tournament

Description: Ah, Catfish. Much like real life. They are VERY HARD to catch, but are well worth it if you want lunker practice. Catfish can exceed 20 pounds. The biggest I've seen on record is 25 pounds. Catfish like Plastic Worms, overall.

#### Largemouth Bass

Location: All tournaments

Description: The Largemouth Bass is a species well known in the fishing world. Largemouth Bass can exceed 20 pounds. The best I've seen is 22 pounds. These fish are EXTREMELY HARD to catch when they are 18+ pounds in the fourth tournament.

#### Northern Pike

Location: All tournaments

Description: Northern Pikes are good for bass practice, as they are fairly difficult to catch. They can exceed 20 pounds.

#### Smallmouth Bass

Location: All tournaments

Description: Smallmouth Bass appear ALOT in the third tournament. In fact, I didn't catch one Largemouth, nothing but Smallmouth in the third tournament. Smallmouths can be difficult to catch, and are MUCH smaller than Largemouths. I haven't seen a 15 pound Smallmouth.

#### Spotted Bass

Location: All tournaments

Description: Spotted Bass are as hard as Smallmouths to catch. The biggest I've seen was 11 pounds (I think).

#### Walleye

Location: First, second AND fourth tournament

Description: Walleyes are the last of the fish in this game and are fairly easy and maybe sometimes difficult (not sure) to catch. The biggest caught that I've seen was about 13 pounds.

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| 9. FAQs |
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Q: Where is the "Big Bass" they speak of in the ending of the game, and how do I get it?

A: Well, I don't think you can. I've played this game for years, and I have honestly never found it. It's just something the game tells you.

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| 10. Codes n' Secrets |
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There are a few things in this game worth writing here. They are:

## Debug Mode

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Debug Mode is the only cheat, code, OR secret in the game besides the hidden Lures. Anyway, Debug Mode allows you to adjust the weather condition, the fish fighting map, your fishermans costume, gender, etc. You can also adjust the time, the fish appearance ratio, the tournament from one to four, and a few other things. Anyway, to preform Debug Mode, hold X and Y on the first Controller, and hold A and B on the second Controller. Keep these buttons held and turn on the power. This will cause Debug Mode to activate. Once its activated, release your hands from both Controllers. Debug Mode enables you to do things you can't normally do, as I mentioned above. They are:

### Feature #1 - Adjust Game Settings

How To Do It: To do this first feature of Debug Mode, on the boating screen, hold A on the second Controller and then on Controller one, press X to bring up the menu. Select "Cast" from the menu and you can adjust your settings such as the weather, the time, your costume, the fish fighting map, the fish appearance ratio, etc.

### Feature #2 - Catch Random Sized Bass

How To Do It: To do this second feature of Debug Mode, hold B on Controller two. Then, load up the menu with Controller one and select "Cast". You'll catch a random-sized bass.

### Feature #3 - Catch A Random Fish

How To Do It: To do this feature, hold Y on Controller two after loading up the menu with Controller one. Select "Cast" from the menu and you'll catch fishes such as Northern Pikes, Walleyes, etc. at random sizes.

### Feature #4 - Always Catch A Lunker

How To Do It: To do this trick, hold Up on the D-Pad with Controller two. Then, select "Cast" from the menu with Controller one. Once you select Cast, while Up is being held with Controller two, the screen will immediately go black when you reach fishing mode and you'll catch a lunker anywhere between 21.3 to 22.4 pound Largemouths.

### Feature #5 - Make Time Progress Rapidly

How To Do It: To do this last feature in Debug Mode, which makes time fly by, simply press X on Controller two. This will make it where the tournament announcer guy tells you the tournament is over and to go weigh-in. In others words, when the time reaches 16:30 (4:30PM), the announcer guy will tell you to weigh-in. Take note, however, that if you exceed 24:00 on the time, the game will glitch and freeze while making normal game sounds. You have to reset if this happens.

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| 11. Copyright |  
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| 12. Contact Info |  
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To contact me, e-mail me at [verykoolguy2002\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:verykoolguy2002[at]gmail[dot]com). Keep in mind that I will not bother to respond to hate mails, threats, or anything of that sort, just so you know (though common sense tells you that anyway, but I will remind you, just so that you are 100% sure what not to send me). I will not respond to spam, either. Only e-mails pertaining to this FAQ or any other FAQ I may have that is not marked version Final will be accepted and responded to. But please, read the FAQ before sending in a question.

It gets very annoying after a while to have to sit here and respond to e-mails about things that are already blatantly answered in this FAQ. So the bottom line is to read my FAQ first and if it doesn't contain the information you are looking for, then go ahead and e-mail me and I'll gladly respond (though I'll usually respond to question already answered in this FAQ anyway, just the way I am, but that doesn't mean I like those e-mails).

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| 13. Credits |  
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Jesus Christ: The Son of God who loves me and died for me. He died for me, so that I may have eternal life and not be condemned. Thanks. :)

Nintendo: For making such a fun game.

Nintendofire: Thanks to [nintendofire.com](http://nintendofire.com) for the Debug Mode information.

CJayC: For posting this FAQ! Thank you, I appreciate this.

Myself: For taking the time to write this guide.

