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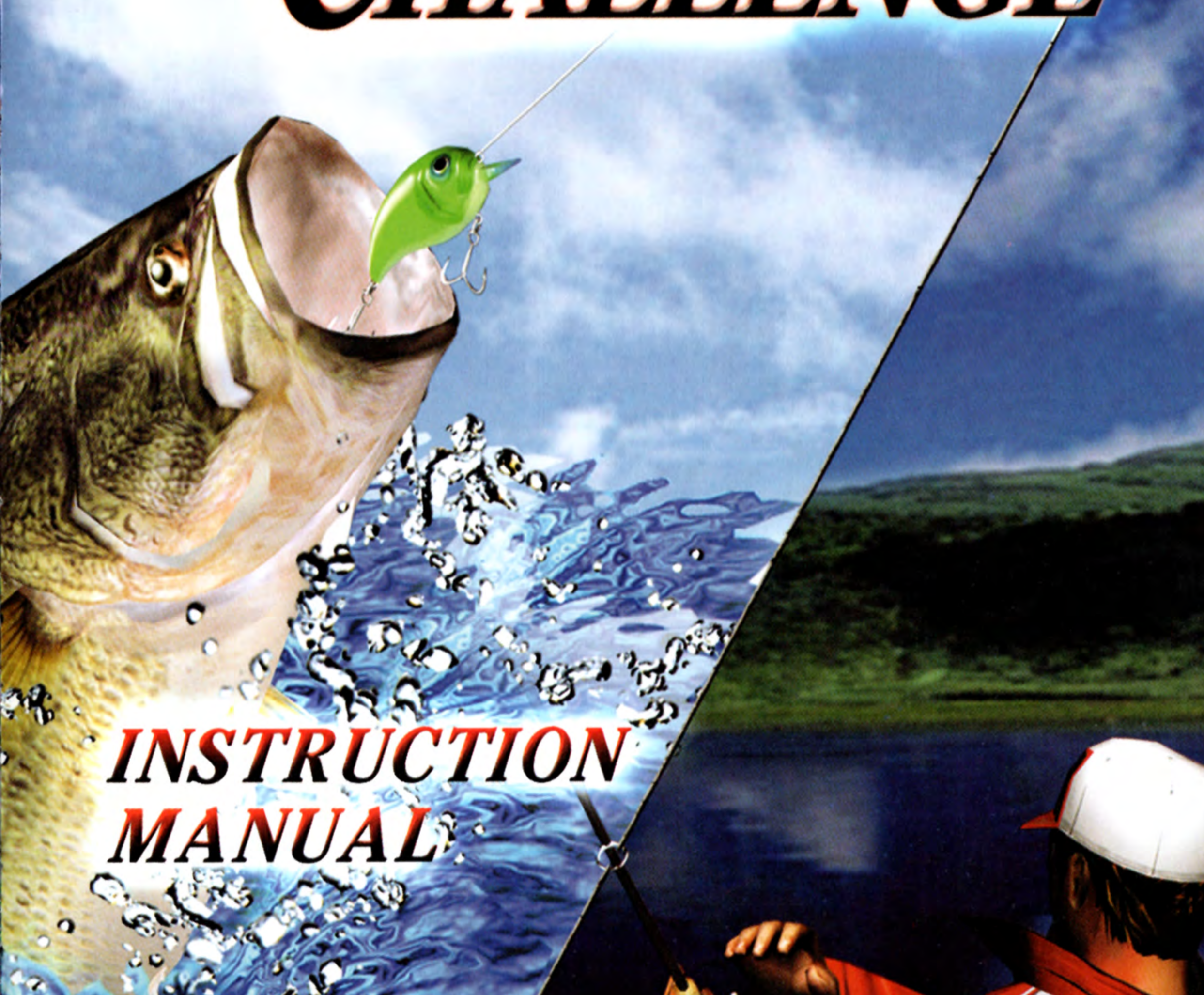
PRO BASS CHALLENGE



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USE OF UNAUTHORIZED PRODUCT:

The use of software or peripherals not authorized by Sony Computer Entertainment America may damage your console and/or invalidate your warranty. Only official or licensed peripherals should be used in the controller ports or memory card slots.

HANDLING YOUR PlayStation®2 FORMAT DISC:

- This disc is intended for use only with PlayStation®2 consoles with the NTSC U/C designation.
- Do not bend it, crush it or submerge it in liquids.
- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- Be sure to take an occasional rest break during extended play.
- Keep this compact disc clean. Always hold the disc by the edges and keep it in its protective case when not in use. Clean the disc with a lint-free, soft, dry cloth, wiping in straight lines from center to outer edge. Never use solvents or abrasive cleaners.

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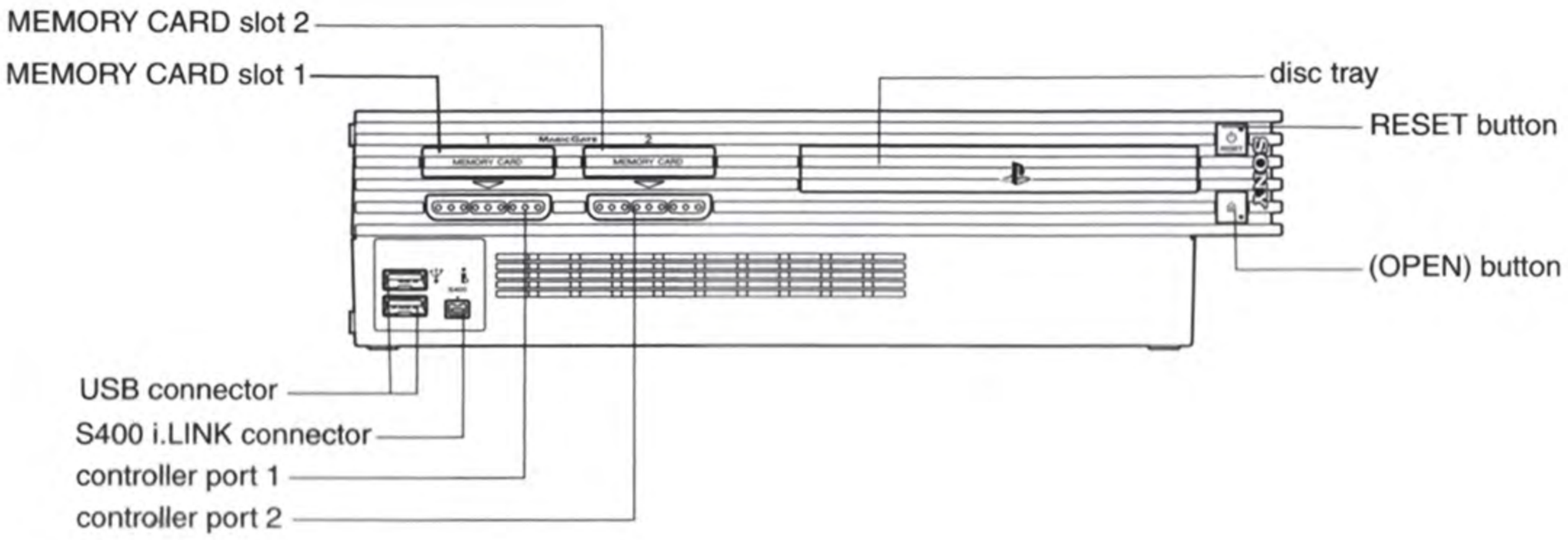
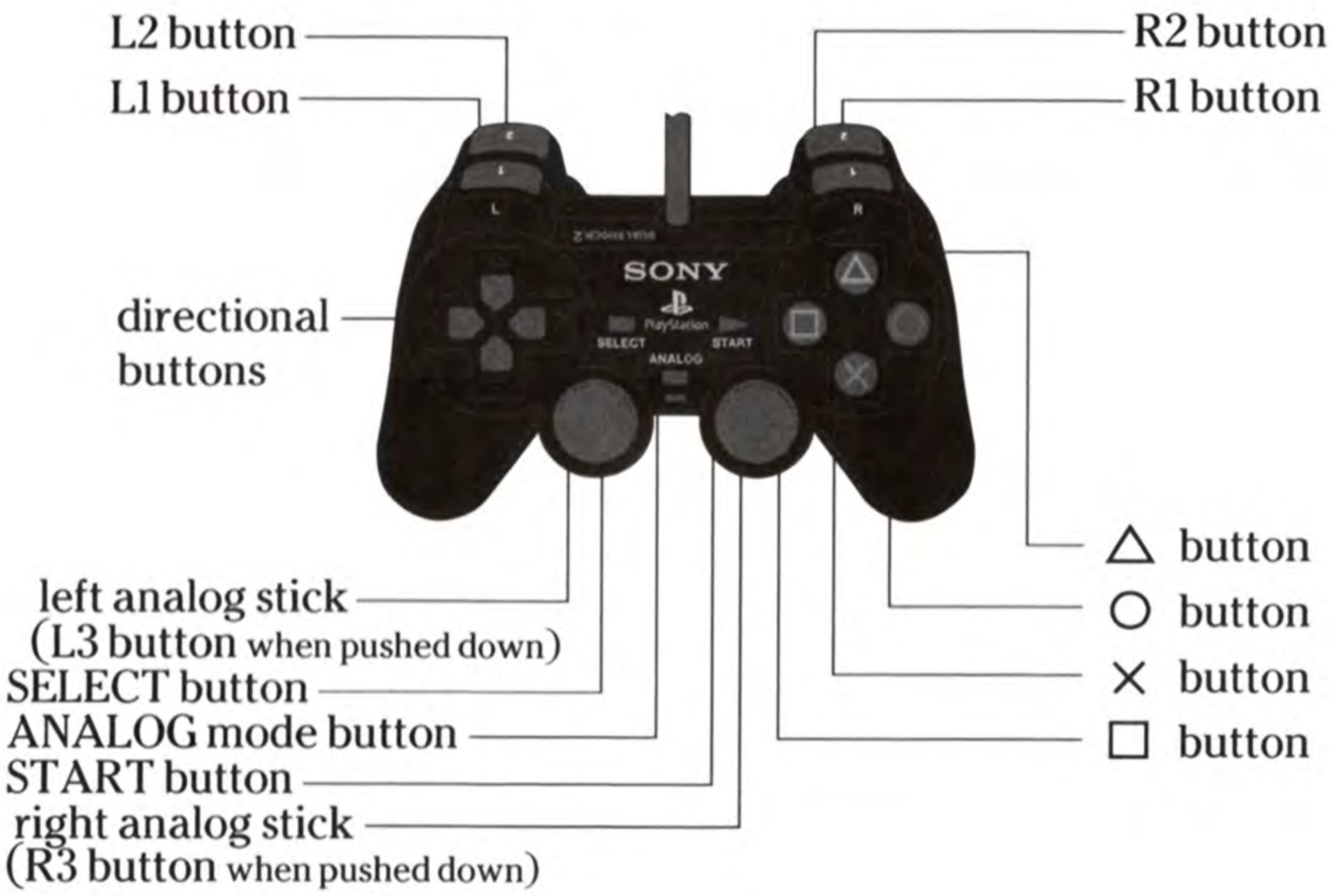
SYSTEM SETUP



Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located on the back of the console) is turned on. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the open button and the disc tray will open. Place the **MARK DAVIS PRO BASS CHALLENGE** disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the open button again and the disc tray will close. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

CONTROLS

DUALSHOCK®2 Analog Controller Configuration



△ button	RETURNS TO PREVIOUS MENU TACKLE BOX MENU
○ button	SELECTS MENU ITEMS CAST REEL IN (FAST)
× button	SELECTS MENU ITEMS CAST REEL IN (SLOW)
□ button	RETURNS TO PREVIOUS MENU CANCELS CAST DRIVES BOAT
L1/R1 buttons	SWITCHES LURE COLOR IN TACKLE BOX MENU
L2/R2 buttons	NOT USED
L3/R3 buttons	NOT USED
Directional button	NAVIGATES MENU SCREENS MOVES BOAT LOCATION MOVES CASTING TARGET MOVES ROD WHILE RETRIEVING LURE PUSH UP TO SET THE HOOK
Left Analog Stick	MOVES BOAT LOCATION MOVES CASTING TARGET MOVES ROD LEFT OR RIGHT ONCE FISH IS HOOKED
Right Analog Stick	REELS IN LURE
START button	PAUSES GAME
SELECT button	NOT USED

BASIC GAMEPLAY

MAIN MENU

If you like to catch bass, Mark Davis Pro Bass Challenge has a game mode to match your mood and angling style. Choose from the multiple-year campaigns in Tournament mode or perfect your technique in Practice mode.

TOURNAMENT

Work your way up from amateur league all the way to the highest rankings in top pro league in Tournament mode. As you progress through each month, you'll explore new lakes and possibly earn extra lures by winning a tournament or two. Keep in mind that the competition in this simulation mode is extremely tough. It's not unusual for the stringers caught by top echelon anglers to tilt the scales at nearly 100 pounds!

ARCADE

If you like fast fights and can sweat the pressure of a ticking clock, you'll be hooked on Arcade mode. You have 300 seconds to match or exceed the stringer weight in the upper right corner of the screen. Any lures that you win in Tournament mode are available in unlimited numbers in Arcade mode, which can improve your odds for winning, especially when the weather changes for the worse or the water turns murky.

LECTURE

Not many anglers can say that they learned from the only B.A.S.S. pro to ever win the grand slam (that's B.A.S.S. Masters Classic Champion and B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year) but Mark Davis will teach you everything you need to know in Lecture mode. This helpful tutorial discusses important fishing techniques, lure actions and varied Bass habitats.

PRACTICE

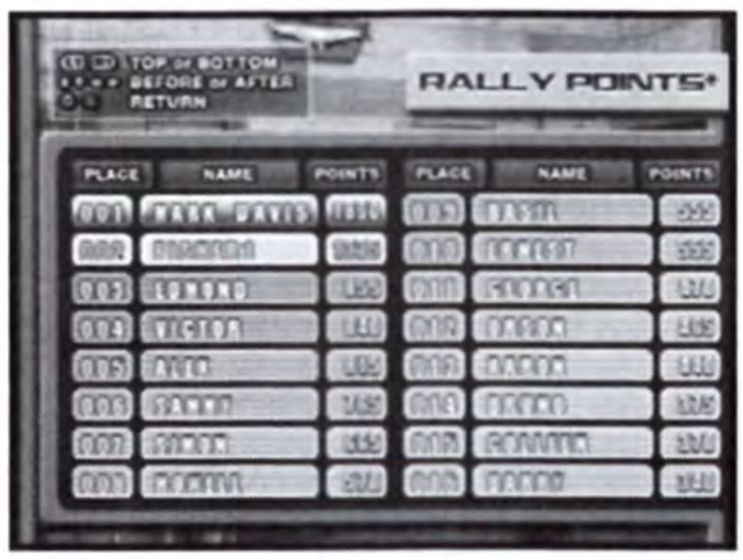
If you want to be perfect, Practice mode is the place to go. Use it to define the season, time of day and weather at your favorite fishing spot. Pinpoint prime fish holding areas on the lakes in any condition and improve your chances for hookups.

OPTIONS MENU

Play the game your way by customizing features in the Option mode. Use this menu to tweak controller functions, turn off the background music, convert Imperial measurements to the metric way of life, and even sample the tunes and sounds available in the game.

TOURNAMENT MODE

If you ever fantasized about living the life of a Bass pro, Tournament mode offers all the challenges without any of the bug bites, long road trips or early morning wake-up calls. Winning here can increase your lure inventory!



When you begin Tournament mode you can only compete in one or two monthly amateur tournaments. As you place or even possibly win, you'll accumulate rally points that will eventually give you access to semi pro, pro and top pro level tournament events. Your angling opponents in each level are progressively tougher to beat. Unlike Arcade mode, Tournament mode limits your tackle to three of each type. Breaking off too many lures can limit your productivity and force you to improvise with less-than-ideal tackle. The key to winning here is to monitor the water temperature and punctuate all of your casts with a large Bass at the end of the line.

ARCADE MODE

Arcade mode is a fun and highly challenging time trial fishing event that sharpens your casting and landing skills for pro-level events in Tournament mode. To complete each of the three timed stages, you must match or exceed the 'Clear' weight total in the upper right corner of the screen.

Fish activity in Arcade mode often depends on the selected difficulty level. Like Tournament mode, angling success depends on knowing where to look for fish in every season and weather condition. The good news is that you have an unlimited supply of lures.

FISHING

Anybody can fish, but it takes a true pro to land the largest Bass in the shortest amount of time. The most important thing about winning is making the best choices: The right lure, the right place and the right retrieval method.

CHOOSING A LURE

Season, weather and water temperature affect Bass feeding behavior, so try to choose a lure that resembles the food source found at the depth where the Bass are feeding. There's no 'best' lure—but a small handful will catch the most fish in the shortest amount of time.

TOP LURES

Summertime is the best time to find Bass feeding just below the surface, especially during the morning or evening hours. Some of the best top water lures resemble frogs and baitfish, but even a flashy spinner is effective in the right conditions.

MIDDLE LURES

Middle lures are usually the most effective lures in your tackle box because you can fish them effectively from early spring through late fall. Remember to press L1 or R1 to select the 'attract' color lures while fishing in cloudy or murky water.

DEEP LURES

Spring and fall are the best times to use your deep lures to catch lurking Bass. Some lures have a small spoon on the front. The faster you reel, the deeper the lure will sink. These are ideal for tickling the noses of reluctant or sluggish Bass.

BOTTOM LURES

Bottom lures work best during the spring, fall and winter when temperatures are low and Bass hug the lake bottom. The only drawback is that some lures have a slow sinking rate, potentially consuming a big part of your valuable tournament time.

SELECTING A SPOT TO FISH

Most lakes are big places with plenty of good places to fish. As you cruise around you'll find the boundary areas marked by blue flashing disks. If you're stuck and can't find productive spots, the four screen shots below hint at a few of the best tournament-winning locations.

CASTING

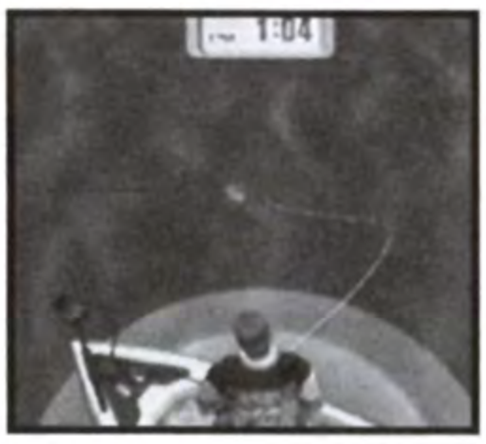
Depending on the water temperature, Bass love any sort of structure where they can ambush prey. That's why it's always productive to cast around rocks, brush, docks, sunken trees and other objects. Think like a hungry Bass and you'll find plenty of productive places to fish.

REELING IN YOUR LURE

Bass will chomp on a lively lure, but they don't want to work too hard chasing it down. That's why it's a good idea to change your retrieval speed as you reel. Keep in mind that there are always exceptions to this rule. Don't hesitate to experiment and explore new techniques.

HOOKING AND LANDING A FISH

A fish will strike your lure if you see the word "HIT!!" on the screen. To set the hook, quickly swing your rod up. If you successfully hook the fish, you'll see a line tension meter appear on the screen. Stop reeling if the tension meter suddenly fills up!



Big Bass can quickly max out the tension meter and snap your line. The trick is to know when to stop reeling and turn your rod in the direction that the fish wants to run. Bass fight more as they approach your craft. Swing your rod to play the fish. You'll land the fish if it swims inside the rippling green circle surrounding the boat.

TIPS FROM THE PROS

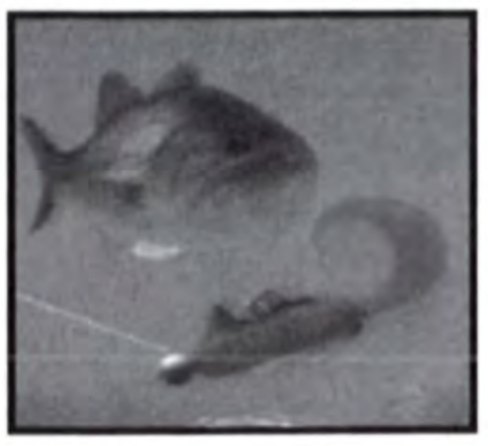
Need a few more fish on your stringer? The Lecture option has a tackle box full of helpful advice and tips from Mark Davis, but if you just need a quick tip or two, these hints will keep your line singing like a banjo string.

FISHING LOCATIONS

Bass rely on cover to seize small, unsuspecting prey, but the shadows beneath boats, piers and other structures also offer protection during hot sunny days. If you're lucky enough to spot one, odds are good that others are lurking nearby. Once you find a location, cast to determine how deep the fish are before changing lures.

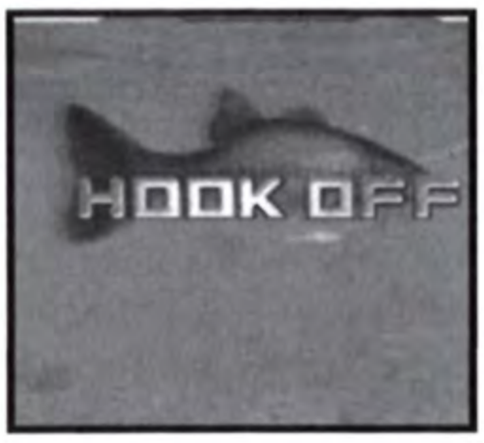
LURE ACTION

Looking lively is always more appetizing than looking dead, but how Bass react to your lures often depends on water temperature and weather conditions. Vary your retrieve speed and don't make the Bass swim too far or too fast. Note the depth of the fish and choose lures that are effective in that range.



LAND THE BIG HAWG!

Landing the biggest fish in the lake won't be easy, but the trick is more about technique than matching perfect tackle. Watch the line tension and swing your rod to run with the fish. You'll have an easier fight if you can hook it close to your boat, but reflexes and reactions are key to landing a lunker.



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