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Tournament Fishing!

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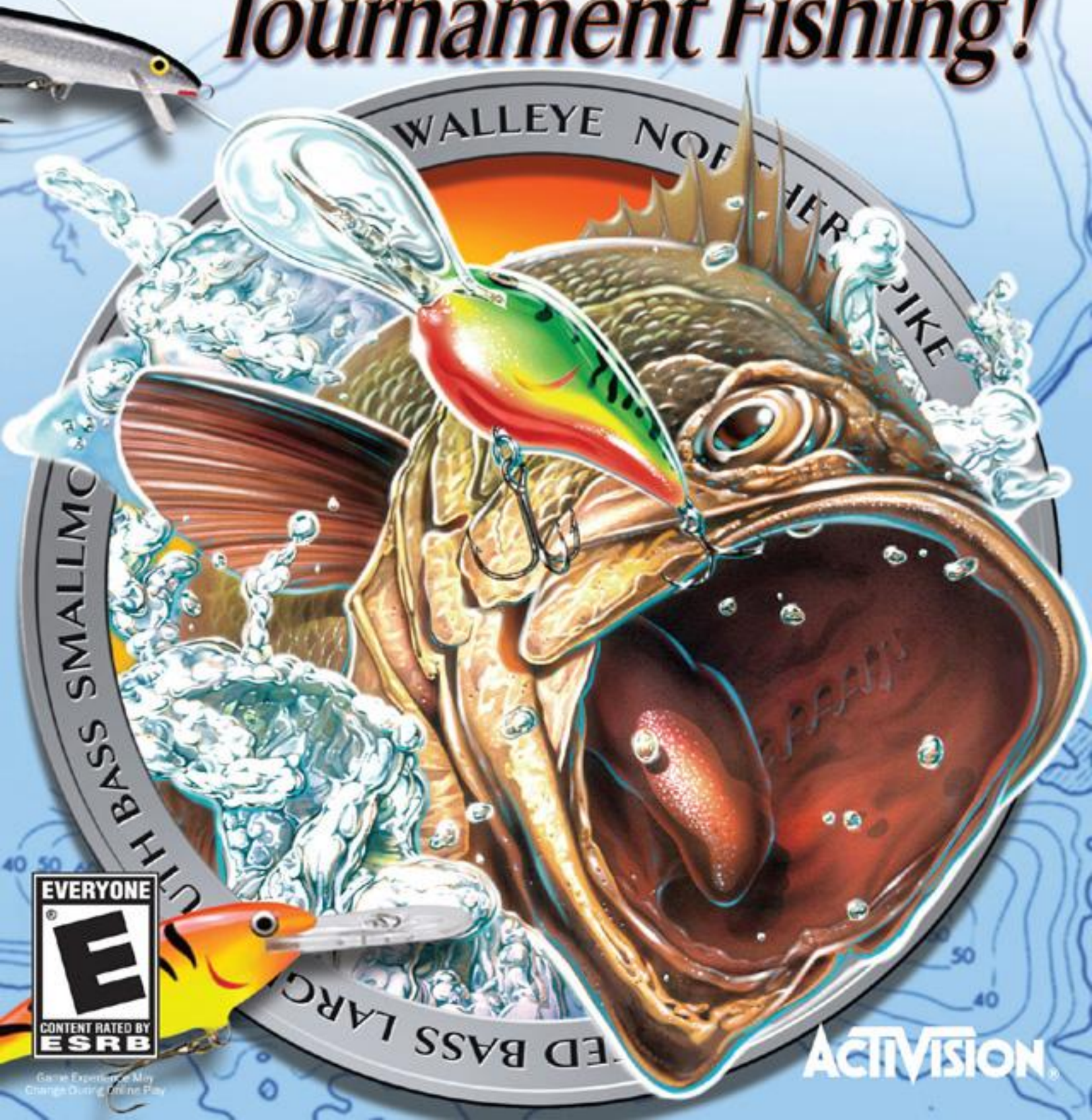

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CONTENT RATED BY ESRB

Game Experience May Change During Online Play

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⚠ WARNING

Before playing this game, read the Xbox 360 Instruction Manual and any peripheral manuals for important safety and health information. Keep all manuals for future reference. For replacement manuals, see www.xbox.com/support or call Xbox Customer Support (see inside of back cover).

Important Health Warning About Playing Video Games

Photosensitive Seizures

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these “photosensitive epileptic seizures” while watching video games.

These seizures may have a variety of symptoms, including lightheadedness, altered vision, eye or face twitching, jerking or shaking of arms or legs, disorientation, confusion, or momentary loss of awareness. Seizures may also cause loss of consciousness or convulsions that can lead to injury from falling down or striking nearby objects.

Immediately stop playing and consult a doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. Parents should watch for or ask their children about the above symptoms—children and teenagers are more likely than adults to experience these seizures. The risk of photosensitive epileptic seizures may be reduced by taking the following precautions:

- Sit farther from the television screen.
- Use a smaller television screen.
- Play in a well-lit room.
- Do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

If you or any of your relatives have a history of seizures or epilepsy, consult a doctor before playing

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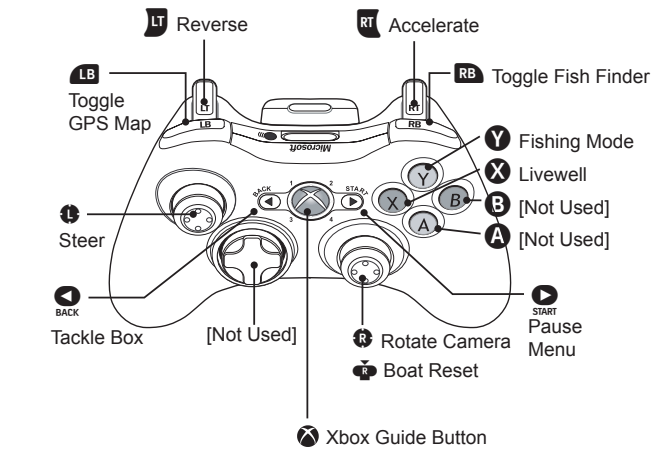
DEFAULT CONTROLS

BOAT MODE



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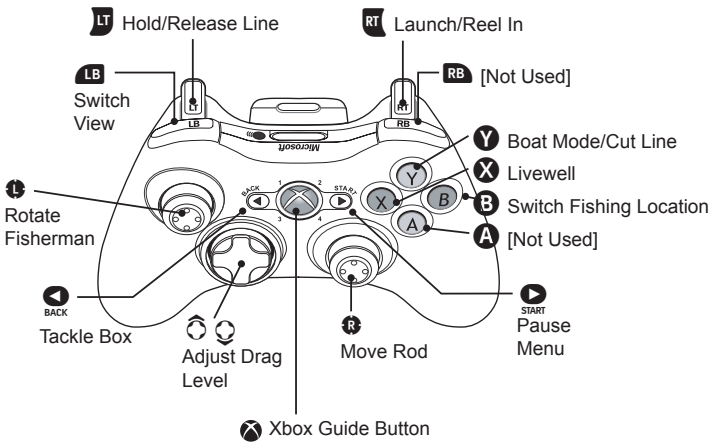

XBOX LIVE®

Play anyone and everyone, anytime, anywhere on Xbox Live. Build your profile (your gamer card). Chat with your friends. Download content at Xbox Live Marketplace. Send and receive voice and video messages. Get connected and join the revolution.

CONNECTING

Before you can use Xbox Live, connect your Xbox console to a high-speed Internet connection and sign up to become an Xbox Live member. For more information about connecting, and to determine whether Xbox Live is available in your region, go to www.xbox.com/live.

FAMILY SETTINGS

These easy and flexible tools enable parents and caregivers to decide which games young game players can access based on the content rating. For more information, go to www.xbox.com/familysettings.

MENU NAVIGATION

SETTING UP THE GAME

Before you start fishing, make sure to set up a Gamer Profile to save your progress and any of your Achievements to a Storage Device. If you do not create a new Gamer Profile or load an existing Gamer Profile, you will not be able save any progress and any progress you have made will be lost as soon as you leave the game. A Gamer Profile must be created to access Xbox Live.

GAMER PROFILE

Create a Gamer Profile to track Achievements and save all game progress.

To create a new Gamer Profile, press the **Xbox Guide button** to bring up the Xbox Guide. Highlight **CREATE NEW PROFILE** and press **A**. Create a profile name by using the virtual keyboard.

After your Gamer profile is created and saved to a storage device, you can customize your Gamer Profile and set personal settings. When you are signed in with your Gamer Profile, Achievements are tracked and game progress can be saved.

IN-GAME MENU NAVIGATION

MAIN MENU

Tournament

This mode gives you the full tournament experience! Enter the new season as one of 100 anglers competing in a series of 6 qualifying events (22 tournaments) to qualify for the final Rapala Pro Tournament. Win the Rapala Pro Tournament and you can call yourself the best angler in the country.

The general list of anglers consists of the top 100 contestants and their scores throughout the season. Each Event will accept only the top 50 anglers from the list. If you don't qualify for an event you can repeat any of the events you have already finished to get a better score.

The player will fish with 4 other contestants. Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" or within 50 yards of a competitor's boat. The player is also not allowed to bump into other anglers and will be disqualified if this happens after being warned.

Contestants who are not at the official check-in area at the appointed time will be penalized 1 pound per minute deducted from the total weight. Any contestant more than 15 minutes late will lose credit for that day's weight.

Free Fishing

Fish in any location and try out the gear you've unlocked in the tournaments. You can practice your casting and get to know what gear is best for the various fish you'll encounter throughout Tournament mode.

Arcade Challenge

Arcade Challenge provides short and exciting bursts of play which the player can jump into at any moment. You are presented with a given challenge in a certain location within the fishing area, and are forced to complete the challenge to earn points. Completing Arcade Challenges unlock tackle equipment that can be used throughout Rapala Tournament Fishing's gameplay modes.

Arcade Challenge challenges you to catch fish in a specified location and earn enough points to advance to a more difficult challenge (Note: You cannot reposition the boat in Arcade Challenge). Starting off as a Rookie, you'll play through a number of different locations within a fishing area. As you successfully complete each challenge, you'll eventually be faced with completing Pro level challenges. Successfully completing Arcade Challenges unlock tackle equipment!

Arcade Challenge Menu

On the Arcade Challenge Main Menu you'll find three available difficulty levels: Rookie, Amateur, and Pro. Arcade Fishing plays in a linear-based fashion; meaning, you'll begin on the Rookie level, and as you progress, unlock the Amateur and Pro difficulty levels. To begin Arcade Fishing select Rookie, read through the challenge description, and select OK. Once you've entered gameplay, you'll be given the option of three different challenge locations. Each location has different fish that require different tackle combinations to hook. Each fish you catch is worth a predetermined point value. To complete an Arcade Challenge difficulty level, you'll be required to reach a certain point value to unlock the next difficulty level.

Time Challenge

Time Challenge requires you to prove your skill, knowledge of fish, and fishing techniques within a given amount of time. Each Time Challenge you receive a list of specific fish to catch within a short time limit. The challenge will be to use the right lure and find the right spot in the given location to catch the fish the challenge requires – there's no time for hesitation! Completing Time Challenges unlocks tackle equipment that can be used throughout Rapala Tournament Fishing's gameplay modes.

Test your true angler skill against time in Time Challenge. Time Challenge requires you to take everything you know about fishing and put it to the test. For each location you receive a list of specific fish to catch within a rather short time limit. The challenge will be to use the right lure and find the right spot in the given location to catch the fish the challenge requires – there's no time for hesitation! Unless you know the challenge location's fishing area sweet spots you will most likely have to try each challenge a number of times to successfully complete it!

Time Trial Fishing Main Menu

On the Time Challenge Main Menu you'll find three available difficulty levels: Rookie, Amateur, and Pro. Time Trial Fishing plays in a linear-based fashion; meaning, you'll begin on the Rookie level, and as you progress, unlock the Amateur and Pro difficulty levels. To begin Time Trial Fishing select Rookie, read through the challenge description, and select OK. Once you've entered gameplay, you'll be presented with a set of fishing objectives that must be completed in the given challenge's time period. To complete a Time Trial Fishing difficulty level, you'll be required to successfully complete a number of Time Trial challenges eventually unlocking the next difficulty level.

Save/Load

Save your current career, load a previously saved career or create a new career.

Extras

Here you can access:

Tackle Info - Learn about all the gear available in Rapala Tournament Fishing – rods, lines, and lures.

Fishing Guide - Hints, tips and strategies from your Guide to help you find and catch a keeper.

Tutorial - Tutorial will guide you step by step through the gameplay and explain the basics.

Score Board - See your current standing in the season.

Movies - Here you can watch the excellent videos giving you tips and techniques for catching that big fish. To watch these you need to unlock them by answering Quiz questions.

Downloadable Content - Here you can access and purchase additional game content from the Xbox Live Marketplace.

Credits.

Options

Here you can set the audio, gameplay, and controls settings.

DIFFICULTY LEVELS

The game has 3 difficulty levels:

Rookie – On this difficulty level, fish are more abundant and not as selective when it comes to the lures or technique. Fish are frequent but trophy sizes are smaller.

Amateur – Fish frequency in the water is decreased while luring them in is more difficult and requires more patience. Choosing the right equipment is more important.

Pro – Fish are more finicky about what lures they're attracted to, and much harder to reel in. time of day, weather and location are also additional elements the player must deal with.

PLAYING THE GAME

CASTING

To cast you must master holding the line - using the Left Trigger and working the rod - using the Right Stick. There are three different types of casts: overhead cast, side-hand cast and pitching cast. The on-screen casting meter will help you cast exactly where you want.

Overhead cast

For the overhead cast you must hold the line and use the Right Stick to operate the rod. Pull it towards you and wait until the desired cast strength builds up. When you are ready pull the Right Trigger to cast.

Side-hand cast

For this cast you must hold the line and push the Right Stick to either side and wait until the desired cast strength builds up. When you are ready pull the Right Trigger to cast. This cast is not as strong as the overhead cast and will result in a shorter casting distance.

Pitching cast

For this cast you must hold the line and push the Right Stick up. When You are ready pull the Right Trigger to cast. This is a short cast and will always result in the same, short distance cast.

HUD ELEMENTS

During the game there will be several indicators present on the screen. You may chose to turn them off in the Options menu.

Boat Mode:

- **Fish Finder**
- **GPS map**
- **Time left** *(Tournament, Time Challenge, Arcade Challenge)*

Fishing Mode:

- **Lure distance/depth indicator**
- **Lure depth Indicator**
- **Casting Meter** *(when casting)*
- **Fisherman Model** *(underwater view)*
- **Lure preview** *(during reeling in above the water view)*
- **Drag indicator** *(during reeling)*

LOCATIONS

Atchafalaya Basin - Louisiana

The Atchafalaya Basin is the plain surrounding the Atchafalaya River. It is filled with bayous, baldcypress swamps, and marshes. Atchafalaya Basin is about twenty miles in width and one hundred and fifty in length. Each year spring time floods send tons of silt into the basin creating new land and changing the topography of the swamp. After the flood waters recede, this areas becomes an anglers paradise.

Devils Lake - North Dakota

Devil's Lake is located between Ramsey County and Benson County in northeastern North Dakota. It is the largest natural body of water in North Dakota. The lake itself is relatively shallow with an excellent forage base that produces large fish fast.

Lake Champlain - New York

Lake Champlain is mostly within the borders of the United States but partially situated across the US-Canada border in the province of Quebec. Lake Champlain is the largest mountain lake and the sixth largest fresh water lake in the United States.

Lake Erie – Ohio

Lake Erie is the most southern of the five Great Lakes of North America. The world's 13th largest natural lake. Lake Erie or "Walleye Capital of the World" is also a renowned smallmouth fishery. People from all over the world come to chase these big brutes.

Lake Eufaula – Alabama
Eufaula Lake is a manmade lake in Oklahoma. It is located on the Canadian River. The shoreline ranges from vast expanses of sandy beaches to rocky bluffs. Eufaula Lake has long been recognized for its outstanding fishery.

Lake Havasu – Arizona
Lake Havasu is a large reservoir behind Parker Dam on the Colorado River. Average lake depth is about 30 ft. The river section, upstream from the sandbar, offers an average depth of about 12 feet. Water color ranges from greenish clear in the main lake, to brownish in the backs of coves.

Lake Kissimmee – Florida
Lake Kissimmee is a lake located 40 miles south of Orlando. This location offers fishing at its best year around. Warmer water temperatures during the summer period will help increase bass foraging activity which should relate to good fishing.

Lake Seminole – Georgia
Lake Seminole is known as one of the best sites for sport fishing. Extensive stump and grass beds provide excellent cover. With all of the inlets and channels, there are virtually unlimited "secret" fishing holes.

Ross Barnett – Mississippi
Ross Barnett reservoir was created by impounding the Pearl River between Madison and Rankin Counties. It has 105 miles of shoreline. It is an extremely shallow with vast areas of stumpy flats, which are generally good for bass fishing. Heavy rains will make this lake extremely muddy and very difficult to fish.

Sam Rayburn Reservoir – Texas
Sam Rayburn Reservoir is located in Southeast Texas. The reservoir has a forested river bottom with varying water clarity. The most popular game fish at Sam Rayburn Reservoir is the largemouth bass it is an excellent year-round fishery.

Santee Cooper - South Carolina
The Santee Cooper lake system consists of two lakes, Marion and Moultrie. The lakes vary from shallow swamps and blackwater ponds to vast open water with a multitude of underwater structures.

California Delta – California (available on Xbox Live Marketplace)
The California Delta is located between Sacramento and Stockton and encompasses about 1,000 miles of waterways. The Delta is a fishermen's paradise with multiple species of fish to choose from.

EQUIPMENT

BOATS

Ranger 621 VS
When it comes to dominating the rough stuff, the 621VS has been called the biggest, baddest walleye boat on the water!

Overall Hull Length: 21' 3"
Beam: 94 3/4"
Horsepower: 200-250
Transom Height: 25"
Inside Depth: 25"
Fuel Capacity (gal): 55
Total Persons, Motor, Gear (lb): 1,880

OptiMax 200
HP @ Prop: 200
kW @ Prop: 147
Max RPM (WOT): 5000-5750

Ranger 210 Reata
Big on features and even bigger on performance, the 210 Reata has been called, "the most family-oriented rig on the water."

Overall Hull Length: 21' 4"
Beam: 93"
Horsepower: 200-225
Transom Height: 22"
Inside Depth: 25"
Fuel Capacity (gal): 45
Total Persons, Motor, Gear (lb): 1,840

OptiMax 225 Pro XS
HP @ Prop: 225
kW @ Prop: 168
Max RPM (WOT): 5500-6000

Ranger Z22 Comanche

Engineered from the most technologically advanced total performance designs, the all-new Z22 Comanche not only looks the part, but performs it equally well.

Overall Hull Length: 22' 2"
Beam: 95"
Horsepower: 250-300
Transom Height: 23"
Inside Depth: 22"
Fuel Capacity: 32 Gal.
Total Persons, Motor, Gear (lb): 1,900

250 Pro XS

HP @ Prop: 250
kW @ Prop: 187
Max RPM (WOT): 5500-6000

Lund 1775 Classic Sport

It's the Lund you've always wanted – at the price you've been waiting for. These new Classics are all Lund, built with exceptional quality and comfort and loaded with exclusive Lund fishing features.

IPS™ chine: 72.5"
Length: 17'3"
Beam: 85"
Transom: 20"
Fuel: 19-gallon built-in tank
Outboard rating: 90 HP (Sport, SS)

90 EFI

HP @ Prop: 90
kW @ Prop: 67
Max RPM (WOT): 5000-6000

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Lund 1800 Explorer

Talk about family values – the big 1800 Explorer is gaining legions of fans because it's a great investment in time well spent. It's also a great economic investment thanks to genuine Lund construction and features.

Hull: IPS™ (Integrated Power Strake™)
Material: Marine-grade 5052 H34 aluminum
IPS™ 2 chine: 82.50" wide
Length: 18'1"
Beam: 96"
Transom: 20" (25" optional on SS)
Fuel: 32-gallon built-in tank
Bilge: Single pump
Lighting: Interior and navigational
Power: 12/24V bow trolling motor plug-in • Battery storage
Outboard rating: 150 HP (SS)

115 EFI

HP @ Prop: 115
kW @ Prop: 86
Max RPM (WOT): 5800-6400

Lund 2025 Pro-V LE

That's what happens wherever you launch this leaderboard legend. Everybody wants it, with all its huge space, incomparable features, and IPS™ 2 hull. So invite them onboard, give them a ride, and realize that when they turn green it isn't seasickness.

Warranty: #1 Lifetime Limited Warranty
Hull: IPS™ 2 (Integrated Power Strake™ 2)
Material: Marine-grade 5052 H34 aluminum
IPS™ 2 chine: 87.5" wide
Length: 20'6" Beam: 97"
Transom: 25"
Fuel: 55-gallon built-in tank • ProPlus reserve
Bilge: Two 1,000-gallon-per-hour larger capacity pumps (one automatic/one manual)
Lighting: Interior, livewell, and navigational
Power: 12/24/36V bow and aft trolling motor plug-ins • 12V in-dash plug-in • In-floor easy-access storage for three trolling motor batteries
Outboard rating: 250 HP

225 EFI

HP @ Prop: 225
kW @ Prop: 168
Max RPM (WOT): 5000-6000

RODS

Sportman's Series

The Sportsman's Series provides exceptional strength and is lightweight with its IM-6 High Modulus Graphite. Its hook keeper, standard on all our rods, secures your favorite Rapala lures without damaging the rod.

Sportman's Classic Series

The Sportsman's Classic series was created to provide sensitivity and strength. The Graphite Spiral Wrap adds additional strength while the Rapala Maximum Guide System offers minimum weight with optimum sensitivity.

Tournament Class Series

This family of specialty rods provides the latest in rod technology, from Fuji Hard Alloy Guides to technique-specific Premium Fuji Seats. Be it inshore fishing for Striper or nailing Steelhead in the cold-water fisheries, the tournament class has you covered.

Xtreme Ultralight Series

HM-40 High Modulus Graphite makes the new Xtreme Ultra Light Series strong as an ox and light as a feather. Fuji Aluminum Oxide Guides make for a light crisp cast while the grade "A" Portuguese full cork handle provides comfort and control in all conditions.

REELS

RAP SX6i Spinning Reel

Simple design. Practical features. Solid performance. It's the result of time on the drawing board, but more importantly time on the water. Reels that are solid and dependable are what we promise – and that's what you'll get with the RAP SX6i. Titanium nitride lip on the spool for long casts, a drag that is silky smooth, one-way clutch for solid hook-ups, and an aluminum body that will withstand the test of time.

RAP SX5iUL Spinning Reel

Landing a big fish on 2-lb. to 6-lb. line is a real thrill. This series of Rapala ultra lights are up to the test. These reels feature quality construction and precision in a super-compact full aluminum body. The dual anodized, machined aluminum spool houses a strong and smooth operating front drag system. Instant Hook Set Anti-Reverse won't budge when you rear back to cross their eyes. Crank 'em in with the fold-down die-cast aluminum handle with a large co-molded paddle grip. Titanium nitride plating on the line roller and stainless steel ball bearings at every critical point makes these little guys smooth yet powerful, and the ultimate in performance for light line angling.

RAP SX4i Spinning Reel

RAP SX4i family of reels offers a full aluminum body and complete range of features at a very affordable price. Add up the advanced features and precision construction of these metal-bodied beauties and you'll see what a true value they are for the dedicated angler. SX4i drags offer super smooth performance for light line and high-end drag pressure. The Instant Hook Set Anti-Reverse is the strongest, smoothest anti-reverse available.

RAP SX3iUL Spinning Reel

Landing a big fish on 2-lb. to 6-lb. line is a real thrill. This series of Rapala ultra lights are up to the test. These reels feature quality construction and precision in a super-compact full aluminum body. The dual anodized, machined aluminum spool houses a strong and smooth operating front drag system. Instant Hook Set Anti-Reverse won't budge when you rear back to cross their eyes. Crank 'em in with the fold-down die-cast aluminum handle with a large co-molded paddle grip. Titanium nitride plating on the line roller and stainless steel ball bearings at every critical point makes these little guys smooth yet powerful, and the ultimate in performance for light line angling.

RAP SX2i Spinning Reel

RAP SX2i is the most recent addition to the Rapala reel lineup. A family of full-metal bodied, two-ball bearing reels. The workhorse of the line. Nothing too fancy, but solid as a rock and not too hard on your pocket book either. Like all Rapala reels, the SX2i is engineered from the ground up. It's design is unique and exclusive to Rapala. The features are what you would expect from a much more expensive reel and the look and feel are nothing but high end. Test drive the SX2i and experience the smooth drag and instant hook-setting power of the anti-reverse. Smooth, strong and affordable.

FISH

Largemouth Bass (Micropterus salmoides)

The Largemouth Bass is the most popular game fish in North America. This is due to its ability to fight and survive in any freshwater bodies. The Largemouth spawn in warm water in areas with low light levels. This includes shallow bays, weed lines, but also man-made structures such as bridges and docks, where the light is dim. Because of this, the Largemouth Bass are most active during daybreak or dusk.

Recommended lures: Topwater lures, Dives-To, Rattlin' Rapala, Floater

Striped Bass (Morone saxatilis)

Striped Bass have silver sides with 7 or 8 horizontal stripes that run from the gills to the tail. They are voracious feeders, and travel in schools. A school of feeding Stripers can come quickly, start feeding in one spot and then disappear without apparent reason. Stripers migrate up rivers and streams as soon as the temperature is appropriate. They prefer large waters where baitfish are abundant. Location-wise, they can be found roaming large open areas, rather than suspending in cover. Usually, in Striper waters, the presence of baitfish schools means some Stripers are nearby.

Recommended lures: Super Shad Rap, Jointed, Husky Jerk, Long Cast Minnow, Floater, Countdown

Smallmouth Bass (Micropterus dolomieu)

A close cousin of the Largemouth, the Smallmouth Bass prefers cooler water, therefore they are not as spread. The Smallmouth found in the northern lakes doesn't grow as big as its southern relative, because the low water temperature and spawn time. It accumulates more body fat, and that gives it a more round shape. The Smallmouth spawn on deep rock beds or sand, and they are not as eager to inhabit weedy cover as the Largemouth. They don't grow as big as a Largemouth, and they are usually bigger in the southern, warmer waters than in the North. The Smallmouth have poor depth perception, and they will often attack bigger lures than they can swallow.

Recommended lures: Topwater lures, Husky jerk, Fat Rap, Long Cast Minnow

White Bass (Morone chrysops)

White bass are usually dark grey or black starting on the dorsal or top fin, fading to a white or silvery color on the belly. You may also be able to detect the half dozen or so dark stripes going horizontally down the sides of this fish. These fish can make for fast and exciting fishing because of their hard bite and high numbers. White Bass prefer large open clear water with a firm bottom and water depths of less than 30 feet. White Bass average 1 to 2 pounds and are usually between 10 and 14 inches in length.

Recommended lures: Shad Rap, Shad Rap RS, Skitter Pop, Floaters, Countdowns

White Perch (Morone Americana)

Very similar to the White Bass, the white perch is actually a member of the Bass family. Differing from the White Bass, the white perch is thinner in size and the horizontal stripes across the body are much less visible. The two species are actually known for interbreeding which causes problems because the hybrids typically cannot reproduce. Usually 5-7 inches in length and an average of 8 ounces this fish is well known throughout the Great Lakes. White Perch is famous for eating the eggs of other, more prized fish, and is therefore regarded as undesirable.

Recommended lures: Countdown, Jigging Rap, Jointed, Jointed Shad Rap

Yellow Perch (Perca flavescens)

Bright green with bold dark vertical stripes, Yellow Perch is of course known for its yellow belly. The average length is around 6 to 10 inches and weight is 6 to 16 ounces. Yellow Perch are known for schooling near shore and stay near the bottom where they feed and live in the thick vegetation. Adults will feed on insect larvae, crustaceans, and small fish all year round.

Recommended lures: Countdown, Jigging Rap, Jointed, Jointed Shad Rap,

Rainbow Trout – Steelhead (Oncorhynchus mykiss)

The Rainbow Trout is one of the tastiest freshwater fish. They can be recognized by their spotted side and the long pink line that runs along their body. Trout can be mainly found in cold mountain waters, with high oxygen levels. Because of this reason, Trout rarely reproduce in lakes and must be stocked. Trout spend very much of their time in cover, and only come out when they need to feed. When feeding, the largest Trout tend to chase the smaller Trout away from the good feeding spots. In rivers, you can catch Trout in runs, eddies and deep pools. Fishing for Trout in lakes may take you to gradually sloping shorelines, rocky points, shallow bays and weed beds.

Recommended lures: Countdown, Taildancer, Jointed

Brown Trout (Salmo trutta morpha fario)

Brown Trout is a medium sized fish, growing to 20 kg or more in some localities although in many smaller rivers a mature weight of 2 lbs or less is common. Large Brown Trout are not at all uncommon, although 12-20 inches is the usual size range of adults. Brown Trout are most active in the early morning and evening and when the water temperatures are near 55 degrees Fahrenheit. During the day or times when they are not feeding, large browns seek refuge in slow water with ample cover. The most common types of cover are overhang, submerged logs or vegetation, or deep water. They will not move from these sites except to feed and will return when they are finished.

Recommended lures: Countdown, Jointed, Jointed Shad Rap, Floater

Lake Trout (Salvelinus namaycush)

The largest of the Trout, the Lake Trout has an average weight of around 7 pounds but frequently, much larger fish are encountered, some weighing in excess of 25 pounds. Lake Trout average 17 to 26 inches in length, with unusual specimens reaching 49 inches. Preferring cold, deep, clean water the Lake Trout can most commonly be found at depths of 50 to 100 feet and are known for living long lives of up to 40 years on the bottoms of the lakes of the northern United States and Canada.

Recommended lures: Countdown, Jigging Rap, Jointed, Jointed Shad Rap, Jigging Shad Rap

White Crappie (Pomoxis annularis)

Crappies can be found all over United States, and in southern Canada. They are small fish with a great appetite for small fish, larvae and suspended plankton. While Crappies can be caught easily, finding them is a more complicated matter. The white crappie is silver in color with dark vertical stripes and prefers slow moving waters, murky waters. Their nomadic nature makes them relocate often in search for new feeding grounds. They can usually be found in warm waters, shallow bays with dark bottoms, rock piles and areas with small vegetation. In Bass lakes they can be found inhabiting roughly the same areas as Largemouth, but also open areas that Bass shy away from.

Recommended lures: Countdown, Rattlin' Rapala, Jointed, Mini Fat Rap

Black Crappie (Pomoxis nigromaculatus)

The Black Crappie is a large Sunfish, although not as big as the Largemouth Bass. It grows up to 16 inches long and can weigh five pounds, but they are usually much smaller. Black Crappie live in warm ponds, lakes, streams, and resevoirs. They are schooling fish, so they like to stay in groups. Adult Black Crappie eat small fish, insects, crayfish, tadpoles, and just about anything else that will fit in their mouths. Crappies prefer water from 70 to 75 degrees but will tolerate water over 80 degrees. Black crappies thrive in clear, natural lakes and reservoirs with moderate vegetation.

Recommended lures: Floater, Countdown, Jiggin' Shadrap, Mini fat rap

Bluegill Sunfish (Lepomis macrochirus)

A popular Sunfish of warm, shallow waters the length of a Bluegill Sunfish is up to 12 inches typically to 8 inches, rarely more. Their weight can be up to 2 lbs typically 1 lb, occasionally more. Food preferences include aquatic insects, insect larva, an occasional small fish and when available, terrestrial insects. Because the bluegills prefer very warm water, they tend to be found in shallow lakes and streams. However, the bluegill also prefers areas with lots of vegetation to hide them from direct sunlight.

Recommended lures: floater, countdown, jigging shad rap.

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Redear Sunfish (Lepomis microlophus)

Called a Redear Sunfish because of its red ear, of course. The species is usually found near the bottom in warm water with little current and abundant aquatic vegetation. Redear sunfish are bottom feeders, feeding mostly during the day on their preferred prey, aquatic snails. Despite their preference for snails, they are opportunistic feeders and supplement their diet with aquatic insect larvae, clams, crayfish, and fish eggs. Redear sunfish are a popular game fish because they are hard fighters on light tackle and, like other sunfish, readily take a variety of baits and can be caught in large numbers. The adult fish is between 7 and 10 inches in length.

Recommended lures: floater, countdown, jigging shad rap, mini fat rap.

Channel Catfish (Ictalurus punctatus)

Most common in big rivers and streams Channel Catfish prefer some current and deep water with sand, gravel or rubble bottoms. Channel Catfish also inhabit lakes, reservoirs and ponds. They adapt well in standing water where stocked. Major foods are aquatic insects, crayfish, mollusks, crustaceans and fishes. The fish's weight generally averages two to four pounds. They can grow to almost four feet long and up to 50 pounds, however they are usually much smaller. It is not uncommon to see a fish three feet long and twenty pounds. The oldest Channel Catfish was captured in Canada and was estimated to be 24 years old. White catfish mature at ages 3-4 at approximately 7-9 inches. The lifespan of White Catfish has been estimated to be 14 years.

Recommended lures: Shad Rap, Countdown.

Flathead Catfish (Pylodictis olivaris)

Flatheads are found mainly in large rivers and their major tributaries. They prefer long, slow-flowing, moderately-turbid streams. Adult Flatheads are solitary and spend most of their time in deep water near cover such as log jams or fallen trees. Flatheads are predatory fish and will consume Bass, Bream, Shad, Crayfish and often feed on other Catfish. Their solitary lifestyle, however, makes them more difficult to catch than other catfish and weigh between 5 and 15 pounds. They grow to a length of 61 inches. Their maximum recorded lifespan is 20 years. Males are mature from 4 years of age while females mature from 5 years of age, but may mature as late as 10 years.

Recommended lures: shad rap, countdown.

Brown Bullhead Catfish (Ameiurus nebulosus)

A medium size member of the catfish family, the Brown Bullhead's length generally ranges from 8 – 14 inches and weighs up to about 2 lbs under ideal conditions, most average less than 1 lb. Brown Bullheads live in shallow, weedy, muddy areas of lakes or large slow-moving streams; also impoundments, lakes, and ponds. The Brown Bullhead is a nocturnal consumer of molluscs, insects, leeches, crayfish and plankton, worms, algae, plant material, and fishes. Like many other catfish, they feed near the bottom of ponds and lakes rich in submerged plants and moss.

Recommended lures: Shad Rap, Countdown.

Sauger (Sander canadensis)

Sauger look very similar to Walleye and most Sauger range from 9 to 15 inches in length and are less than 1 pound. They are distinguished from the Walleye by their long, thin bodies and the dark spots on the top fin. Most Sauger range from 9 to 15 inches in length and are less than 1 pound. Sauger prefer large, slow moving rivers, and large, cool shallow lakes and adults eat fish, leeches, and crayfish found there. Sauger also would prefer to avoid sunlight and therefore feed mainly at night and can be found lurking in deep holes and in weeded areas.

Recommended lures: Shad rap, Floater, Jointed Minnow.

Lake Sturgeon (Acipenser fulvescens)

Lake Sturgeon are very unique in their appearance, somewhat resembling a Shark with bony ridges across the back and sides. As one of the largest freshwater fish the Lake Sturgeon averages three to five feet and weigh between 10-80 pounds. Lake Sturgeon are also bottom feeders and eat leeches, snails, clams, other invertebrates, small fish, and even algae. Lake Sturgeon is extremely uncommon and the species is threatened in most areas because of overfishing due to high demand for its caviar and delicious meat and it's extremely long reproductive cycle. Lake Sturgeon do not mature until they are around 20 years old and then only spawn every four to six years.

Recommended lures: Jigging rap, jigging shad rap

Walleye (Sander vitreus vitreus)

Walleyes are night fish. Their eyes have a pigment called tapetum lucidum that allows them to see well even in the darkest and murkiest waters.
The Walleyes are very mobile fish. They can usually be found in shallow points, mud, gravel and sand flats, but also deep reefs and sharp-dropping points. The areas where they can be found varies with water temperature, oxygen and light levels. When the sun is low on the horizon, they feed mostly in shallow areas, but when summer comes and the sun is high in the sky, they tend to go to deeper spots.

Recommended lures: Glass Shad Rap, Jointed Shad Rap, Shad Rap, Taildancer, Deep-down Husky Jerk

King Salmon - Chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha)

The King Salmon is blue-green on the back and top of the head with silvery sides and white ventral surfaces. It has black spots on its tail and the upper half of its body; its mouth is a dark gray. A huge fish, adults average 33 to 36 inches, but may be up to 58 inches in length; they average 10 to 50 pounds, but may reach 130 pounds. The King Salmon is an incredibly important commercial fish in Alaska and the Pacific coast and supports local economies in many fishing towns making it the state fish of Alaska.

Recommended lures: Fat Rap, Shad Rap Deep Runner, Husky Jerk, Long Cast Minnow

Northern Pike (Esox lucius)

The Northern Pike can be recognized by their greenish color with light spots that run along the sides. The Pike are opportunistic game fish, feeding on whatever they can eat. Pike food ranges from fish to mice, turtles and even birds. The Pike is spread all over northern USA and Canada, because of its high tolerance for cold water. The Pike bites best during daytime, and fishing slows when darkness falls. The fish can be found in weedy cover, rock reefs, shallow coves, points and even timber-covered humps.

Recommended lures: Super Shad Rap, Rattlin' Rapala, Skitter Walk, Jointed

Chain Pickerel (Esox niger)

The Chain Pickerel is distinguished from its relatives, the Northern Pike and Muskellunge, by the dark chain-like markings on a light green background. Pickerel are attracted to weedy pools in streams, ponds, lakes and rivers. The main diet of the pickerel consists of small fish, crayfish, frogs, mice, newts and insects. Chain Pickerel typically grow to about 24 inches in length with a weight of 3-5 pounds. The best place to find Pickerel is in thick weedbeds and fallen tree trunks. The Pickerel is an exciting fish to catch as they hit fast and hard.

Recommended lures: shad rap, rattlin' rapala, jointed minnow.

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