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# THE AQUATIC GAMES

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**JAMES POND™**  
AND THE AQUABATS™



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**Occupation:** Programmer

**Lives:** Derbyshire, England

**Age:** 104

**Background:** Born Stickle Bak in the Sargasso Sea. Captured and adopted by a passing millionaire. Flounder of the now famous Fish In Need agency, whose worthy activities include:

- ↓ Helping little old fishes across the river
- ↓ Attaching leather boots to fishermen's hooks
- ↓ Picketing Parsley Sauce factories
- ↓ Maintaining the rungs on salmon ladders
- ↓ Grooming sea horses
- ↓ Walking the dogfish
- ↓ Other extreme acts of bravery

**Dream Job:** Loan shark

**Interests:** 530%

**Favourite Food:** Smoked Kipper!

**Name:** Sean Nicholls

**Occupation:** Graphic artist

**Lives:** 9 (er...sorry, got a bit confused there...)

**Age:** 27 1/5th

**Background:** Fell from a passenger ship of age two months. Saved from drowning by passing halibut shoal. Adopted by mother fish. Raised as one with fishkind. Graduated from a School of Wales. Winner of three Derek the Dolphin swimming awards. Captured by Scottish fishing trawler at age 25. Thrown back same day. Captured again at 26. Sold into slavery of Vectordean Ltd. Cannery, where he sometimes produces canned animations.

**Dream Job:** Co-star on "Flipper"

**Interests:** Spawning

**Favourite Food:** Caviar

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## DANGER TAKES A BREAK

Perilous missions, wicked villains, and gorgeous mermaids make up the everyday life of an Underwater Agent. But even a top FISH operative like James Pond needs a break from the undersea grottos of international intrigue.

Pond is no wet fish when it comes to his leisure time. He'd rather hook into some furious, fun action than lie in the sun with a bunch of beached whales. That's why he and his pals started The Aquatic Games — 8 Competitive Events plus 2 Bonus Events that really separate the men from the minnows.

So start pumping those gills and aim for the Fin-ish Line. As Pond himself says, "It's a halibut good time!"





## LET THE GAMES BEGIN

1. Wipe away any seaweed, ocean debris and dead marine animals from your Sega™ Genesis™. Make sure the power switch on your Sega Genesis is OFF.
2. Carefully blow any sand off your Aquatics cartridge and insert it into the slot on the Genesis. Press firmly to lock the cartridge into place.
3. Turn the power switch ON. The Electronic Arts ® logo appears followed by an Introduction Screen.
4. Remove any scuba gear that may impair your vision and press **START**. This takes you to the Title Screen.
5. Press **START** to take you to the Game Selection Menu.

Well? What are you waiting for?! Get out there, perform like Scaly Thompson and do FISH proud!

## CHOOSE YOUR GAME

Use the Game Selection Screen to choose the type of game you want to play.



Press **B** until the game you want is highlighted, and then press **START** to select. Choose from the following game types:

<b>James Ponda's Workout</b>	1 Player	Practice any event in <i>Easy</i> mode.
<b>Tuffer Training</b>	1 Player	Practice any event in <i>Norma</i> mode.
<b>Ironhat Practice</b>	1 Player	Practice any event in <i>Hard</i> mode.
<b>The Aquatic Games</b>	1 Player	The whole can of worms. Attempt each event in order, playing for gold.
<b>Double Trouble</b>	2 Players	Two players attempt each event in order, playing against each other for maximum points.
<b>Triple Trouts</b>	3 Players	Three players attempt each event in order, playing against each other for maximum points.
<b>Fintastic Foursome</b>	4 Players	Four players attempt each event in order, playing against each other for maximum points.

## PAUSING THE GAME

If you're playing an event and you're feeling like a fish out of water, you can pause the game by pressing **START**. To resume the game, press **START** again.





## SCORING IN COMPETITIONS

In single player competitions, you're aiming to win medals — gold if you're a god, silver if you're pretty good, or bronze if you're...well...not as good as the other winners. In each event you can also earn bonus points. If you earn enough bonus points, you can participate in *bonus events*. If you win a bonus event, you get a 'shield of merit'. You can win up to six shields — the highest score for a single player competition consists of eight gold medals and six shields. If you don't qualify for any event, the competition is over.

In multi-player competitions, you're out for points — grab as many as you can get in order to shut down the competition.

## MULTI-PLAYER GAMES

You can have up to four players competing in the Aquatic Games. When you select a multi-player game, you'll play one of the following teams of aquabots:

### Team

The Swamp Bay Splashers  
The Hilly Island Hoppers  
Flappy's Flyers  
The Deep Sea Dippers

### Trainer

Steve Clam  
Mickey O'Shell  
Flappy MacBeak  
Billy The Squid

The events are played in order. Each player takes a stab at each event — all players must play the event before moving on to the next one.

After each event, the Results Screen shows the placings for each team. Press **START** to display the Leaderboard complete with team scores.

From the Leaderboard, press **START** to display the Current Standings screen and then **START** again to move onto the next event.

## THE EVENTS

### 100 Meter Splash

A splashy dash across a 100m wide body of water. Your opponent is F-ortesque Frog, a world renowned sprinter who'll be hot on your heels — you'll never catch F-ortesque hanging about. He's put his heart and sole into training for this race and he's not going to lose without a fight!

To run, alternately press **A** and **B** to gain speed — do it fast or you'll be eating amphibian dust.

Qualify	Bronze	17 seconds
	Silver	16 seconds
	Gold	15 seconds

### Commands

Press	Activity
A + B	Run
C	Jump





## Kipper Watching

Caeaelia has a problem. Her friends are peacefully having a kip in the sun, but a bunch of tourists are throwing beach balls at them! Caeaelia's a considerate seal, so she's going to do her best to protect her friends from the pesky louts.

Run and jump at any angle to deflect the incoming balls. If one ball hits a seal, it wakes him up. If a second ball hits the seal, he'll leave. If two seals leave, the siesta is over and so is the event.

<b>Qualify</b>	Bronze	2 minutes
	Silver	3 minutes
	Gold	4 minutes

### Commands

Press	Activity
Left	Move left
Right	Move right
A or C + Left or Right	Turbo run
B	Jump
B + Left or Right	Jump left or right
A + B + Left or Right	Turbo jump left or right

## Hop, Skip and Jump

It's the turn of F-fortesque frog, the very British amphibian who's just a tad-polish. To get F-fortesque on the move press **A** and **B** alternately and build up speed. Press **C** once when you reach the 'jump' mark and continue pressing **A** and **B** to maintain speed. When the jump angle indicator appears, press **C** once more, as close to 45 degrees as possi-

ble to get the longest jump. Be careful not to run past the 'jump' mark!

<b>Qualify</b>	Bronze	800
	Silver	900
	Gold	1000

### Commands

Press	Activity
A + B	Run
C	Start hop/skip and then:
C	Select leap angle

## The Bouncy Castle

Pond is an accomplished gymfish on the sponge trampolines, and this time he's going for the gold. To begin the event, press **B** to jump on to the sponge and press **B** each time you hit the sponge and hold it down as you rise up; release **B** at the peak of your bounce. Once you're high enough, you can start performing twists, somersaults, and combinations of the two. You're judged on style. To show that you're capable of real variety, you must do *each* of the following moves six times before the time runs out:

### Double Twist

Double Forward Somersault

Double Backward Somersault

Twist & Forward Somersault Combo

Twist & Backward Somersault Combo

Forward & Backward Somersault Combo





<b>Qualify</b>	Bronze	4 minutes
	Silver	3 minutes
	Gold	2 minutes

### Commands

Press	Activity
Left	Move left
Right	Move right
A	Twist
B	Jump higher
C + Left	Backward Somersault
C + Right	Forward Somersault

*Note: You can't move left and right while doing somersaults.*

### Feeding Time

Freddie Starfish is feeding his fish friends some of their favorite sweets: Sugared Brine, Squid Drops, Anchovy Donuts and Barnacle Bars. Unfortunately, a bunch of fishermen are angling to use sweets to entice his friends onto the end of their lines. Freddie's task is to save his fishy friends from being plucked from the sea.

To save Freddie's friends, D-Pad left or right to one of the sweet dispensers. Press **B** to fill up his bag with sweets. (You can see how full his bag is by watching the bar of the bottom of the screen.) D-Pad **left** or **right** until he's over a fish. Press **B** to drop the sweets into the fish's mouth. Once two fish are plucked from the sea, the event is over.

The further the fish is out of the water, the more susceptible it is to the fishermen's hooks.

<b>Qualify</b>	Bronze	2 minutes
	Silver	3 minutes
	Gold	4 minutes

### Commands

Press	Activity
Left	Move left
Right	Move right
A, B or C	Fill up/drop food

### Shell Shooting

The goal of the Shell Shooting Event is to pick up limpets, toss them in the air, and burst the balloons hanging from the ceiling. Here's how you do it. Press **B** to jump into the air — the idea is to land on the edge of a limpet shell. If you land just right, you'll flip the shell into the air — D-Pad **left** or **right** until you're below the falling shell, and then press and hold **C** to catch it. You can now D-Pad **left** or **right** until you're below a balloon. Press **C** again to toss the shell and pop the balloon. If you have reflexes like a catfish, you should be able to catch the shell again to use it on the other balloons.

Don't let a limpet hit you while you're standing. The little guys are tiny but they're strong — they can knock you down if you're standing still, and you'll lose time.





<b>Qualify</b>	Bronze	3 minutes
	Silver	2 minutes
	Gold	1 minute

**Commands**

Press	Activity
Left	Move left
Right	Move right
B	Jump
C	Catch/throw shell

**Tour de Grass**

Before joining FISH, Mark was a unicycling circus-shark in Finland. Now he wants to prove he's the best and he's pedalling for the Gold(fish) Medal.

To get Mark going, quickly roll the D-Pad in a clockwise motion — **Up, Right, Down, Left** and so on. You must do this in a smooth and fluid motion in order to make him cycle.

<b>Qualify</b>	Bronze	40 seconds
	Silver	35 seconds
	Gold	30 seconds

**Commands**

Press	Activity
D-Pad (clockwise)	Move
A, B, or C	Jump

**Leap Frog**

F-ortisque's up again and this time he's in for a shock if he's not careful! This event requires him to get from the start to the finish as quickly as possible, jumping over obstacles along the way. Press **A** and **B** alternately to build up speed. Press **C** to jump over the various obstacles and continue to press **A** and **B** to maintain speed. The flying fish is your monitor as to how you are doing — if he beats you to the line then F-ortisque will be spawned by his trainer.

**Commands**

Press	Activity
A/B	Run
C	Jump

**Bonus Events**

If you earn enough bonus points in the regular events, you're given the option of participating in a bonus event. Bonus events involve risk — you have to spend some points to get into them — but the rewards are high. If you've earned enough bonus points, you'll see a message: **BONUS EVENT AVAILABLE**. To participate in the bonus event, press **B**. If you don't want to participate, press **START**.

The first bonus event is a juggling act featuring P.J. Penguin, the premier juggler among Pond's pals. Press **B** to drop a ball from the ceiling and start the event. Press **C**





to slap the ball with the right flipper and **A** to slap with the left. To drop another ball, press **B** again.

To score, you just have to keep the balls in the air. The more balls you're playing with, the higher your score. Two minutes is the maximum time for this event.

### Commands

Press	Activity
<b>A</b>	Left flipper
<b>B</b>	Add ball into play
<b>C</b>	Right flipper

F-foresque frog — the lean, green running machine — loves to leap, so he's been selected to take part in the second Bonus Event, The Leap Frog. To start this event, press **A** and **B** repeatedly to get F-foresque flip-flopping. When you see the 'jump' mark, press and hold down the **C** button — release it when the jump angle is approximately 45 degrees.

### Commands

Press	Activity
<b>A + B</b>	Run
<b>C (press&amp; hold)</b>	Select jump angle

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