

THE CATCH

CARP & COARSE



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Getting Started

Thank you for purchasing The Catch: Carp & Coarse!

The Catch: Carp & Coarse is powered by Unreal Engine 4® technology. To install The Catch: Carp & Coarse you will need to have an account on PlayStation™Network.

Controls

Action	Controls
General	
Move forward	Left stick up
Move backwards	Left stick down
Move right	Left stick right
Move left	Left stick left
Quick Walk	R2
Pause	Options button
Claim peg	Hold Cross button
Close peg	Hold Circle button
Inventory	Triangle button
Rod selection	Left button
Toggle view	Touch pad button
Start casting	L2
Pick up rod	Cross button
Adjust hook length	L1
Casting Stance	
Power up cast (Basic Cast Control)	Hold R2
Cast out (Total Cast Control)	Hold L2
Switch casting method	Press left stick
Reset line	Circle button
Increase reel speed	R1
Decrease reel speed	L1
Increase drag	Up button
Decrease drag	Down button
Set line clip	Triangle (When line is cast out)
Put rod down	Cross button
Turn left	Left stick left
Turn right	Left stick right
Reeling	
Reeling	Hold L2
Tap Rod	Press right stick (While in Finesse Mode)
Finesse control	Hold R2
Boat	
Get in boat	Cross button
Drive forward	R2
Drive backwards	L2
Turn right	Left stick right
Turn left	Left stick left
Fish finder/mini map toggle	Circle button
Switch to fishing	Square button

Main menu

When you first launch The Catch: Carp & Coarse you will be met with the Dovetail Live log-in screen which details the features available through Dovetail Live. After logging in or registering you are taken through to the character creation screen, where you can decide how your character looks and what they will be wearing.

Home

The home page on the main menu allows you to jump straight into the action through the Last Played, Fishing Trip and Events options. The News menu shows you the latest posts on Dovetail Live. In the Mastery menu, you can check on your progress towards the mastery challenges. Mastery can also be checked while you are out fishing.

Game Modes

Fishing Trip

Pick a lake, pick a time of day and weather setting, choose your gear and go. This is fishing at your own pace.

Events

Events let you test your skills against AI opponents. Each lake has a set of 6 events for you to complete covering a range of disciplines and styles.

- **Float** - Catch the highest total weight possible in the time limit using a float only.
- **Predator** - Catch the highest total length of predatory fish in the time limit.
- **Carp** - Catch the highest total weight of carp possible in the time limit.
- **Grand Slam** - Target the three qualifying species and catch the highest combined total weight of them.
- **Species Hunter** - Catch one of each of the qualifying species in the fastest time possible.
- **Elimination** - The angler with the highest total weight when time runs out wins. Anglers at the bottom of the leaderboard will be removed at regular intervals

Multiplayer

Create a session or join one. You can choose to fish with your friends or find other anglers to compete against in multiplayer. Change the rules and the number of rounds to set up a one round match or a tournament of your own.

Online Leagues

The Dovetail Fishing League is where you can compete with anglers from across the world in online events for the glory of being crowned 'Angler of the Month'.

- **Hunter Series** - The winner is the angler with the highest combined weight of their biggest five fish from the qualifying species for an event. Only one species will count.
- **Carp Series** - The winner will be the angler with the highest total weight of all qualifying species of carp caught within the time limit.
- **Predator Series** - The angler with the highest total length of predatory fish caught will be the winner.
- **Coarse Series** - The winner here will be the angler that catches the highest total number of qualifying species in the time limit.

Tutorials

Our tutorials will take you through the basics and teach you everything you need to know to get started in The Catch: Carp & Coarse. The tutorials can also be accessed from the pause menu while fishing.

Customise

The Customise menu is where you decide how your character looks, what equipment you will be using in your tackle box and how your boat looks.

Tacklebox

Edit your tackle box set up. You will start with three default tackle boxes each with gear to help you get started. You can edit them and buy new equipment to use.

Appearance

Choose your character model, choose an outfit and buy clothing to give them a new look.

Boats

Customise your boat by changing the wrap you have selected.

Angler's Log

Player Stats

All of your player stats are recorded here, from total number of fish caught to favourite items of equipment. There are three tabs here – Overview, Recent and Venues. Overview gives you the breakdown of your catches across your profile as a whole, Recent shows you what you have caught in your most recent fishing sessions and Venues gives you a breakdown of your stats by lake.

Boss Fish

Your boss fish catches are registered here. Read their stories carefully to pick up any clues on where will be best to catch them and what baits to use for them. The boss fish will show as a silhouette until you catch them at which point you get to see them in all their glory.

Species

View the species and check your record catches. Find out how many of a species you have caught broken down into common and specimen catches. You can also find your personal best catches per species here and find out more about each of the species.

Fishing Styles

Ledger Fishing

The classic style for carp fishing. Set up a rod with a rig and a bottom bait, cast it out and wait for the bites. There are a number of different rig styles and types of baits that you can combine them with, and each species will have a preferred combination. Certain rigs will be more effective depending on whether you are fishing over silt, gravel or weeds. Equip a size 2 rig on your line to gain access to the dead baits, used for targeting the biggest fish out there.

While fishing, you can make use of the throwing stick and spod rod to bait up the area and increase the fish activity around your baits.

Float Fishing

Float fishing is an interactive, fast paced style of fishing which is perfect for catching the smaller species of fish within The Catch: Carp & Coarse

Once in the lake open the Tackle Box and make sure a float is equipped. Bait can be changed to something like Bloodworms or Maggots but Bread is a good option too.

Try not to move the float around too much while waiting for a bite or the fish will be spooked. Watch the movement of the float as this will indicate a bite. To strike, pull the rod back towards the character or in the opposite direction to the fish's movement. Timing is key, strike too soon or too late and the fish will escape. A successful strike will mean the fish is on.

The hook quality will be stated after a successful strike. The hook quality is based on the timing and power of the strike - with a poorly timed strike the hook will not be perfectly set. Coupled with a lot of tension on the line, then there is a high probability the fish will escape. A perfect hook quality will mean there is less potential for the fish to escape on high tension, but it is still ideal to aim for lower tension.

Predator Fishing

In Predator Fishing you will use a lure to catch the predatory species across each of the venues in the game.

There are five retrieval techniques you can use when using a lure. Constant, Stop and Go, Twitch, Jigging and Dropshot. You can check when selecting a lure which techniques it will be compatible with. After you have cast out your line, you can use one of the retrieval techniques to attract the attention of any fish in the area.

Just like with float fishing you will need to strike when you have a bite to set the hook. In this predator fishing you will know you have a bite as your lure indicator will show an exclamation mark.

Additionally, you can try dropshotting. This focuses on the vertical movements of a lure for drawing the attention of a fish. Using the Finesse mode you can tap the rod to make the vertical movements needed to attract fish towards your lure.

To be able to start dropshotting, equip a predator rod and a dropshot rig. This will then allow you to equip a suitable lure.

Casting

There are two casting methods in The Catch: Carp & Coarse, Basic Cast Control and Total Cast Control.

Basic Cast Control

1. Basic Cast Control is enabled in the settings menu under 'Game Settings' by changing the 'Casting Method' to 'Basic Cast Control'.
2. In order to enter the casting 'state', press L2 while in game at the waters edge and a power bar will then appear.
3. Hold down R2 to start filling the power bar.
4. Release the button to cast. However, avoid going into the red zone as accuracy of the cast will be lost.

Total Cast Control

1. Total Cast Control is enabled in the settings menu under 'Game Settings'. Set the 'Casting Method' to 'Total Cast Control'.
2. In order to enter the casting 'state', hold L2 while in game at the waters edge.
3. Move the right stick down to bring the rod back over your head.
4. Move the right stick forward to push the rod forward.
5. Release L2 as the lead is travelling forward over your head.

Tension FX

Tension FX increases the immersion and cranks up the pressure during the toughest of fights. As the quality of the hookset decreases you will start to hear a heartbeat that becomes louder the lower the quality goes. Visually the edges of the screen will get darker and the camera will focus in on the fight. This can be turned on and off in the options menu.

Finesse Mode

For more precise control when float fishing or lure fishing, you can use Finesse Mode. Activating Finesse Mode zooms your camera in on your float or lure and allows for precise movement of the rod.

Boats

Two of our lakes require a boat to be able to fully explore and find the best fishing spots.

Driving a Boat

When you enter Loch Mickle or River Ebro, you can choose to get into a boat. This is done by walking up to a boat and interacting with it using cross button. When you have entered the boat you can use R2 to start accelerating. Steering is controlled by the left stick.

Finding Fish

To help you locate fish your boat is equipped with GPS and a Fish Finder. The GPS will show you where you are on the lake while the Fish Finder will show you when you are near fish and the depth they are at.

The fish finder display will show when your boat has passed over a fish, with the furthest right section on the display showing what is beneath your boat. When you have found a good spot to fish from, you can press the square button to get into the fishing position and cast out.

Lakes

Rotterdam

With so many likely spots to choose from, where will you head for first? You could target the wandering shoals of big bream and carp which inhabit the open water widens of mid-river, or maybe seek out the cover and shelter of moored boats and the shadows beneath the bridges in search of predatory perch, pike and monster catfish which run to 150lb (68kg)? How about grabbing the lure rod to indulge in some street fishing, or fish delicately presented natural baits for a huge variety of other species? Flowing through the heart of uber cool Rotterdam, the Nieuwe Maas has plenty of options!

Species:

- Asp
- Bream
- Common Carp
- Eel
- European Perch
- Ide
- Mirror Carp
- Northern Pike
- Roach
- Tench
- Wels Catfish
- Zander

Oxlease

A quintessentially English lake, surrounded by leafy woodlands and green fields with plenty of purpose built fishing pegs, 26 acre Oxlease is one of the jewels in the crown of the famed Linear complex. In summer, the main quarry are carp, huge dark backed fish including 'Alice' who can reach over 45lb (20kg), and the bullish 'Oxen', a surly brute touching 40lb (18kg). In winter, Oxlease is also a renowned pike venue, packed with toothy predators to over 20lb (9kg)! Can you find 'The Prime Pike' or one of the amazing double figure tench during your visit?

Species:

- Chub
- Common carp
- European Perch
- Ghost carp
- Mirror carp
- Northern Pike
- Roach
- Rudd
- Tench

River Ebro

At the foot of the Catalonian mountains near Fayon, the River Ebro clefs the Spanish countryside with a glittering blue scar of fish filled water. This big river is home to some seriously big fish, and you can expect to find catfish to almost 250lb (113kg), hundreds of

carp approaching 80lb (36kg), with barbel, perch, roach, eels and more of sizes not found anywhere else on earth! It's an angler's dream venue! Will you fish from the rocky shoreline or opt for a boat, drifting over the azure surface under a hot Spanish sun? If you are stuck for divine inspiration, head for the sunken church, the spire of which pokes from the depths of the river.

Species:

- Barbel
- Channel catfish
- Chub
- Common carp
- Eel
- European Perch
- Mirror carp
- Pumpkinseed
- Roach
- Rudd
- Wels catfish
- Zander

Pearl Lake

Emerald waters and tumbling waterfalls are surrounded by high limestone cliffs and glossy palm trees which sway gently in the warm sea breeze as anglers shelter from the heat of the tropical sun. Massive Arapaima, Giant Wolf Fish and exotic Redtail Catfish will all pull your string here, so your tackle needs to be strong enough to cope with fish that run to over 450lb (204kg)! After a tiring day by the water however, this resort comes alive at night with cocktails and partying amongst the bamboo chalets and restaurants as the mist settles over the lake... are you up for it?

Species:

- Arapaima
- Bighead carp
- Black pacu
- Giant wolf fish
- Julien golden carp
- Mekong catfish
- Peacock bass
- Red pacu
- Redtail catfish
- Siamese carp

Loch Mickle

Cold, deep and mysterious, Loch Mickle should be on your bucket list for the variety of rarely caught species within. Often battered by winds, slashing rain and snow, this forbidding inland sea can be fished from shore or boat, or even the dedicated fishing pier, but wrap up warm if you brave this venue! Char, salmon and trout provide the main sport, but carp, pike and eels can also be caught. Remember to keep watch for unexpected monsters... it can't be the only Scottish loch with a legend attached can it?

Species:

- Arctic char
- Atlantic salmon
- Brown trout
- Chub
- Eel
- Ferox trout
- Koi carp
- Leather carp
- Mirror carp
- Northern Pike
- Rainbow trout
- Roach

Dovetail Live Account

The Dovetail Forums are your one-stop destination for everything The Catch: Carp & Coarse related. We have an ever growing and vibrant community of fishing enthusiasts from all over the world, ranging from experienced anglers to new players getting into the world of fishing simulation. So, if you haven't already, why not sign up for an account today and join our community – we'd love to have you on board! See more at:

<https://forums.dovetailgames.com>

Dovetail Live is an online destination which enables players to interact with Dovetail's products and each other in an environment tailored specifically to fans of simulation entertainment. Dovetail Live will evolve to become central to The Catch: Carp & Coarse, enriching the player experience in every way from offering rewards and building a community of likeminded players.

Signing up for Dovetail Live is completely voluntary. However, users that do sign up for it will receive exclusive benefits.

See more at: <https://live.dovetailgames.com>

Troubleshooting and Support

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You can also check out our help section in our forum over at <https://forums.dovetailgames.com/forums/thecatch/>.