

TROPICAL HEAT

JET SKI RACING

Tropical Heat One-Handed Keyboard Controls



One-handed keyboard controls are easy to learn for people unfamiliar with video games. The entire game can just be played with the four arrow keys!

Most tricks can only be performed while in the air!

Other Keyboard Controls

Reset Jet Ski (if you get stuck or off course)	R
Chill Music Station	1
Latin Music Station	2
Upbeat Music Station	3
Escape to Main Menu	Esc or Ctrl-L
Skip to Next Level	Ctrl-N
Toggle Mini-Map and Speedometer	H
Customize Feedback	B

How to Play Tropical Heat Jet Ski Racing

Tropical Heat is a Jet Ski game where you can:

- Earn points by doing cool tricks on your customized Jet Ski.
- Win the race by finishing first.
- Play with a gamepad or keyboard, or let the computer “auto-steer”

Tropical Heat Feedback

The following is used as Active Feedback in Tropical Heat

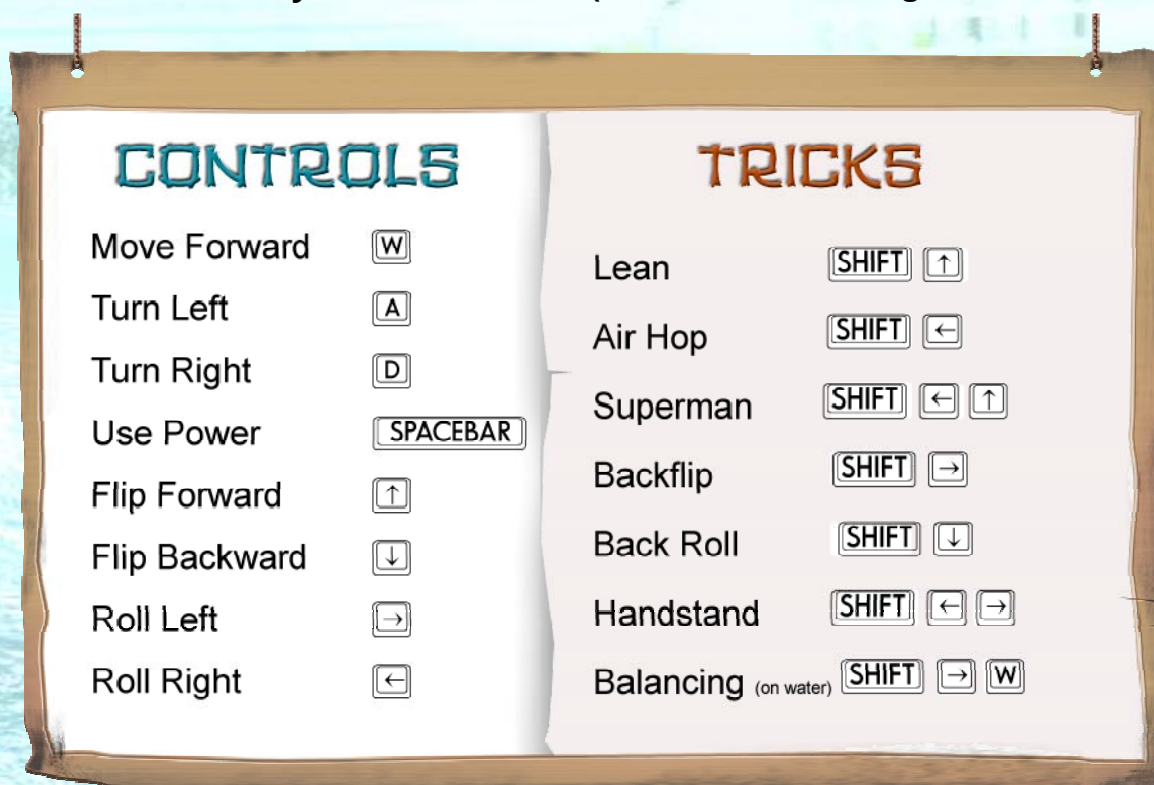
- Power bar
- Jet Ski speed and spray
- Ability to perform tricks
- Music volume
- Fog
- Ocean color
- Ocean wave size

Note: You can turn off, or change Active feedback, as well as various in-game options, by pressing the “b” key on the keyboard to open the feedback settings panel while playing Tropical Heat.

Gamepad Controls (available when using an emWave® ear-clip sensor)



Two-Handed Keyboard Controls (available when using an emWave® ear-clip sensor)



Two-handed keyboard controls are also active when the Gamepad is active.

Smooth Your Heart Rate to Win



Tropical Heat responds to heart rate changes

- The orange line shows your heart rate. Your heart rate is constantly changing as you breathe, and based on your relaxation or excitement. The line moves up as your heart rate increases. Breathing in increases your heart rate, exhaling decreases your heart rate.
- The blue breath pacer line guides your breathing. Breathe in when the line rises, and breathe out as it falls. As you relax and breathe with the breath pacer line the orange heart rate line will begin to rise and fall approximately with the breath pacer line. Over time you can just relax and breathe slowly, ignoring this line and just staying cool and feeling happy while playing.
- If your heart rate line is smooth and rhythmical, as shown in the heart rate segment highlighted in a turquoise box (C), the smoothness bar (D) fills. If your heart rate line fluctuates rapidly as shown in the red box the smoothness bar decreases.
- The smoothness bar fills when your heart rate changes are smooth as shown in the turquoise box (C). To help you smooth your heart rate you can choose to breathe with the pacer, relax, recall something positive, feel appreciation, or any other way that works for you! Increase your smoothness to win!
- This number shows your current heart rate.
- This number shows the current breathing rate in seconds per breath. If you have trouble breathing as slowly as 10 seconds per breath, or if you feel light headed at any time use the minus (-) button to set the breath pacer to shorter breaths.

Power and Points



Tropical Heat power system and game play

- A. The power meter displays how much power you have for tricks and speed boosts. When your smoothness is high your power increases. Low smoothness drains power. Hitting the land removes power. A bad landing or failed trick instantly removes all power.
- B. Your current speed. Higher power lets you drive faster.

You can increase power (A) and score (F) by:

- Jumping off ramps (C)
- Collecting coins (D)
- Going through rings (E)
- Doing tricks (see Keyboard Controls on the first page).

When jumping off of a ramp you can try to do a trick by pressing unique key combinations (see Keyboard Controls on the first page). A successful landing from a jump will restore a substantial amount of power and score points. The higher the jump, the more points the jump is worth.

Most tricks can only be performed while in the air. A bonus is awarded for successfully doing multiple tricks while in the air before landing.

Racing



Tropical Heat racing

- A. Shows the total amount of time elapsed during this race.
- B. Shows the total amount of time elapsed for the current lap. This resets to 0 each time you complete a lap.
- C. Shows the current lap and total number of laps for this level. When you cross the finish line on lap 3/3 you complete the current race level.
- D. The mini-map shows the current race track. You appear as a red arrow. The grey arrows indicated your opponents positions.
- E. The position indicator shows what place you are in, and how many jet skiers are racing on this level. 2/2 indicates that you are in 2nd place, and that there are a total of 2 jet skiers racing.
- F. To stay on track follow the arrowed signs.

Feedback Options

Pressing the 'b' key while playing Tropical Heat brings up the advanced feedback options.

Enable Feedback

- Here you can turn various feedback properties on/off.
- For example when Ocean Waves is checked wave size changes as part of the feedback. To stop ocean wave feedback uncheck Ocean Waves.

Game Properties

- If you wish to simplify game play by always moving forward whenever you can (when feedback allows) check the Auto Forward option. When in Auto Forward you can still use energy, turn, and do tricks, but you don't need to hold down the forward button.

Progress Tracking

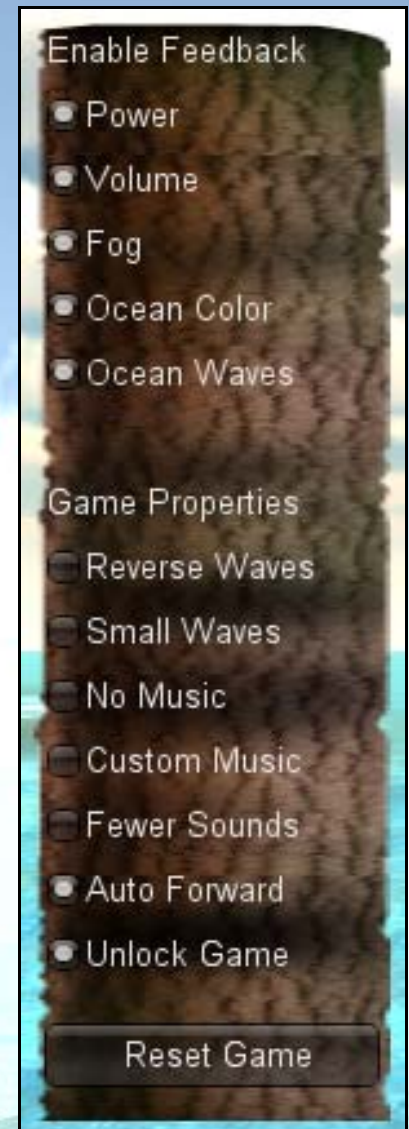
- If Unlock Game is not checked you must complete each level in first place to unlock the next level. Press Reset Game to start again from level 1.
- When Unlock Game is not checked and you perform certain actions, such as collecting many coins, or doing certain tricks, you get awarded an achievement.

Customizing the Ocean

- Select Small Waves for a more gentle gaming experience.
- Select Reverse Waves if you want the waves to get larger as positive feedback.

Customizing the Music and Audio System

- Selecting Fewer Sounds removes the coin sound and other dominant, non-feedback, sounds.
- You can choose the No Music property and then play music using a separate media player or CD (the music will not respond to feedback).
- You can select Custom Music to use 15 mp3 music files you choose as the background music for Tropical Heat. Custom music responds to feedback changes, getting louder as positive feedback. To use Custom Music place 15 mp3 files named 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in your Documents/Tropical Heat Custom Music folder (this folder is created when installing Tropical Heat)



Main Menu & Play



Main Menu

When you open Tropical Heat you arrive at the Main Menu.

- Press Play to choose a level and begin playing.
- Press Options to set difficulty level, graphics quality, music, and Jet Ski controls.
- Press Customize to choose a Jet Ski and customize your character.
- Press Exit to close Tropical Heat.

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