



FISHING BOAT OWNER'S MANUAL

**Bass Hound™ 9.4
Bass Hound™ 10.2**



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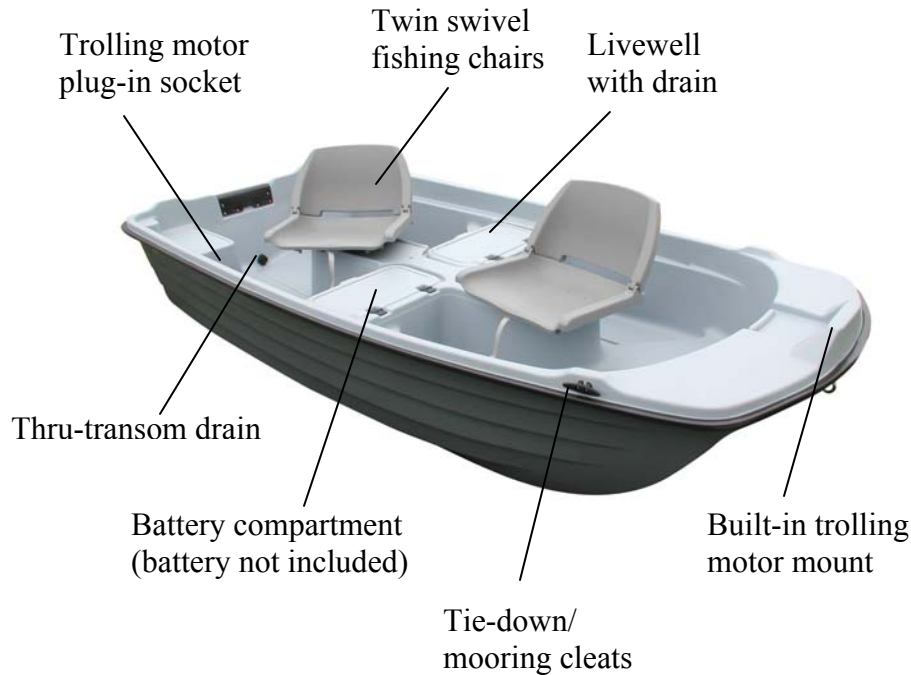
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MATERIAL CHECKLIST

Paperwork

1. Warranty Registration Card. To properly register your boat with KL Industries for warranty validation please fill out the warranty registration form online at www.klindustries.com. Please review our full warranty statement. If you are unable to register your boat online please contact our Customer Support Department at 231-733-2725. The serial number can be found on the outside of the hull in the back right hand corner just under the rubrail.
2. Owner's Manual. Keep your owner's manual for future reference. It is a good idea to write down the following information:
Serial Number _____
Date of Purchase _____
Purchased from _____
3. Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO). You should receive a MSO with your new boat. Some states may require a MSO for proper registration of your boat. If you plan on putting an electric motor on then it may be necessary to register it. Please check with your local dealer or state licensing bureau.

MODEL Bass Hound™ 9.4



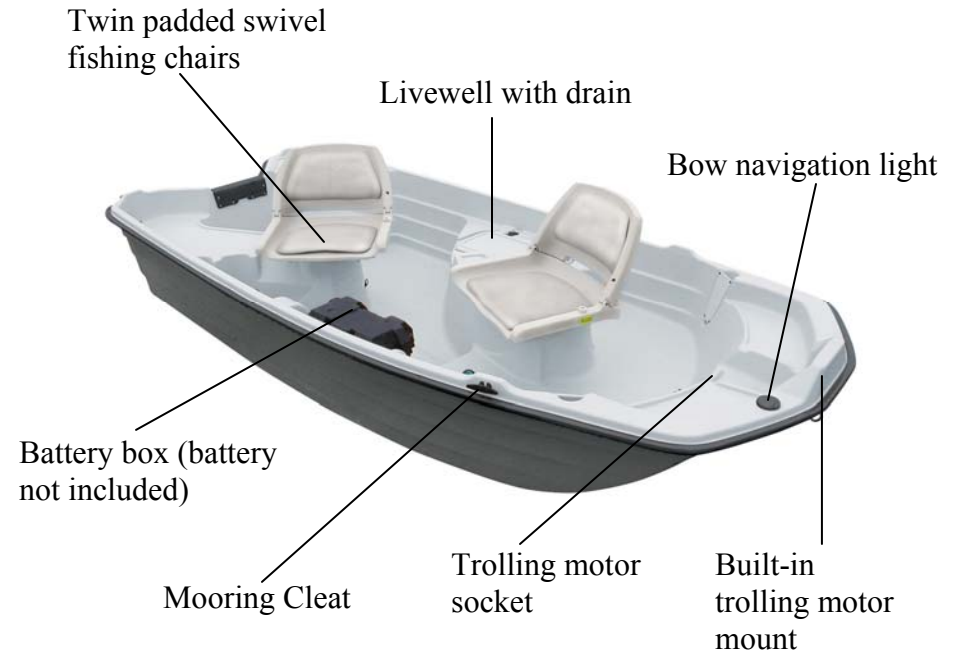
- Made of durable, dent-resistant High Density Polyethylene
- Fits in the back of a pick-up, no trailer needed
- Pre-wired for trolling motor at bow and stern
- Livewell with drain
- Meets NMMA/US Coast Guard Safety Standards
- Two year hull and deck warranty

Specs

Length	9' 4"
Beam	55"
Capacity	439 lbs.
Weight	150 lbs.
HP Rating	5 HP

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MODEL Bass Hound™ 10.2



- Fits in the back of a pick-up, no trailer needed
- Pre-wired for trolling motor at bow and stern
- Livewell with aerator pump
- Meets NMMA/US Coast Guard Safety Standards
- Two year hull and deck warranty

Specs

Length	10' 2"
Beam	55"
Capacity	474 lbs.
Weight	165 lbs.
HP Rating	7 HP

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ABOUT YOUR FISHING BOAT

Hull and Deck

The hull and deck are thermoformed from sheets of High Density Polyethylene plastic. Polyethylene is many times more impact resistant than fiberglass. It will remain colorfast and durable through many years of exposure to the elements and throughout wide ranges of temperature fluctuation.

Polyethylene is very abrasion resistant but not abrasion proof. Some care in handling and operating your boat is necessary to ensure its long life. Clean the hull and deck with common household detergents, hot water and a scrub brush.

Capacity and Flotation

The capacity of your boat, in both passengers and added cargo, is determined by the boat's size and flotation. Each boat has a capacity tag clearly displayed on the craft. Flotation is provided by closed cell foam blocks located between the deck and hull. These foam blocks are strategically placed to provide flotation under normal loading conditions.

ALL Bass Hound™ boats meet the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and U.S. Coast Guard safety standards.

SETTING UP YOUR FISHING BOAT

Components and Basic Set Up

Please follow the recommended steps to prepare your boat. Note: *The manual will refer to different models. The large decal on the side of the hull shows the model.*

Installing the Seats

You should have the following components:

- 2 seats
- 2 swivel mounting bases with pedestals
- 8 fasteners (4 for each seat mounting base)

Attach the swivel mounting bases to the seats using the fasteners. Make sure the fasteners are snug, but do not over-tighten, which will cause the fasteners to strip the threads, and the seat to come loose.

Installing Drain Plug(s)

All models include a drain plug installed in the transom (rear of the boat). This drains water that gets onto the deck. To drain water or condensation between the deck and hull, there is an additional drain plug as follows:

On the 9.4, the drain plug is on the bow, just above the bow eye. (It is installed at the factory) To drain the water between the deck and hull, remove the drain plug; lift the rear of the boat so the water will drain towards the front drain hole. Once the water is drained, insert the drain plug into the hole.

On the 10.2, there is a drain plug installed in the transom of the boat. Remove the drain plug. Once the water is drained, insert the drain plug into the hole.

Electrical Power

Use a 12V Deep Cycle Marine battery (not included), available from marine dealers, outdoor retailers and mass merchandisers. To install, place the battery in the battery case or tray, tie it down using the holding strap, and connect the wires.

RED to POSITIVE (+) terminal

BLACK to NEGATIVE (-) terminal

Installing Oar Locks (if desired)

Note that not all models include an Oar Locking Horn Kit. If you would like an Oar Lock Kit, it is available for purchase.

To install follow the instructions included with the Oar Locking Horn Kit. Note that if the installation instructions are not followed, the oarlocks may come loose and the boat may be damaged.

You will also need oars, which are available from KL Industries. Contact Customer Service or order electronically at www.klindustries.com

MOUNTING A SMALL OUTBOARD

If you wish to use an outboard motor, attach it to the transom following the instructions provided with the motor. ***Do not mount a motor with a horsepower rating higher than the rating on the boat capacity plate.***

INSTALLING A TROLLING MOTOR

The 9.4 Bass Hound™ model has a transom socket to connect a trolling motor. The 10.2 model has sockets to connect a trolling motor to either the bow or transom of the boat.

Many trolling motors come with “alligator clips” or “ring connectors” for direct connection to a battery. To plug the trolling motor into the socket, you may need to replace the clips or connectors with a male plug (included with accessory packet). To do this:

1. Cut the trolling motor power wires just behind the alligator clips or ring connectors and strip about ½” of the insulation from the end of these wires.
2. Connect the trolling motor power wires to the plug wires using the connectors included in the accessory packet, or by soldering.

Note: Be sure to connect the same color wires together: the RED wire on the plug is positive (+) the BLACK wire is negative (-). Consult the trolling motor instructions for more details or call Customer Service.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS OVERVIEW

Navigation Lights

The navigation lighting on the 10.2 is operated by installing the light poles into the sockets. The bow lights (red & green) are installed into the front socket, and the stern light is installed into the rear socket.

Note: On models with bow and stern trolling motor plugs, be sure to connect both circuits to the battery. There will be two red and two black wires.

Connect both red wires to + (pos) battery terminal
Connect both black wires to - (neg) battery terminal

Additional Accessory Circuit (10.2 Only)

The 10.2 model has a separate accessory circuit with a 7.5 amp fuse located on the control panel. This allows you to provide power for fish finders or other accessories. (See sections on Installing Fish Finders/Other Accessories)

Livewell Aerator Pump

If your boat has an aerator pump, it is controlled by a switch on the control panel. The 10.2 switch is located on the starboard side of the boat.

INSTALLING ACCESSORIES

Fish Finders/Depth Finders Bass Hound™ & 9.4 & 10.2 Models

1. Hook up power for the fish finder or other accessories for the Bass Hound™ 9.4 & 10.2

The power will need to be connected directly to the battery.

Since this is not a fused connection, please see the installation instructions included with the fish finder.

2. Placement of main unit of fish finder or other accessory

Place the main unit of the fish finder or other accessory on the deck in any location that is convenient.

3. Mounting the transducer for a fish finder

The transducer for the fish finder can be mounted to the trolling motor using stainless steel hose clamps.

The transducer can also be mounted on a raised mounting block located on the port (left) side of the transom. This raised mounting block has a small piece of durawood behind it as a backer. **Do not mount the transducer anywhere else on the transom. There are no other wood backers (except for the center section where the motor is mounted). Mounting onto the**

plastic itself will not provide adequate support, and will create a leak in the hull.

See the instructions from the fish finder manufacturer for more details.

PRE-LAUNCH CHECK

1. Drain Plug

Make sure that the transom drain plug, livewell drain plug and bow drain plug are all installed.

2. Drainage

Some water accumulation should be expected between the deck and hull. It is NOT necessarily an indication of a serious leak in the hull. Water can seep through and around some fasteners during heavy rain or will accumulate just from normal condensation. Drain the space between the deck and the hull of any accumulated water by following the boat specific “Installing Drain Plug” instructions. **Reinstall the drain plug.** Always drain the boat thoroughly prior to prolonged or winter storage. Do not store the boat with water remaining between the deck and hull.

3. Capacity

Check the capacities shown on the capacity plate and make sure that your weight load and motor are within the limits.

4. Loading

When loading, distribute the weight of fuel tank, battery, tackle boxes etc. evenly across the boat so that it will sit reasonably level in the water. Remember this is a small boat and extra caution

should be taken to prevent overloading the craft as this could result in unsafe operating characteristics.

5. **Weather Conditions**

Check weather conditions for high winds, waves or impending storms. Take this into consideration when loading the boat and planning how far from shore you intend to go.

6. **Personal Flotation Gear**

Always make sure that everyone in the boat is wearing the proper Personal Flotation Device (life jacket).

OPERATING THE BOAT

Launching Tips

1. When launching the boat from shore it is better to enlist the help of a bystander or passenger to help lift the boat and carry it to the water. You can drag the boat, but carrying it will prevent excessive hull abrasion over time.
2. Be sure motor is tilted up to prevent damage when lowering the boat into the water.
3. If launching from a trailer, make sure to remove all tie downs before backing onto the launching ramp.
4. Make sure to install all drain plugs before putting the boat in the water.
5. When entering the boat, step in the center of the boat so the boat remains stable. Do not step on the

gunwale (top edge of the side of the boat), which could cause the boat to tip.

6. After the boat is in the water, but before leaving from shore, check to make sure the boat sits reasonably level fore to aft and side to side. If not, redistribute the items you have on board.
7. Be especially conscious of the shore condition. Sharp rocks, sharp edges on break walls, concrete aprons, etc. can seriously chafe the hull if you drag or slide the boat over these surfaces.

Mooring and Docking

Avoid mooring or docking in very shallow water where the hull will hit bottom.

Use boat fenders or other cushioning to prevent wave action from scraping the hull against the dock.

Livewell Operation

Fill the livewell about 2/3 full of water. **Do not overfill. The excess water will seep between the hull and deck.** Try to use cool water. Cooler water reduces the fish's need for oxygen. Keep the lid closed when possible to help keep the water cool.

The 10.2 model has a recirculating aerator pump. Periodically cycle the pump. The switch is on the electrical control panel.

Drain the livewell by removing the drain plug.

Lights (Available on 10.2 model)

The lights should always be used if there are poor lighting conditions, e.g. dusk, dawn, fog etc.

When moving under poor lighting conditions, the bow and stern lights should be on.

1. Install the stern light pole in the socket, making sure the tab on the pole lines up with the groove on the socket
2. The 10.2 navigation lights are operated by installing the lights into the sockets. When not moving under poor lighting conditions, only the stern light needs to be on.

Traveling Across the Water

Do not be concerned if you notice a slight hull flexing during use. The boat is designed to flex and absorb minor bumps without damage. This flexing is one of the great advantages of polyethylene.

Trim / Planing all models

The boats are not designed to plane. However, they will travel smoothly if loaded and trimmed properly.

With most outboard motors, you can adjust the trim. This is the angle between the power unit of the motor (prop) and the transom of the boat.

If the motor is angled out too far, the bow will rise sharply when power is applied.

When the prop is angled too close to the transom, it will tend to push the bow down when power is applied.

Adjusting the weight distribution in the boat will also help the boat travel smoothly.

If the bow lifts too much, shift more of the weight forward.

If the bow tends to plow down in the water, shift weight toward the stern.

TRANSPORTING

Transporting by Pick Up Truck

All models can be conveniently transported in the back of a full size pick up truck.

Be sure to tie the boat down snugly using several tie down straps. **Do not over tighten the straps. This will distort the deck and hull.**

Trailer

All of the models can be trailered if desired.

Rest the weight of the boat on the support bunks. The support bunks on the trailer should be at least 3½” wide and 5’ long.

Do not rest the boat on the keel rollers. This may dent the hull.

Be sure to tie the boat snugly with two or three tie down straps. **Do not over tighten the straps. This will distort the deck and hull.**

MAINTENANCE

General Cleaning

Wash with a mild detergent and water. If necessary, use a very soft bristle brush. Do not use Armour-All® or other plastic conditioner products. They can discolor and even weaken the plastic. Do not use abrasive cleaning products.

Salt Water Maintenance

Barnacles and other marine life will form on the hull surface if the boat is left in salt or brackish water for extended periods of time. Carefully scrape off the hull surface periodically with a putty knife or stiff brush. They'll be easier to remove if you keep the surface wet. Painting the hull with antifouling bottom preservative will help minimize barnacle and algae buildup.

Aerator Pump (10.2 Only)

The pump is mounted to a divider that helps keep minnows and other debris from clogging the pump and spray nozzle. However, periodically check to make sure the intake slots on the pump are clean.

Twist the body of the pump counterclockwise to remove the pump from the mounting base.

Flush the intake slots with water.

Reverse the steps to reinstall. When reinstalling, be sure the wire connectors from the pump to the power circuit are above the water in the livewell.

STORAGE

Remove the boat from the water. Leaving the boat in the water for any longer than a few days will promote algae growth on the hull.

Store on a trailer or other supports under the hull. Supports must run along the length of the hull, not across it. Do not store on the ground.

If on a trailer, make sure to loosen tie down straps so the hull does not distort over time

If stored on other supports, there should be at least one under each side of the hull, placed along the length of the hull. Make sure each support is at least 3 ½" wide and 5' long. *Note: A 2" x 4" on end is too narrow, and will dent the hull.*

Close the cap on the bow and stern light socket on the 10.2.

Remove all drain plugs

Position the boat so the bow is slightly higher than the stern to help with drainage

Remove all fuel tanks, batteries and other accessories.

Cover the boat to prevent water and dirt from accumulating in the deck. Custom fit boat covers are available from KL Industries.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Boat Covers

Custom designed boat covers are available. They are made from a long lasting vinyl.

Trailers

Trailers designed for use with the KL Industries fishing boats can be purchased at a local trailer dealer.

For rowing

- Oar locking Horn kits
- Oarlock socket kits
- Oars

OTHER BOATS FROM KL INDUSTRIES

KL Industries also offers several other excellent watercraft including:

- Sun Dolphin and AquaToy 3 Seat, 5 Seat and Adjustable Seat Pedal Boats**
- Bass Hound™ Pro 120**
- Bass Hound™ SportFisherman Pro 120**
- Bass Hound™ Sportsman**
- Bass Hound™ Standard and Deluxe Jon Boats**
- Sun Dolphin Sportyak Dinghy**

Contact KL Industries Customer Service at 231-733-2725 or visit our Website at www.klindustries.com.

WARRANTY

Please call us at 231-733-2725 if you have questions or a problem with your boat. **Do not return the boat to the retailer.**

KL Industries, Inc. warrants to the original owner of any KL Industries boat. Any part of the boat that is defective in material or workmanship will be repaired, without charge, at the purchasers' local dealer or at KL Industries.

For personal use, this warranty shall apply for a period of two years on the deck and hull and two years on parts from the date of retail sale. Any warranties from suppliers of component parts supersede KL Industries' warranty. This warranty covers use under normal conditions and does not cover damage caused by accidents, alteration, or misuse.

Freight to and from a local dealer or manufacturing plant is at the owners' expense.

Warranty is not valid unless registration form is returned within 30 days of retail purchase.

Register online at www.klindustries.com

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