

What is happening with Harpoon 4?

This is a question that is on all our minds these days and is one of the most contentious issues on anything Harpoon these days. Given the amount of questions that we receive via email and posts we read, we thought it appropriate to address this issue.

First and foremost, we (the HarpoonHQ crew) do not have anything directly to do with the development of this product. All of our information is the same that you receive and generally from the same sources. We do not mean this as a rebuttal but in the interest of being honest with our readers. Our sources include the various simulation web sites, gaming magazines, various retail outlets and by far the most valuable, the official Harpoon 4 Forum and site at Ubisoft's main site. The developers of the game actively participate in the forum and they will answer questions. This is your best source and can be found at:

http://forums.ubi.com/messages/overview.asp?name=Harpoon_GD&page=1

Now that being said, there is a lot of static noise out there. Everyone is speaking his own mind about the game. While comments of hope and anticipation by most of the community do anything but harm, others express unnecessary skepticism and pessimism. We hardly consider such an attitude as positive for either the game itself or the community.

Moving beyond that, the game has taken forever to get here. Its history is troublesome by the developers own admission, and we may (probably will) not get everything we asked and hoped for. This bugs us as well, as we all have been very patient and have the same expectations as every reader out there (well, almost every reader). However, the game is still in development. If the developers didn't care about the simulation and didn't believe in the product they would have dropped it long ago. But they have kept on, against conventional market mechanics and common financial wisdom. So give them a chance, have faith and wait until the game hits your hard drive to make a judgement. If the game is no good, you can always take it back – and complain about it till eternity. Remember, all flavors of the Harpoon series received some negative press at release for one or other reason; however, we are still using and enjoying them today.

Finally, have fun with your hobby. Life is too short to worry if the developers are screwing the next version up. We have three marvelous versions of the simulation to work with and we fully expect the next version to be the same. Have faith, bide your time and have fun ☺

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By the Players for the Players

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