

*FISH KENTUCKY & BARKLEY LAKES  
WITH GUIDE CAPT. RICH BAY*



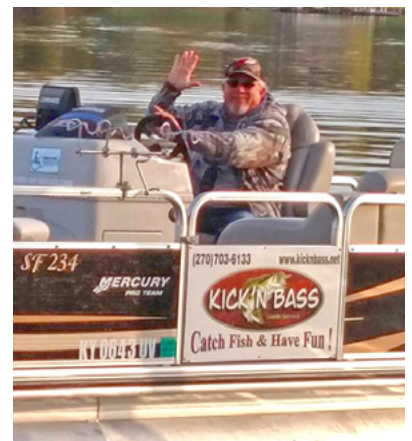
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## **Your fishing report for April 1, 2016**

### ***from the deck of The Kick'nBass Fishing Pontoon***

Weather temps have been stable for this time of year but the wind continued sometimes hitting gusts to 30 mph. After a bit of rain on Thursday the winds are easing and air temps stabilizing. Fishing in general is picking up and steady temps will increase the bite. I truly believe starting this weekend that the crappie bite will be on big time! *(Note from wife Diane: the dogwoods and redbuds started blooming yesterday!)*



### **Lake Conditions Water Clarity and Temperature ...**

Both lakes are still not as clear as we'd like but it is getting better. Surface water temps on both main lakes are around 57 degrees and warming in the bays to 60+ by afternoon on the sunny days. Still some debris floating all over the lake as the TVA has started bringing both lakes up to summer pool and that brings all sorts of things into the lake. We picked up a trash bag full of styrofoam just floating down the lake.

You can view the lake levels here:

[tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky](http://tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky)

### **Weather outlook:**

**Today** Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Tonight** Mostly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

- Saturday** Sunny. Highs around 60. West winds 5 to 10 mph in the morning increasing to 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon.
- Sat Night** Clear. Areas of frost after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening Decreasing to 5 mph after midnight.
- Sunday** Sunny. Areas of frost in the morning. Highs in the lower 60s. East winds 5 mph in the morning shifting to the southwest in the afternoon.
- Sun Night** Clear. Lows in the mid 40s.
- Monday** Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 60s.
- Mon Night** Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.
- Tuesday** Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.
- Tues Night** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.
- Wednesday** Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.
- Wed Night** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.
- Thursday** Partly sunny with a 50 percent chance of showers. Highs around 60.



Danny and Ryan Mangin catching fish and having fun on the Kick'n Bass pontoon.



Jennifer Bright from Dupere, WI with a nice crappie.

## Crappies:

The KNB pontoon has been spider rigging jigs tipped with Crappie nibbles this week with some success. We also tipped about half of our jigs with minnows. A lot of Crappies were on the smaller side but we have caught several 2-1/2 pound white crappies this week. Most of the fish we caught were near brush but not in the brush. Fished mostly in the deeper bays from 10 to 14 feet but also caught several in water as shallow as 6 feet. Best colors have been electric chicken, bluesparkle/chartreuse and red/chartreuse. Reports of some black crappies moving into shallow gravel banks. Water coming up is going to make fishing get a lot better this week.



Paul Purkel, of Peoria, IL,  
with a fine largemouth.



Dan Mangin, of Daton, OH,  
with a largemouth caught on shore.

## Largemouth Bass:

Largemouth Bass are being taken on main lake points and the deeper secondary points. Jerk baits and jigs fished slow have caught some monsters. Fish are moving shallower to the banks and docks in backs of the bays. Have seen lots of jigs, worms, spinnerbaits and chatterbaits being tossed.

## Other species:

Several verified reports of catfish being taken shallow in warmer coves, and I have not fished for them, but some red ear being taken shallow!

**Book now with Captain Rich!**

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Attaboys for the Captain:

Thank you so much for an incredible fishing trip. We had a great time. I would love to do it again sometime. —Steve McCullough