

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



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Your fishing report for April 15, 2016

from the deck of The Kick'n Bass Fishing Pontoon

Weather temps have been below average this week but have picked up and the sun is starting to bring the water temps up to where they belong. If we can get that temp up about 5 more degrees it'll be game on. Fishing in general is picking up and steady temps will increase the bite. Fish are in prespawn and spawning modes right now. Haven't seen very many with their spawning colors yet.



Lake Conditions Water Clarity and Temperature ...

Kentucky Lake has cleared up quite a bit but still some floating logs..be careful. Water temp in the bays in the morning today was 58.5 but increased to 63 or so by mid afternoon. Expect that to increase fast with warmer weather coming into the area.

You can view the lake levels here:

tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky

Weather outlook:

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| Today | Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers in the morning. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. |
| Tonight | Mostly clear. Lows around 50. Southeast winds 5 mph. |
| Saturday | Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. |
| Sat Night | Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. |
| Sunday | Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. |

- Sun Night** Clear. Lows in the lower 50s.
- Monday** Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.
- Mon Night** Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.
- Tuesday** Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.
- Tues Night** Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.
- Wednesday** Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms
Highs in the lower 70s.
- Wed Night** Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.
Lows in the lower 50s.
- Thursday** Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Highs in the lower 70s.

Crappies:

The KNB pontoon has been pulling crankbaits this week and occasionally fishing the stakebeds on the banks that have been in the sun most of the day. Fished mostly in the deeper bays from 13 to 28 feet but also fished some main lake ledges when the wind allowed it. Several two pound+ White Crappies this week, all female, in 15 feet of water about 12 feet down. Females I have caught are packed full of eggs but they were fresh not bloody/runny. At least the fish we have been catching are still a ways away from spawning. Tried the Arkie jigs 350 series crankbaits with great success! We have caught crappie in water as shallow as 6 feet but alot were shorter fish. Good news for next year. We have been using Kentucky Green and Pearl colored twister tails tipped with a minnow. The reasoning behind this was "match the hatch". Fish I have cleaned had several 3 inch shad in their bellies. That is why i am using the Arkies and tipped jigs. Both about the same size as the shad that were eaten. The biggest fish we caught and cleaned had 2 shad that were fresh in it's belly and was still eating a crankbait!!! They are feeding and the spawn is on shortly.



Dan Rowe of Festus, Mo



Aaron Fields from Cedar Hill, Mo, with a big'n!



Phil Underwood and friends from Lexington with keeper crops



Fred Gibbons of Bowling Green havin' fun!

Largemouth Bass:

Largemouth are still being caught on main lake points but I have seen many picked up along docks and wood deep in the backs of the creeks. Mostly jigs, spinnerbaits and worms in dark colors have picked up fish. That will increase this week as they move in to spawn. We had quite a few fish hit our crankbaits this week but were all shorties.

Other species:

Haven't fished for any other species but have picked up some huge whitebass while cranking. Also lots of yellowbass and even catfish are being caught with crankbaits. Rule of thumb in Kentucky is if you are catching yellows you are in the right spot for crappies! Heard many times on the KnB pontoon is "I didn't think you could catch a cat on crankbaits"! Well, you can.



Kaitlyn Gibbons proving cats will hit crankbaits!

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Attaboys for the Captain:

Rich again we wanted to extend our thanks to you for a great day out on the lake this afternoon. We had fun. Looking forward to visiting next April for sure and maybe even sooner.

Dan R., Festus, Mo