



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

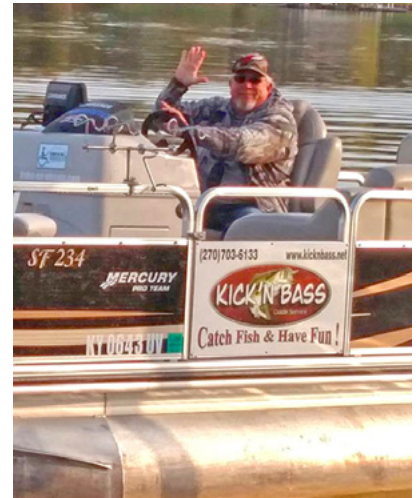
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Your fishing report for April 29, 2016

from the deck of The Kick'n Bass Fishing Pontoon

The weather has been steady for the most part this week. Weather temps have been normal this week and the sun is starting to bring the water temps up quickly. Fishing in general is picking up and steady temps will increase the bite. Fish are in prespawn and spawning modes right now. Male crappies are sporting their dark colors and the females eggs have turned runny as they get ready to drop them in a nest. With the weather settling down the same techniques that we have been using are paying off better dividends this week. Several more 2 pound plus fish this week, and the females eggs have turned runny as they get ready to drop them in a nest.



Lake Conditions Water Clarity and Temperature ...

Water is the clearest right now than all spring. The rain Thursday brought some color back to it but visibility to 2 to 3 feet is good for Ol Kentucky Lake! Water temps have risen steadily this week.. They range from about 69 to 76. The TVA has raised the lake to 359.2 elevation earlier than normal this year. Normal is 358 elevation. Still alot of floating sticks, leaves and logs in the water. Saw two big trees floating down the lake. Checked them because at a distance it almost looked like a boat.

You can view the lake levels here:

tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky

Weather outlook:

- Friday** Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. A 20 % chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.
- Fri Night** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows around 60. East winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 %.

Saturday	Showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 %.
Sat Night	Showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of precipitation 80 %.
Sunday	Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the mid 70s. Chance of precipitation 70 %.
Sun Night	Mostly cloudy with a 20 % chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.
Monday	Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.
Mon Night	Partly cloudy with a 20 % chance of showers. Lows around 50.
Tuesday	Partly sunny with a 20 % chance of showers. Highs in the lower 70s..
Tues Night	Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.
Wednesday	Partly sunny with a 20 % chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

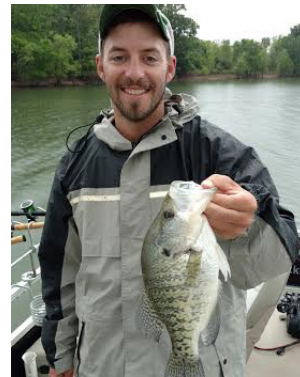


Bill and Will
Sorrel of
Crittenden KY
and Loveland OH

Crappies:

The spawn has begun here on the North end of Kentucky Lake. Fish are scattered from 2 feet to 22 feet. The KnB pontoon has been pulling Arkie 220 and 350 series cranks exclusively this week with our Todd Huckabee brand trolling rods. Excellent rods with a great backbone and fast tip. The reasoning for pulling cranks is just my theory from experience. The crappies move in from the main lake into the bays to stage and feed getting ready for the spawn. Then some fish move up to spawn in the shallows while others do not. We catch the fish waiting to spawn (prespawn) and those fish who have spawned (post spawn) who need to fill up on food to transition back to the main lake. This has worked for us and we are relatively alone to fish this way. Not many folks fishing as deep of water and still catching fish as we are. I like to cover a lot of water when the fish are as scattered as they are now. They do seem to be schooling up as we have caught several doubles this week! Not to say that we never fish shallow but with the size of our boat it can be tough to sneak up on the crappies because they can be skittish.

Male crappies are being caught up shallow and a few females this week. Minnows under a float about 2 feet down are working. I like to use a jig under an ESB bobber tipped with a minnow to mimic the size of shad that the fish are eating. Best colors have been pearl or chartreuse/black. Casting twister tails in Kentucky green has also worked.



Tim Ferrill and Jeff Ades of Aurora, IL, took time out from their DuPage Bassmasters club to do some crappie fishing on the KnB pontoon.

Largemouth Bass:

Most of the bass fishing has moved back to main lake points and deeper secondary points and flats. Seems that up shallow many buck bass are being caught. Bass that have been caught on the toon have not had their underbellies and tails scarred up. To me that means they have not spawned. Chatterbaits, A rigs and jigs in black/blue have caught fish. Steelshad blade baits have been catching fish on the secondary ledges.

Other species:

Bluegills and redear have started to be caught shallower. Not alot of numbers but have seen both and even a jumbo redear being cleaned. Mainly a redworm bite. Also catfish are being caught all over the lake. The shallower fish I believe are raiding the nests of spawning fish. Night crawlers have been catching cats but we also catch them on minnows and cranks. Whitebass, yellow bass and sauger have been caught on our cranks in the deeper bays.

Attaboy for the Captain:

*We had so much fun yesterday. That pontoon was so comfortable for my dad.
Have a good one! — Will S. of Lexington*

Book now with Captain Rich!

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