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## Your fishing report for May 6, 2016

### from the deck of The Kick'n Bass Fishing Pontoon

Weather temps have been normal this week and the sun is bringing the water temps up quickly. Fishing in general is picking up and steady temps will increase the bite. Crappies are in spawn and post spawn condition. With the weather settling down the same techniques that we have been using are paying off better dividends this week. Whitebass are post spawn and the bluegills/red ears are just getting ready to spawn.

### Lake conditions

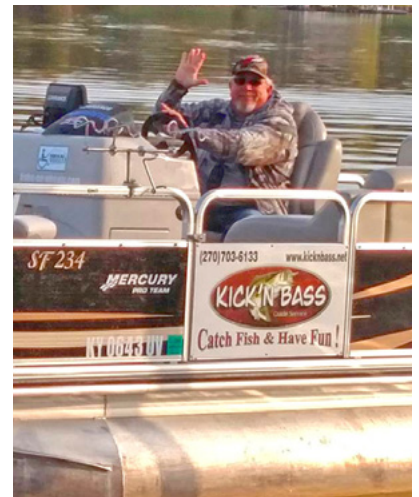
The water is very clear to about 3 feet this week. Temperatures have been 69 degrees in the morning and warming to 73+ by afternoon. TVA has brought the lake levels up past normal pool to 359.5. From their schedule it looks like a slow draw down back to 359 which is summer pool level. Because of the high water be careful of all the floating logs and debris..

You can view the lake levels here:

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

### Weather outlook for this week

It is going to be a great week to fish! High's in the low 70's to mid 80's and the lows in the low 60's. Mostly sunny but a slight chance of rain midweek. Winds 6 to 14 mph will make for a nice breeze on the water.



Ed and Mary Gill, Crystal Lake IL with nice crappies

## Crappies:

The spawn and post spawn are 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. I like to cover alot of water when the fish are as scattered as they are now from spawning. Takes the crappies a while to recover from their spawning activites and to start reschooling again on the main lake. They do seem to be schooling up as we have caught several doubles this week!



Bill Bartnick Group from Holcombe, WI



Daryl Hornick of  
Holcombe, WI



Erick Green family from  
Nashville, TN

## Largemouth Bass:

Most of the bass fishing has moved back to main lake points and deeper secondary points and flats. Bass can still be caught shallow by working jigs or lizards in the bushes. Shaky heads, Carolina rigged ribbon tail worms and Steelshad blade baits have been catching fish on the secondary ledges Bill sorrell pic

## Whitebass

Whitebass have completed their spawn and are schooling in deep water on humps in the main lake. Ken's Hybrid spinners and Steelshad bladebaits have been catching fish. One trip this week saw the entire group get schooled by an eight year old fishing machine named Jackson!

## Redear/Bluegill

The redear/bluegill bite is on! Look for spawning beds on gravel banks and you should find fish. Concentrate on the 2 to 5 foot range. Small Sheltons bluegill bugs tipped with a cricket or redworm are doing the trick under a slip bobber. Everlasting Slip Bobbers are the only slip bobber that I use. pic of me with esb and gill.



Bill Sorrell of  
Crittenden KY



## Catfish

Catfish are still prespawn but are being caught from shallow to deep. A bunch have been caught by the KnB pontoon while redear fishing. They are full of eggs that do not look ready to be dropped. They may be up shallow raiding spawning nests for the eggs and small fry to eat.

## Everlasting Slip Bobbers

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