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Your fishing report for May 13, 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. We have a cool front moving in for the weekend (of course) but the rest of the week will be normal temps. Fishing in general is picking up and steady temps will increase the bite. Crappies are post spawn as are the bass but redears and bluegills are just starting to nest up. Time to get your light poles out.



Lake conditions

Water temps are 70 degrees in the morning and warming up to 75 degrees in the sunny afternoons. Water color is stained after the 4+ inches of rain in the last few days. TVA has brought the lake levels up past normal pool to 359.5. From their schedule it looks like the water level will be several inches above summer pool for awhile. Because of the high water we still need to be careful of all the floating logs and debris.

You can view the lake levels here:

tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky

Weather outlook for this week

Today...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight...Clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 5 mph in the evening becoming calm after midnight.

Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds 5 mph.

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday...Cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Monday Night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Crappies:

The crappies are post spawn here on the north end of Kentucky Lake. Fish are scattered from 8 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 www.Toddhuckabeerods.com . I like to cover a lot of water when the fish are as scattered as they are now from spawning activities and feeding heavy to regain their strength. Takes the crappies a while to recover from their spawning activities and to start reschooling again on the main lake. They do seem to be schooling up this week.



Matt Howell, Chris Carson, Guy Harris and Marty Burden from the Nashville area



Marty Burden got himself a largemouth



Matt Howell holds up his nice smallie

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.

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.

Whitebass

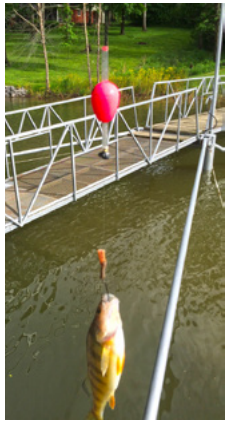
Whitebass have completed their spawn and are schooling in deep water on humps in the main lake and in the deep water bays. Ken's Hybrid spinners and Steelshad bladebaits have been catching fish. Didn't fish for them this week but had plenty while fishing for other species.

Catfish and Other Species

Catfish are still prespawn but are being caught from shallow to deep. A bunch have been caught by the KnB pontoon while redear fishing and also while pulling cranks. 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. Saw sauger and perch caught this week also.



Nice mess from the KnB pontoon!



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