

*Fish Kentucky Lake  
with Guide Captain Rich Bay*



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## **Your fishing report for May 20, 2016**

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

Weather temps have been below normal this week bringing the water temps back into the mid to upper 60's. We had a cool front move through this week but by Saturday the weather should be back to normal for this time of year. Fishing has been fair to very good but these dang cold fronts are hurting the action (and my back). 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. The full moon is here and mixed with steady weather fishing is going to explode!



### **Lake conditions**

Water temps are 66.6 degrees in the morning and warming up to 72 degrees in the sunny afternoons. Water color is a little stained but clearing up fast from all the rain last week. TVA has brought the lake levels up past normal pool and according to their published schedule it appears to be staying above for the foreseeable future. Still alot of floating debris, especially after a very treacherous Saturday last week that saw several boats taking water over the bow. Four foot rollers are no joke on Kentucky Lake. *You can view the lake levels here:*

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

### **Weather forecast**

**Today...** Showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the morning...  
Then showers likely in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s.  
Northeast winds around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation near 100 %.

**Tonight...** Mostly cloudy. A 20 % chance of showers in the evening.  
Lows in the mid 50s. Northwest winds around 5 mph.

**Saturday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday...** Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday Night...**Clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

**Monday...** Sunny. Highs around 80.

**Monday Night...** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

**Tuesday...** Partly sunny with a 30 % chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

**Tuesday Night...** Partly cloudy with a 40 % chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

**Wednesday...** Mostly cloudy with a 50 % chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

**Wednesday Night...** Mostly cloudy with a 50 % chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

## Crappies

Only fished crappies two days this week but managed some quality fish. Pulled cranks in bays and main lake ledges with fair results. Most crappies came in about 16 feet of water about 12 feet down. Arkies blue shad and crappie colored 350 series crankbaits were the best producers.

## Largemouth

Starting to see alot more bass boats fishing the main lake ledges although many fish are still being caught up shallow. Those that the toon has caught were while pulling crankbaits. Deep diving cranks, steelshad bladebaits and shaky head worms have been catching fish.



Chuck Wetzel of St Louis



The Wells from Indianapolis; John, John, Joe and Lavada

## Redear/Bluegill

The full moon is here and 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 Phyllis bluegill bugs or Popeye jigs tipped with a cricket or redworm are doing the trick under a slip bobber. Waxworms and meal worms are working also. Everlasting Slip Bobbers are the only slip bobber that I use. We have used some light drop shot rigs with limited results. This cool front pushed them out a bit but persistence is paying off.



*Gill, Redear and a perch from the KnB pontoon!*



*Chris Geary of Hartford KY*

## 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

Catfish are still prespawn but are being caught from shallow to deep. Caught several on cranks this week and a few on crickets while chasing red ears. 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. I have started using some new rods from Rippinlips.net and they are the real deal! They have a full line of rod/reel combos and a great assortment of stinkbaits, hooks and other accessories for all your catfish needs so check em out. Waiting to yank a big cat up still but it's gonna happen.

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