

*Fish Kentucky Lake
with Guide Captain Rich Bay*



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Your fishing report for May 27, 2016

from the deck of The Kick'n Bass Fishing Pontoon

Weather temps have moved back to normal and from the long range forecast we are in for above normal temps. With those temperatures comes the chance of thunderstorms and some serious weather activity. The high is going to reach near 90 degrees midweek. Seems like every Memorial Day weekend has its good, bad and ugly weather...let's hope for mostly good!

Lake conditions

Water temps are 72 degrees in the morning and warming up to 76 degrees in the afternoons. Water color on the main lake is a little stained from Wednesday's and Thursday's heavy rains and the bays are pretty muddy right now. We are about one foot over summer pool. 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 so be careful.

You can view the lake levels here: tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky

Weather forecast

Today... Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight... Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday... Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday... Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday Night... Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.



John Rosendahl from
Danville CA

Memorial Day...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday... Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

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Wednesday...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

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Thursday...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Crappies

Crappies are settling up into their normal pattern on the main lake. Pulling Arkie crankbaits has produced some nice fish. I have been varying my trolling speed but faster seems to outproduce the slower speeds...I'm no rocket scientist but I think I'll keep moving faster!! Seems the best colors this week have been chrome colored with Blue/chrome being the top producer. Fishing the deeper bays over brush and stakebeds with minnows has also produced some good catches.

Largemouth

Starting to see alot more bass boats fishing the main lake ledges although many fish are still being caught up shallow. Largemouth that the toon has caught were while pulling crankbaits. Deep diving cranks, Steelshad bladebaits, shaky head worms and Texas rigged creature baits have been catching fish. I have seen some of the pros throwing an A-Rig on the ledges also.



Randall Dooley of Evansville, IN



Wayne Perrin of Calhoun



Pastor Ray with a Redear

Redear/Bluegill

The cold weather during last week's full moon phase pushed the redears and bluegills off their beds into deeper water. Made it tough to find them, but using an ESB bobber and a cricket or waxworm did the trick. We also tossed a small drop shot rig and picked fish up that way. The Pumpkin seed gills have made it a little harder. We have had to sort through tons of these to get a mess of keeper gills.

White Bass

Haven't fished much for Whitebass yet this year but they have completed their spawn and we've been catching some on Steel Shad blade baits and Ken's Hybrid spinners. Best tip for catching stripes is to always stay in contact with the bottom. What I mean by that is raise the lure up off the bottom but you have

to let it flutter back to the bottom. They like to chase and attack their food and letting your lure flutter back towards the bottom will pick up a lot of fish. The whites are deep and relating to current on the main lake and near the mouth of the bays. With this weather warming up and the lake temps rising it should be game on for stripes...hotter the water gets, the better it is fishing for stripes.

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. Night crawlers are taking lots of channels right now and I would think the cat bite is going to keep getting better. Catfish rigs fished near rip rap areas are producing along with cut bait and stink baits. Check out the Rippin' Lips website. I'm using their line of rod combos, terminal tackle and jars of stinkbait to catch some good fish.



Gibson Bay of Seattle
with a nice yellow

Attaboy for the Captain

I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. When the Bays and their three boys moved next-door, their middle son Mike and I quickly became best friends. We did everything together. Sometimes on the weekends his father would take us out fishing on his awesome boat. Eight years later, they moved away and we lost contact, but the fishing experiences we had together quickly turned into my new addiction. After a while I met some friends who enjoyed fishing as much as I did. They got me in to a local fishing club, where we'd fish one tournament a month. My first year in I became club champion.

This year, we planned a trip to Kentucky Lake. We start combing the internet for fishing reports and water temps. While reading a report from a local fishing guide, I saw that his name was Captain Rich Bay of Kick'n Bass. I dialed the phone number as fast as possible. A lady answered the phone and I asked her, "Did you guys live in the suburbs of Chicago?" She replied, "Yes we did."

I introduce myself and I could not believe I just found my old friend and his family. So naturally we arrange to get together when I came down. Captain Rich Bay took us out on his boat and I quickly realized I had fished for crappies the wrong way all week. I caught the biggest crappies of my life on his boat and we got numbers. Who would've thought, all these years later, I'd happen to find the guy who got me into fishing, that he would take me out, and I'd continue to learn new fishing tactics from him.

To anyone who is planning a trip to Kentucky Lake: call my friend Captain Rich Bay, take a day on the water with him and soak up as many fishing tips as you can—he's full of knowledge.

—Tim Ferrell

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