

*Fish Kentucky Lake
with Guide Captain Rich Bay*



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Your fishing report for June 20, 2016

From the deck of the Kick'n Bass pontoon

Weather forecast is for highs in the upper 80's for the next week. Pretty hot so bring alot of water and sunscreen for your ventures out on the lake (or beach!). Looks like a great week to fish and play in the sun again. We took a quick trip to the southwest last week to see the Grand Canyon. Didn't get a chance to fish there but looked like great trout waters. Still nothing like coming home to the Commonwealth of Kentucky!

Lake conditions

Water temps are 85 degrees in the morning and warming up to about 88 degrees in the afternoons. Water color on the main lake is clear to about three feet. Levels are at summer pool (359.0 elevation) for now and according to the TVA this is the level they are going to hold at for awhile. Not much water being pulled at this point, at least during the day so we have been doing alot of running from spot to spot. You can view the lake levels here:

tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky



Just a bit deeper than
Kentucky Lake!

Weather forecast

Tuesday... Partly sunny with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Highs in the upper 80s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night...Partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

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

Wednesday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Thursday... Partly sunny with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Thursday Night... Partly cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

Saturday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 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 between 1.6 and 2.1 mph. Seems the best colors this week have been chartreuse and orange based Arkie crankbaits, but that can change day to day. Fishing the deeper bays over brush and stakebeds with minnows has also produced some good catches. Having to sort through a bunch of short fish to find keepers is a good/bad situation. Got to meet Ken Roberson from [Todd Huckabee Rods](#). Great guy and great products for all your crappie fishing styles.



Cap'n Rich with an evening crappie



Sonny Sessa is proud of his catch!

Largemouth

The summer ledge pattern has taken ahold on Kentucky Lake. Those that the toon has caught were while pulling crankbaits or tossing a Steel Shad bladebait for whitebass. Deep diving cranks, Steelshad bladebaits, shaky head worms and Texas rigged creature baits have been catching fish. Huge spoons have taken big largemouth in 30 feet of water. It took nearly 100 pounds to win the FLW tourney last weekend.

Redear/Bluegill

I did not get the chance to fish for gills and redears this week but have still seen nice baskets of both at the cleaning. We have caught a few in deep water on crankbaits. An old pattern I've used in the past is to find a long flat in about 10 feet of water and let the current slowly move the boat along. Bounce a piece of crawler on a bare hook with a split shot one foot above the hook and be ready!



The Sessa and Lopez families
from East Chicago, IL



Dani Apostolovich from
Riverside, IL



Andrea Dunn, with Tiffany Dunn,
from Chester, IL

Whitebass

The Whitebass are moving into their summer patterns as well. We have caught a bunch on [Steel Shad blade baits](#) and [Ken's Hybrid spinners](#). Occasionally I like to use a slab spoon to keep my lure near bottom especially when the TVA is not pulling any current. 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. Large yellow bass have been mixed in with the stripes along with a few sauger.

Catfish

Catfish are spawn and prespawn still, but are being caught from shallow to deep. Caught several on cranks this week and they were full of eggs that do not look ready to be dropped. Also caught them in 25-30 feet of water on deep creek channels. Night crawlers or chunk stink baits on a catfish rig are taking lots of channels, flatheads and bluecats 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. The new bait chunks that we are testing have caught some nice fish so stay tuned for these new products!

Testimonial

Thanks again for a fun time! We really enjoyed our trip. Andrea D. Chester, IL

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