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with Guide Captain Rich Bay*



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Your fishing report for July 15, 2016

From the deck of the Kick'n Bass pontoon

Weather forecast is for highs in the mid to upper 90's for the next week with scattered thunderstorms on some days. Pretty hot so bring a lot of water and sunscreen for your ventures out in the lake (or beach!). With all the rain the area has experienced, up to 15 inches in about a week, water levels reached two feet above summer pool. This rain event and subsequent water level rise brought a lot of logs, leaves and garbage out into the bays. When the TVA started pulling water to reduce the lake level, it brought all of this debris into the main lake. At this writing most of the debris is gone but there are new obstacles in the lake...be careful.



Careful out there!

Lake conditions

Water temps are 85 degrees in the morning and warming up to about 89 degrees in the afternoons. Water color on the main lake is clear to about three feet. Levels are a bit above summer pool (359.0 elevation) but they are dumping a lot of water to bring the level down. This is causing a very good current which has helped increase the fishing!

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

Weather forecast

Friday... Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 5 mph in the morning shifting to the east around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night... Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Northeast winds 5 mph.

Saturday... Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

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

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

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

Monday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday Night...Mostly clear with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s.

Tuesday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

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

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Crappies

Crappies have settled 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. No one color seemed to be favored this week. Fishing the deeper bays over brush and stake-beds 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.



Rich's wife Diane's artwork

Largemouth

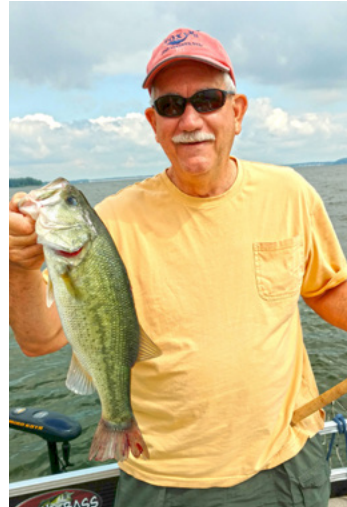
The summer ledge pattern has taken ahold on Kentucky Lake. Those that the toon has caught were while pulling crankbaits or tossing a Steel Shad bladebait and Ken's hybrid inline spinners for whitebass. Swim baits, Steelshad bladebaits, shaky head worms and Texas rigged creature baits have been catching fish. A few bass fisherman have reported an early morning top water bite on buzzbaits and poppers also.

Redear/Bluegill

I did not get the chance to fish for gills and redears this week so I do not have a report.

Whitebass

The Whitebass are moving into their summer patterns as well. They are stacking up on river channels and deep flats mid lake. With the TVA generating electricity and dropping the lake level, Whitebass and Yellowbass have really picked up the bite! They seem to be feeding on a huge hatch of pin minnows that look like clouds on my Lowrance HDS12. We have caught a bunch on [Steel Shad](#) blade baits and [Ken's](#) Hybrid spinners. Best tip for catching stripes is to always stay in contact with the bottom. We have been



Bob Adelsberger and Cap'n Rich both enjoyed a good Largemouth fight this week

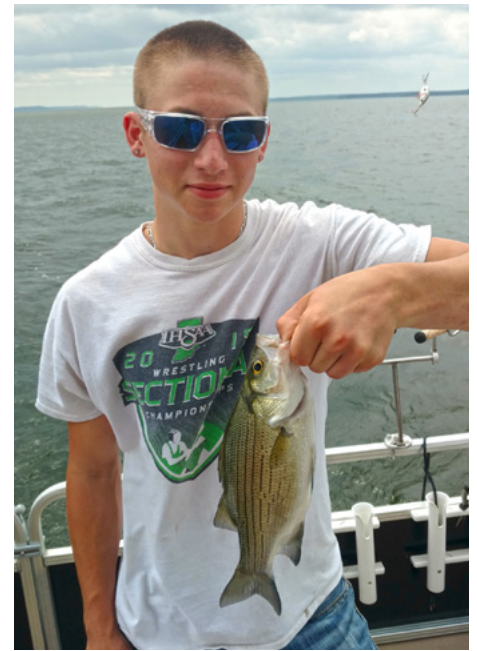
catching fish from on the bottom to ripping our lures up 6 to 8 feet off the bottom. They have been feeding very aggressively and there is nothing like a pound and a half Whitebass trying to yank the pole out of your hand!



Zane Collins shows off one of his mess of Whites.



Tiffany, Chance and Brian Stiff enjoyed a good day on the water.



Blaine Collins's Stripe might be a bit bigger than his brother's...



Front row: Vicki, Zane and John Collins. Back row: Ethan Vinardi and Blaine Collins

Catfish

Didn't get a chance to fish for cats this week but caught a few while whitebass fishing. Saw a 5 gallon bucket overflowing with bluecats a couple days ago at Malcolm Creek Resort. I wasn't able to get the catman to tell me where he caught them (of course!!) but he said he is using stinkbait in very deep water.

Captain's Recommendation

I had some minor repairs needed on my boat this past week and [HiTec Outdoors](#) came through for me. I highly recommend HiTec for any electronic, battery charger and trolling motor purchases and repairs. The HiTec crew diagnosed my charger problem as a lightning strike from the storms and got me back on the water the very next day! Great prices for new and used equipment and great installations in a timely manner.

ATTABOY

We want to thank Kick'n Bass Guide Service for a wonderful two days of fishing. Hopefully we made memories that are grandsons and their friend will remember for years to come. That's what's special for us, and we want to thank Rich for helping us do that. Anybody that wants to take a family group fishing, the way to go is on the pontoon boat.

—Vicki C.

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