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Your fishing report for September 16, 2016

From the deck of the Kick'n Bass pontoon

Weather forecast is for highs in the lower 80's for the next week with scattered thunderstorms on some days. Nighttime lows are mid 60's. The humidity will be more tolerable now with the later sunrises and earlier sunsets. Water levels are on a slow downfall as the TVA is lowering the lake towards winter pool. Doing a lot of moving from place to place until we find feeding fish has helped. Pulling crankbaits on the toon has been a great way to cover alot of water and has been producing a mixed bag of fish. Basically if it swims we have been catching it...from Crappies to Largemouth and even a 20 pound Drum!

Lake conditions

Water temps are 83 degrees in the morning and warming up to about 85 degrees in the afternoons. This should drop to the high 70's shortly which means Crappie time!! Water color on the main lake is clear to about 3 feet. Levels are at 355.8 about 3 feet under summer pool (359.0 elevation) and they are not pulling much water at this time. TVA chart shows water levels staying at this level for the near future.

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

Weather forecast

Friday...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 5 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Saturday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.



A nice mess of bluecats
and stripes

Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday... Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday Night... Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Lows in the mid 60s.

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

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

Tuesday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.



Steve Kierys of Benton with a nice slab on the KnB pontoon



First mate Diane with a couple of nice ones



Tyler Voss from Breese, IL enjoys a day of catchin'

Crappies

Crappies are still in summer mode and have been caught on some of the ledges and deeper bays pulling Arkie crankbaits. Not hot and heavy but they are there along with many other fish. Pink and pink/black and some dark frog patterned crankbaits have been taking most of our fish. We have had mostly clear blue skies and they seem to like the darker profiles. On cloudy days our best colors have been chrome/blue and chrome/black along with pink/black. Combination colors have been better than solid colors. Some crappies have been suspended shallower but most have been in the twelve foot range. We mix the cranks up by pulling some 220's and 350's series Arkie crankbaits. Seems that some of the short fish caught in spring are reaching to ten+ inches this fall.

Whitebass

Whitebass and Yellowbass are scattered on river channels and shallow flats mid lake. When the TVA is generating electricity, Whitebass and yellowbass have really picked up the bite! We haven't been fishing for these fish much because we are concentrating our efforts on Crappie but have caught a bunch of them on crankbaits. This week we caught a mix of whites, yellows and cats!



Brent Pruitt of Sesser, IL
with a lunker

Largemouth

The summer ledge pattern is still working but the bass are suspending also on the ledges. The bite has slowed quite a bit. Working main lake and secondary points with creature baits has taken fish. Some top water action has been good on sunny days. Purple ribbon tails 10 inches long have done well.

Catfish

Didn't get a chance to fish for cats this week but caught a few while whitebass fishing and pulling crankbaits. Most catfishers have been fishing the deep drops and holes up to sixty feet deep. Had reports of some nice blues in 50 feet on shrimp. We have also caught several while pulling cranks on ledges.



Wayne Luckett from Louisville
shows off his catch

Redear/Bluegill

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

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The guys had a lot of fun!!! Thanks again! Gary Knepp, Montgomery, IN

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A nice crappie caught
on an 11 foot Todd
Huckabee Slab Swinger

