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Your fishing report for Sept. 26, 2016

From the deck of the Kick'n Bass pontoon

This has been the best fishing week for crappies since last spring! The crappies and other fish are moving towards their autumn places and the bigger fish are moving in. Have been catching fish anywhere from main lake to inside the bays. Weather forecast is for highs in the mid 80's for the next week with scattered thunderstorms on some days. Nighttime lows are mid 60's. This cooler air and longer nights will really turn on all the fish as they feed for the winter. 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 a lot of water and has been producing a mixed bag of fish.

Lake conditions

Water temps are 82 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 dropping to 355.3 by the 30th.

You can view the lake levels here:

tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky



Spencer Bolton, Justin Cobb and Rick Cobb of Richmond Ky



Tom and Toni Castor of the St. Louis area showing off some of their catch



Will Trowbridge and Matt Devlin of Columbia, IL with a nice mess

Weather forecast

Monday...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Monday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

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Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

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Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

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

Crappies

Crappies are really starting to pick up! The fish oare moving in spite of the water being a bit warmer than usual for this time of year. The big fish are following the smaller fish in and this has been reflected in our catch, the sizes are increasing. Got the chance to fish with some great folks this week and we had a ball! Main colors for our crankbaits have been all pink and some mixed colors that have included pink. Chartreuse and sun perch have also caught their fair share of fish. I have been trolling at 1.8 miles an hour and using arkie 350's mainly... good luck!



Toni Castor from the St. Louis area



Matt Devlin of Columbia, IL



Will Trowbridge of Columbia, IL

Whitebass

Whitebass and Yellowbass are scattered on river channels and shallow flats mid lake. Also in some of the deeper bays. We haven't fished for them in a while but we have caught quite a few. The yellows seem to be all over the lake right now. They have really put on the feed bag.

Largemouth

The ledge pattern is still working but the bass are moving towards the secondary points. The bite has been steady and some big fish have been caught. Working main lake and secondary points with creature baits has taken fish. Some top water action has been good on summer days. Purple ribbon tails 10 inches long have done well along with green pumpkin crawfish soft plastics.

Catfish

Caught a few cats while pulling crankbaits this week. Most catfishers have been fishing anywhere from real shallow to real deep. Minnows have taken fish along with stink baits and crawlers. Went out on my own and used rods, reels, terminal tackle and some experimental cubed baits from rippinlips.net and caught some bluecats and channel cats. Give them a try.

Redear/Bluegill

I didn't fish for gills and redears this week, but we did catch several in 12 feet of water on crankbaits.



Spencer Bolton with a nice largemouth



Justin Cobb edges out his buddy Spencer



Tom Castor with a nice catfish

Captain Rich's Fishin' Tip

Keep varying your speed and colors and depths until you pinpoint the best areas to fish. If you find there is no fish where you are then you just narrowed your fishing area. As long as you remember where they ain't, it'll make it easier to figure out where they are! This plan of attack should increase your odds of better numbers of fish caught.

Attaboy:

We had a great time visiting and catching fish. We want to book for next year!

—Thanks, Toni and Tom C., St. Louis Area

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