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Your fishing report for January 28, 2017

From the deck of the Kick'n Bass pontoon

The last couple of weeks I have fished a few times (with my son and 2 grandboys once!!) And attended the Let's Go Fishing Show in Collinsville, IL. The fishing part was more fun but nice to meet old friends and make new friends at fishing shows. The mostly unseasonably warm temperatures have been nice to fish in. The next week is going to be low 40's for the highs but I'll just have to tough it out!

Lake conditions

Water temps are about 50.5 degrees in the morning and warming up to about 52 degrees in the afternoons. These temps are perfect for crappie fishing!! A cold front moving in will lower these some but the crappies are already filling up with eggs. Water color on the main lake is clear to about 3 feet. Levels are



(ap'n Rich messing around!

at 356.6 which is about 2 and a half feet higher than normal for this time of year. The TVA is pulling a lot of water right now, 92,000 cfs, and the lake level will be dropping. You can view the lake levels here: <u>tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky</u>



(rappie and Yellows...a nice fish fry!



Fishing with Grandsons Gibson and Porter Bay

Weather forecast

https://www.explorekentuckylake.com/weather/14-day-forecast. htm?city=benton,ky

Crappies

Crappies are still feeding pretty heavy. We are spider rigging anywhere between 8 and 15 feet of water. We have been using jigs with either a pink or chartreuse Crappie nibble on it. Best colors have been Electric chicken, white body with a pink beavertail and a 2 inch Joker in Bluegrass color. Best speed was .5 mph but using a zig zag pattern with the trolling motor helped with the bite. When the jigs dropped back down on this pattern it seemed to entice a better bite. Most of the bites we have had were very subtle. We would see the pole tip move and that was about it. Waited about 20 seconds one time experimenting and it was still hanging onto the jig. With the temps being not overly cold I am going out on a limb and predicting a late March/early April spawn. But don't hold me to that!!



Jimmy Greer of Benton, KY shows off a nice one!

Other Species

Haven't fished for any other types of fish but Professional local angler Terry Bolton did catch an 8.11 pound largemouth that he released. Also heard of a 12 pound plus monster largemouth caught last week!!

ATTABOY

Rich, thanks for a great day! We had a blast and you were delightful. (an't wait until next year! —Mike F. Denver

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