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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are approximately 3 feet below summer pool, give or take a few inches and in the midst of a steady drawdown to winter pool levels.

Water Conditions ... The water on both Lakes is in great shape for fishing.

Water Temps ... Surface temps on both lakes are in the low 70's.'

Open Dates ... Due to a cancellation I have the following dates open October 25th, 27 & 28th.

Fishing Report

Here's what's going on in the world of Kick'n Bass ...



Bass Fishing ... We've had some really good days and some only fair days this week. When they bit we caught some really nice fish and a lot of them. *(Photo) Phil Storehalder & Rick Lachat from Ohio* with fun sized bass caught on a Steel Shad. These fish were taken off a main lake ledge.

I'm beginning to sound like a broken record here but with the fall transition in full swing Bass are following schools of baitfish and are being caught along chunk rock banks, next to secondary points (6-10 feet deep), on mid-bay shell beds 10 to 13 feet deep and in the shallows in the

back of the bays. **Ledge Fishing** has improved dramatically and I'm not sure why either. If you find a ledge with some fish on it they are pretty cooperative. It could be with most anglers fishing shallow, these fish are probably the least pressured and most willing to bite. Generally speaking, these fish do not show signs of being caught like fish taken in other areas of the lake. Best areas seem to be 8-12 feet deep where the ledge transitioned into deeper water. Most productive baits were a mixture of a Steel Shad blade bait, a Shakey Head and a ½ oz. jig. **Jerk Baits** ... fished slowly are catching a few bass but the best

catches have come on Shakey Heads and Steel Shad blade baits. Once we located a school of bass with our *Lowrance HDS System* we slow rolled a Steel Shad blade bait to catch the aggressive biters and then extended the bite using a Shakey Head with a ZMan Finesse worm fished on a 3/16 oz PJ's Bass Extractor jig. Pumpkin Green Flake, New Money and Watermelon Red Flake have been the very good colors. Coppertruese is our #1 choice for colored water or low light conditions. A very slow presentation has worked best.

Top Water ...the Best action is occurring in the very early morning or late evening hours along chunk rock banks and in the very back of the bays. The most productive baits have been the Pop R in chrome & black and a Rapala Skitter Pop or its sister lure the Skitter Prop which has a tail spinner. There are a lot of anglers churning up the water and some are catching some good fish on top water but for the most part smaller fish are being caught this way. With the stable weather and warm temperatures I would guess that the top water bite will get better and bigger fish will be taken.

To sum it up, bass fishing is a typical for this time of year; a little unpredictable at times, a little tougher due to the shad migration and fishing pressure but sometimes you can get lucky and catch them two at a time like *Lee Jennings of Illinois (Photo)* did on a Steel Shad.



White and Yellow Bass (Stripes)

Now is the perfect time to be after these fighters. If you're throwing a **Steel Shad** or a **Ken's Hybrid Spinner** you can't help but catch some Whites & Yellows. Both species are in the bays and on main lake flats chasing baitfish and we caught some really nice fish this week.

Crappie are being caught over deep brush piles on minnows and jigs. Best depth seems to be 10- 15 feet. While good numbers of keeper fish are being caught, a good number of fish in the 8-9 inch class are showing up. This is good news as it shows that we have a bunch of crappie that will be of legal size next spring.

Catfish and Bluegill ... No Report.

Sonar Tip of the Week



The screen shows bass, crappie and stripes located in and around submerged stake beds on an isolated mid-bay hump. These fish were aggressively feeding and we used a variety of lures to catch several nice fish. Without the aid of our electronics, locating these fish would not have been possible.

Kick'n Bass can help you get more out of your electronics and become a better fisherman. Here's just some of what Kick'n Bass can do to make your units more user friendly and in turn help you become a more productive angler ...

"Here's How On the Water" Training Benefits YOU!

- **Make sure your HDS unit(s) has the correct settings for the type of fishing you do. In a lot of cases the units are set for "general use" not specific.**
- **Install the overlay data on the screen that you want. Example: Depth, Water Temp, Time, etc.**
- **Arrange the screens so they display what you want them to show and make going from page to page orderly and non-confusing.**
- **Eliminate unwanted, non-practical on screen data that clutters your screen and gets in the way of using your unit to its maximum potential.**
- **Demo the unit for you to help you be familiar with the screens and commands, so you'll have a good understanding of how to use the unit and take advantage of its fish finding capabilities.**
- **If needed, install the most recent updates.**

As a bonus Kick'n Bass will help you learn to read an electronic topo map and find "places of interest" that could be potential fishing hot spots.

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******* Announcements *******

WOW !!! Kevin Van Dam at the Cabin Bait & Tackle ...



Mark in on your calendar. Plan to be at the Cabin Bait & Tackle in Kuttawa, KY this Saturday October 8th. BASS Elite angler Kevin Van Dam will be there from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is your chance to meet the top ranked angler in the world. Don't forget to take advantage of the special deals on most everything in the store. For more info call (270) 388-6440.

For Sale ...

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Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Tight Lines ...

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