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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are approximately 4 feet below summer pool, give or take a few inches and in the midst of a steady drawdown to winter pool levels.

Boaters - BE AWARE of the depth you are running in at all times and use the channel markers to navigate when appropriate.

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

Water Temps ... Surface temps on both lakes are in the mid to high 60's.

Open Dates ... I have just a day or three open in November. So if you want to fish drop me an email or call (270)703-6133 and let me know when you want to go and we'll look at when we can put together a trip. **Night Fishing ...** I'll be fishing at night during the full moon on the 8th, 9th & 10th so if you want to get in on some night action let me know.

Ken's Hybrid Spinner for White & Yellow Bass and Largemouth Too!



Now and then a truly great bait comes along and Ken's Hybrid spinner is no exception. Not new to the Lakes area but maybe new to you, I can tell you that this lure is a fish catching machine and a staple in Kick'n Bass tackle box. Master lure designer and maker Ken McGregor, owner of the *Fisherman's Friend in Lake City, Ky.* has made numerous handcrafted baits that anglers swear by but none is any more effective than the Hybrid Spinner. You see, the Hybrid Spinner is not your ordinary in line spinner bait and a lot of unique elements and attention to detail goes into every lure. As an example, a special heavy gauge French blade is used rather than the elongated willow leaf blade found on competitive products. The French blade starts spinning the moment it enters the water creating instant vibration which attracts the fish. In other words you don't have to pump the rod or vary the retrieve to get the blade started. Doubling the beads between the blade and the lure body enables the

blade to produce maximum flash at all speeds. You can fish the bait slow or fast, deep or on top to match the mood of the fish. No more bent lures or hooks either. The extra heavy gauge wire used in the body of the lure retains its shape even after repeated encounters with better than average fish. Premium hooks are used that stay sharp and retain their shape. There's a size and color for nearly every fish that swims too; from a 1/32 oz. bluegill and redear bait all the way up to a 1½ oz. size used for Stripers and everything in between. You can find the Hybrid Spinner at area tackle shops or call *The Fisherman's Friend* at (270-362-4323). Just so you'll know ... Ken McGregor won't put his name on anything that won't catch fish and his Hybrid Spinner is no exception!

Fishing Report



Generally Speaking ... Despite the high winds and rain, fishing has been pretty decent, especially since we had to pick and choose where we could fish. Some pretty decent bass were caught (*Photo- Dr. Michael Spurlock*). Crappie fishing appears to be on the upswing and white and yellow bass fishing is very good. **Bass Fishing ...** Several areas of the lake are holding fish and if you find them in one particular spot usually you can usually go to other areas of the lake that are comparable and catch some fish. **Shallow water bite ...** We've caught a fair number of fish shallow including some pretty good ones on a Double Streak rig. Lipless crank and Spinner baits caught a few fish but with the cold fronts in the area the fish were sluggish and wanted a very slow retrieve. Best areas seemed to be shallow drops close to the creeks in the back of the bays. **Ledge Fishing ...** If you find a ledge with some fish on it they are usually 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. Secondary channel drops near the mouth of the bays are real high percentage spots right now. Most productive baits were a mixture of a Steel Shad blade bait, a Shakey Head and a Rapala DT 10. **Mid Bay Action ...** Bass are following schools of baitfish and are being caught along chunk rock banks, next to deep water, secondary points (6-10 feet deep) and on mid-bay shell beds 10 to 13 feet deep. A Rapala DT 10 and a Steel Shad blade bait produced a few good fish. We're finding this pattern to be waning considerably. I suspect fishing pressure and the full moon phase to be a factor in the slow fishing in these areas. (*Photo - Tim Taipalus and Mark Scherer from Fowlerville, MI. with some Steel Shad bass*) **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 Double Streak Rig, Gunfish and a Rapala Skitter Prop. There



are a lot of anglers churning up the water and I'm sure someone somewhere is catching a good fish or two on top but our experience has been mostly short fish.

To sum it up, schools of baitfish are roaming and the bass aren't far behind. With the bass being spread out a lot of different patterns are working and the constant movement makes bass difficult to pattern from day to day. Remember to be flexible. If you hit it right you can really catch a lot of fish.

Click on the link below to learn how to rig and fish the Double Streak Rig
http://kickbass.net/kentucky_lake_fishing_report.htm



White and Yellow Bass (Stripes)

Both species are in the bays, on main lake flats and secondary channel points chasing baitfish and we caught some really nice fish this week and plenty of them. 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.

Catfish ... Now's the time to catch some really good ones on live shad or shiners fished on the bottom in 10-15 feet deep. Best locations are flats or ledges at the mouth of the bays. The big cat in the photo was caught on a Steel Shad blade bait no less! *(Photo - Kenny & Jane Adams with a mixed bag caught on a Steel Shad).*

Crappie ... Numbers are great and keepers are pretty good too using minnows or jigs or a combination thereof over brush in 10-12 feet. On sunny days some blacks are being caught 4-6 feet deep along gravel banks casting KY Green and Blue /Pearl curly tails. Best banks are those that have some wave action and several hours of sunlight on them. Fall crappie fishing is shaping up nicely.

Bluegill & Redear ... We didn't fish for these species this week. However, I ran into one of the best reardear & bluegill fishermen on the lake and he had a live well full. Best areas are gravel banks near creek channels in 2 -6 feet. A Shelton's bluegill bug tipped with a wax worm is the best bait.

Sonar Tip of the Week



The screen shows a huge school of bass on ledge next to the old river channel. We used a Steel Shad blade bait to pick off the aggressive biters and then cleaned up using Shakey Heads. 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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Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Tight Lines ...

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