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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are holding steady at winter pool give or take a few inches. **Boaters** – Be aware of the depth you are running in at all times and use the channel markers to navigate when appropriate as both lakes are approximately 4' below summer 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 60's.

Open Dates ... I have a few open dates in November. We can do a Tournament Prep, go Fun Fishing or do a Night Fishing trip or an "On the Water" Electronics training class. The choice is yours. Call (270)703-6133 and let's put a trip together.

Fishing Report



Bass Fishing ... has been either very good or not very good which is typical for this time of year. Baitfish are everywhere and the bass population is not only spread out but feasting on a continuous smorgasbord of shad. It's pretty common to catch a bass with the shad tail sticking out of its gullet or reel in a lure in and have a shad impaled on one of the hooks. While we're finding it difficult at times to compete with Mother Nature, there are some fish to be had. Some of our clients have managed to catch some pretty good fish too! (Photo- Larry Hagan of Tell City, IN.). Stacking the odds in your favor by using the preferred baits and fishing areas that become ideal due to the changing water level, is critical this time of year.

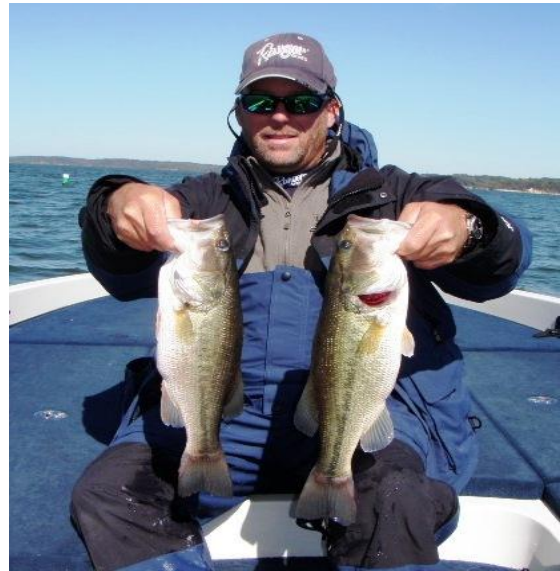
Shallow Water Pattern ... With the shad roaming the constant movement makes bass catching patterns difficult to figure out from

day to day. I guess a better way of putting it would be, that the patterns are staying pretty much the same it's the bass that are changing and they're "here today and gone tomorrow". However, some areas are more consistent than others. We've caught a fair number of fish shallow, including some pretty good ones, on flats in smaller bays that have deep water (8-10 feet) creeks at the mouth. We're following these creeks all the way to the back of the bays searching for fish. Usually we'll find a fish or two located near bends in the creek channels or where the creek channel brushes against the bank. Lipless crank and Spinner baits have caught a few fish but the Steel Shad in Gold has been the best bait by far.

Ledge Fishing ... If you find a ledge with some fish on it they are usually pretty cooperative. 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 areas of opportunity right now. Most productive baits were a mixture of a *Steel Shad blade bait*, a *ZMan Shakey Head* and a *ZMan Scented PaddlerZ Swim Bait*.

Mid Bay Action ... A few Bass 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. **Top Water** ... the Best action is occurring during reasonably calm conditions 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 and a Spro McStick in Table Rock Shad. We're Jerk Baiting the Spro McStick with a jerk; jerk & pause retrieve to catch a few fish. *(BTW - I see this pattern coming on strong as the water temps drop so get ready to jerk bait).* To sum it up, schools of baitfish are roaming and the bass aren't far behind. Fish the high percentage areas with the recommended baits and you'll increase the odds in your favor.

(Photo - Scott Doan from Morehead, KY. with a couple of Steel Shad bass).



White and Yellow Bass (Stripes)

Both species are in the bays, on main lake flats and secondary channel flats 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. A **Steel Shad** or a **Ken's Hybrid Spinner** are the two best baits for this type of fishing.

Catfish, Bluegill & Redear ... We didn't fish for these species this week therefore there is no report.

Crappie Fishermen! Check out the Sonar Tip of the week Photo ... we had one really good afternoon crappie fishing over submerged brush casting 3/32 Kentucky Green and Blue Pearl curly tails. The numbers were really good and most were caught 10-15 feet deep. Also some blacks were caught about 6 feet deep along gravel banks on a silver Steel Shad when we were bass fishing. Best banks are those that have some wave action and several hours of sunlight on them. Fall crappie fishing is shaping up nicely.

Just a side note ... based on what we're seeing with the abundance of fish 8-9 inches long, next year especially in the fall, crappie fishing is going to be awesome.

Sonar Tip of the Week (WOW!)



The screen shows a huge school of crappie and baitfish over a submerged brush pile. Casting 3/32 Kentucky Green and Blue Pearl curly tails we picked off the aggressive biters and then extended the bite by using minnows on a slip bobber rig. Our Electronics not only located the brush pile and the fish but also showed us how deep the crappie were so we knew what baits to try and how deep to fish. Without the aid of our electronics, locating a good place to fish like this wouldn't have been possible.

Attention: High Definition System Owners

Let's clear up your Sonar confusion. Have your unit(s) programmed by someone who depends on them daily. Together we can make your units more user friendly and help you become a better angler. Call Now (270)703-6133

Here's just some of what Kick'n Bass can do for YOU!

- **Make sure your HDS unit(s) has the correct settings for the type of fishing you do. In most cases the units factory default setting is set for "general use" not specific.**
- **Program the individual screens and 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.**

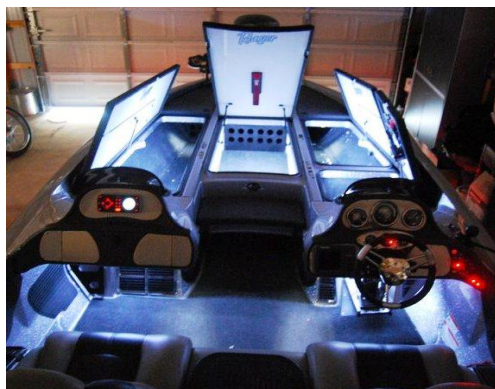
As a bonus Kick'n Bass will help you learn to read an electronic topo map and find "places of interest" that could be potential fishing hot spots.

West Kentucky LED Shines Light on Dark Subject!



My clients and I do a fair amount of night fishing starting in March and we fish until it's just too darn cold outside to so. One of the issues facing anglers who fish at night is having a light source available so we can re-tie our lines, find rods and baits and anything else that requires light ... all without spooking the fish. Call me old fashioned but I don't

use any lights to fish by as I believe they spook the fish but when it comes to being able to see what I'm doing topside I'll take all the help I can get. Recently one of my clients had a LED lighting package installed by Greg Warner of West Kentucky LED and highly recommended that I check him and his products out. I met with Greg at Fisherman's Headquarters in Draffenville, KY. and we discussed what my needs were, He looked at my boat, went over the LED packages that were available and made a recommendation. As a fisherman, Greg not only knows what works but what makes sense too. Once I decided on a package Greg went to work on the set up. It was obvious that he has a lot of experience as the installation went smoothly. If I hadn't known the lighting was an aftermarket product I would have thought it was factory installed. Not only did Greg put together a lighting package that exceeded my expectations ... it was at a price that was a lot less than I expected. Now I have a deck that is lighted so my clients can move around without fear of stepping on rods or other stuff. My tackle storage and rod lockers are lighted so finding the appropriate rod or bait is no longer an issue either and even the well for my trolling motor pedal is lit up. Pretty cool deal! So, if you are in need of any type of lighting for your boat or trailer I suggest you give Greg a



call. I'm glad I did. To see what Greg has to offer check out the West Kentucky LED website www.westkyled.com or call 270-227-9166.

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Tight Lines ...

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