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**December 8th, 2011**

**\*\*\* Special Notice \*\*\***

*Heavy rainfall has dumped from three to five inches of rain across the Tennessee and Cumberland River valley over the last several days. Both lakes are receiving an influx of water and projection over the next several days is that lake levels could raise as much as Two Feet **ABOVE SUMMER POOL**.*

**Lake Conditions**

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are on the brink of **SUMMER POOL**. The Dams are spilling so there is a significant amount of current in the lake.

For up to date lake info and projected lake level forecast for Kentucky lake visit the TVA website: [http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh\\_r.htm](http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm)

**Boaters** – With the Dams spilling there is significant current in the lake so be cautious and by all means keep a safe distance from the Dams also keep an eye out for floating debris.

**Water Conditions ... Barkley** - main lake is very stained and quite a few of the bays and feeder creeks are muddy. **Kentucky** – main lake is cloudy with some of the bays being stained. Some of the major bays that have multiple creeks feeding the area are a more stained.

**Water Temps ...** Surface temps on both lakes are in the low to mid 50's

**Weather Outlook**

**Thursday...** Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. West winds 5 mph in the morning shifting to the south in the afternoon.

**Thursday Night...** Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds 5 mph.

**Friday...** Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s.

**Friday Night...** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s.

**Saturday...** Sunny. Highs in the upper 30s.

**Saturday Night...** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Highs in the mid 40s.

**Sunday...** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Highs in the mid 40s.

**Sunday Night...** Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Highs in the upper 40s.

**Monday...** Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Highs in the upper 40s.

**Monday Night...** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 40s.

**Tuesday...** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 40s..

## Fishing Report



**Bass Fishing ...** It's been windy, rainy and cold and the lake levels are rising but the bass are still biting. Some fish are still relatively shallow and others are on the first drop beginning their late fall migration back to deeper water. With the wind and current, staying on the fish has been a challenge at times but when you found them they have been very catchable and some were pretty decent too. *(Photo – John Rollins from Champaign, IL.)*

### **Lake Current Dictates Fish Location.**

The Dams are spilling and the lakes have a significant amount of current. Fish can be located in one spot today and gone tomorrow, leaving us scratching our heads in confusion but Main lake points and points at the mouth of the bays are a good choice right now as the current is dictating fish location. Some bass have

been taken near creek channel at the mouth of the bays or on long tapering gravel points on **Steel Shad** blade baits. The best colors have been Silver and Gold with a slow, stop and go retrieve working the best. The most dependable method for finding fish has been to start at the mouth of the bay and work the creek channel paying special attention to where the channel intersects with the main lake point. With the cooler weather some fish have backed away from the bank and are suspending on the first drop where the point transitions into deeper water. The best fishing has come during the prime feeding times. Prime Feeding Times are golden this time of year.

**You can check out the prime feeding times for your area by clicking on this link and following the easy instructions ...**

<http://www.solunarforecast.com/solunarcalendar.aspx>

**Crappie ...** Unfortunately the really bad weather lately has hampered crappie fishing but when we able to get on the water it was pretty good. Crappie are being caught over brush about 10 feet deep with minnows on a slip bobber rig or casting 3/32 oz KY Green or Blue Pearl curly tails. A lot of non-keeper fish were caught but if you were patient enough to work thru the shorts by the end of the day you were rewarded with some good ones. I believe that the upcoming spring crappie season will be one of the better ones in recent memory and I can't wait! **BOOK NOW** and get the dates you want!



**White and Yellow Bass (Stripes)** Action on these fish slowed quite a bit this week. While we weren't focusing on these species specifically, we caught a few crappie fishing.

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

For my newest **Video Fishing Tips**, visit: [http://www.kicknbass.net/fishing\\_tips.htm](http://www.kicknbass.net/fishing_tips.htm)

## **Sonar Tip of the Week**



The screen shows a school of bass on the drop side of a secondary Ledge. In late November and early December a good number of baitfish and bass begin their late fall early winter migration returning to deeper water. While this screen shot was taken in early September you can bet that this same spot will harbor bass in early winter when the reverse migration begins. The Lowrance HDS 10 was used to pinpoint the location of the school and identified how deep they were.

**Attention: High Definition System Owners  
CONFUSED! FRUSTRATED! NEED ANSWERS?  
KICK'N BASS CAN HELP!**

**Read the owner's manual or watched a DVD and still baffled? Let's clear up your Sonar confusion. Have your unit(s) programmed by someone who depends on the HDS technology daily. Together we can make your system more user friendly and help you become a better angler.**

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

- **If needed, install the most recent updates.**
- **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 overlay the data on the screen that you want. Example: Depth, Water Temp, Time, Voltage, etc.**
- **Arrange the screens in order how you would use them 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.**

**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.**

**You've Made a Significant Investment in Electronics  
Learn to Use Them to Their Full Potential.  
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## **Twelve Christmas Gift Ideas for that Special someone!**

- A Guided Kentucky or Barkley Lake Fishing Trip with Kick'n Bass
- An On the water Sonar Class and HDS System Programing with Kick'n Bass
- A Guided Wilderness Canadian Smallmouth Bass fishing Trip with Kick'n Bass
- A Pontoon tour or Family fishing trip with Kick'n Bass
- A Kick'n Bass ... Oops! ... A Shimano Shakey Head Rod & Reel Combo.
- An on board LED Lighting System from *West Kentucky LED (westkyled.com)*
- Lowrance High Definition Sonar with StructureScan.
- Cabelas Pac-Lite Rainy River Goretex Rainsuit
- River Road Rod Holder System for the Crappie Fisherman
- A Pair of Costa Del Mar Sunglasses
- A Year's Supply of Steel Shad Blade Baits, ZMan Shakey Head worms & PJ's jigs
- A proper fitting **P**ersonal **F**loatation **D**evice



## New for 2012 ... Kick'n Bass Guide Service Offers Fishing Trips for the Whole Family!



That's right, nobody gets left behind! Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa and the kids can go too! Catch fish from our newly acquired state of the art fishing machine and have fun doing it! Crappie, Bass, Bluegill, Redear, Stripes or Catfish ... the choice is yours. We can customize your trip if you have something special in mind, just be sure to contact us well in advance for reservations. For more info call 270.703.6133 or email [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)

## Kentucky Lake Pontoon Tours



A Pontoon Tour is a great way to enjoy Kentucky Lake! Leave the boat driving to us and sit back, relax and enjoy the beauty of Kentucky Lake. Our tours offer local knowledge, interesting tidbits and history about Kentucky Lake and the surrounding area. Sit back and enjoy our comfortable pontoon boat that is wheel chair accessible with adequate shade, while your tour guide navigates the waters! Bald eagles, great blue heron and other wildlife abound. Don't forget your camera!

- FALL COLOR TRIPS and EAGLE WATCHING (In Season)
- FAMILY FUN OUTINGS or "GIRLS OR GUYS DAY OUT"
- CHURCH & CLUB GROUPS WELCOME
- CORPORATE & BUSINESS TRIPS AVAILABLE
- WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE PORT GATE



We can customize your tour if you have something special in mind, just be sure to contact us well in advance for your reservations. For more information call 270.703.6133 or email [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net).

**Don't forget ... book your Fishing Trip NOW and get the dates you want! [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)**

**Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!**

Tight Lines ...

*Randy Kubens*