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December 15th, 2011

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are approximately 1.5 feet below **SUMMER POOL** and in the midst of an aggressive drawdown. TVA projection shows that Kentucky Lake is predicted to drop approximately 9 – 10 inches a day until the lake level is brought in line with the normal operating guide. The same holds for Lake Barkley. 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

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. There is some debris floating on the surface.

Kentucky – main lake is cloudy with some of the bays being lightly stained. Some of the major bays that have multiple creeks feeding the area are a more stained. Overall the water is very fishable.

Water Temps ...

Surface temps on both lakes are in the high 40's to around 50 degrees

Weather Outlook

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Showers and a chance of thunderstorms in the morning...Then a chance of showers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s. Temperature steady or slowly falling in the afternoon. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Thursday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. North winds 5 mph.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 40s.

Saturday Night...Clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

Sunday Night...Mostly clear in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the upper 30s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s. Lows in the lower 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs around 50.

Tuesday Night...Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s.

Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s...

Fishing Report

It's Jerk Bait Time!



Bass Fishing ... I laugh when I hear folks say that fishing a Jerk Bait looks a lot like "a jerk on one end waiting for a jerk on the other " but the fact of the matter is, during the month of December no lure produces more big fish for *Kick'n Bass* clients than the Jerk Bait. Generally speaking my clients and I begin fishing a Jerk Bait when the water temps are in the mid 50's and we'll fish it until the temps reach about 43-45 degrees or so. Right now with the lake temps between 45- 50 degrees the Jerk Bait is King! Bass are being taken on suspending jerk baits in 5 - 8 feet of water on main lake points and long tapering points at the mouth of the bays and some big ones are being caught (*Photo - Phil Stull from Benton, KY with a nice Jerk Bait bass*). One pattern that emerged this week was finding bass relating to brush piles or wood. In December this type of cover is a good choice as bass suspend around it or set up next to it waiting for an easy meal to swim by. Using our Lowrance HDS in side scan mode we found several brush piles with fish on them. (*See Sonar Tip of the Week Photo*) The best ones were located close to the first drop in 5 - 8 feet of water with most fish positioned on the down current

side. On more than one occasion we had multiple follow-ups as hooked fish were brought to the boat. Several of our best fish came as the bait was suspended over the brush piles. Hands down the best lure was the SPRO McStick in Table Rock Shad. The Table Rock Shad color must give the bass just the right look in the slightly stained water. One of the most productive retrieves was lowering the rod tip and jerking the bait once, pause for about 3 seconds then jerk it again, pause for about 15 seconds or more and then make another jerk. A lot of times the bass would hit the lure when it's motionless or right after the last jerk. A couple of times we got hook-ups when the lure was being reeled in. We kept the rod tip lowered on the retrieve stopping the lure a time or two and then giving it one last jerk for good measure. The followers must have run into the lure because these were some of the most vicious strikes we had. It might be a good idea to have a lure retriever or plug knocker handy just in case your lure gets hung up. We had several fish bore themselves deep in the brush plies and come unhooked requiring the use of a plug knocker to get our lure back.

Lake Current Dictates Fish Location & Best Action is During Prime Feeding Times ...

With the Dams spilling 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. However, main lake points and long tapering points at the mouth of the bays are a good choice right now as the

current is dictating fish location. The best fishing has come during the prime feeding times. Remember ... 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 ... I know, this sounds like a broken record but Crappie fishing continues to be very good. Most are being caught over brush about 10-15 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!

Sonar Tip of the Week



The screen shows several bass relating to wood on a long tapering point at the mouth of a bay. In December this type of cover is a good choice as bass suspend around it or set up next to it waiting for an easy meal to swim by. Using our Lowrance HDS 10 in side scan mode we found several brush piles with fish on them. Without the SideScan feature no way would we have located these fish.

**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.

Don't Wait ... NOW is the time to get it done. Spend this winter using your system and be ready for Spring Fishing!

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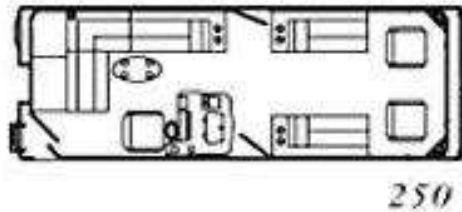
That's right, nobody gets left behind! Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa and the kids can go too! Catch fish from our newly acquired state of the art fishing machine and have fun doing it! Crappie, Bass, Bluegill, Redear, Stripes or Catfish ... the choice is yours. We can customize your trip if you have 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



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- A Guided Kentucky or Barkley Lake Fishing Trip with Kick'n Bass
- An personalized 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

Pontoon for Sale



2006 25' Harris Super Sunliner 250 LX with a 115 hp Mercury 4 Stroke. This is my personal Pontoon. With the addition of the new Fishing Pontoon, keeping this boat is just not practical. I'd rate the boat 8 out of 10. Mechanically it runs just like you'd want one too. The Motor is a 2002, it's quiet, runs like a sewing machine and gets super gas mileage. With the kids not at home and Mama happy to sit and relax at the dock, the boat just hasn't been used much the last couple of seasons. Mooring cover and Tandem Trailer included. Dealer says \$19,500. First \$17,950 gets it. Serious inquiries only please rk@kicknbass.net Thanks!

Mysterious Cat Seen Prowling the LBL ...

Is it a cougar, or just a house cat on steroids? You be the judge. These photos were taken on Monday on the LBL side of Kentucky Lake. Should make things interesting for the many coyotes we have in the LBL.



Don't forget ... book your Fishing Trip NOW and get the dates you want! rk@kicknbass.net

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Tight Lines ...

Randy Kuhens