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Talk Fish'in & High Definition Electronics with Kick'n Bass at the West KY boat Show in Murray, KY  
Fri. thru Sun. Jan 20-22<sup>nd</sup>



View actual client photos like this one, taken during our "On the Water" Sonar class!

These photos are screen shots displayed electronically in high definition on a flat screen monitor complete with text defining structure, fish holding cover, baitfish and even your favorite game fish. Come, let's talk!

Kick'n Bass Guide Service will have a booth at the show located on the upper level near the Seminar area. In addition to our Kentucky Lake Guide Service, once again we will be offering our popular guided Canadian Wilderness Camping and Fishing Adventures. We only have two trips available this year. Be sure to drop by and check out our slide show presentation on last year's trips to the Northwoods. The photos give you an idea how much fun everyone had and how fabulous the fishing is... and some BIG ones too!

**Lake Conditions**

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are approximately one foot above winter pool and fluctuating. Several Gates are open and Kentucky Dam is spilling until further notice.

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

### ***Predicted Data***

Day	Average Inflow	Midnight Elevation	Average Outflow
1/18/2012	149,353	354.98	126,820
1/19/2012	136,250	354.86	126,175
1/20/2012	111,128	355.02	120,250

### **Water Conditions ...**

**Barkley** - main lake is lightly stained with the clearer water on the LBL side. Water is very fishable

**Kentucky** – Water is very fishable and in real good shape

### **Water Temps ...**

Surface temps on both lakes are in the low to mid 40's warming to the mid 40's on sunny afternoons.

### **Weather Outlook**

**Thursday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Thursday Night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday...**Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain. Highs in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night...**Rain showers likely. Lows around 40. South winds 5 to 10 mph in the evening shifting to the northwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

**Saturday...**Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain in the morning. Highs in the upper 40s.

**Saturday Night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

**Sunday...**Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

**Sunday Night...**Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

**Monday...**Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s.

**Monday Night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 50s.

**Tuesday...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 50s.

**Tuesday Night...**Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.

**Wednesday...**Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 50s.

### **Fishing Report ...**

The higher water levels and good lake current we've enjoyed over the last several weeks is back. The topsy-turvy water level and lake current we're having is spurring late season feeding for most species. This has changed the location and feeding habits of some species but bass fishing in particular continue to be unusually good for this time of year. Crappie and stripes are suspending in schools over humps in open water. Also the better fishing seems to mirror the type of weather were having; good weather brings good fishing and not so good weather equals poor results. Overall we have a lot to be thankful for as fishing is still pretty good for this time of year.

**Bass Fishing ...** the report this week is basically a carbon copy of what was reported last week. Very Good! Bass have backed out somewhat since last week but are still being caught in unusually good number and size. Jerk baits (SPRO McStick being an excellent choice) and Alabama type rigs like the locally made Ken's Barbrella Rig are doing a pretty good number on both Largemouth and Smallmouth. The jerk bait bite seems to be best on calm warm days on

the main lake points and at the mouth of the bays. Secondary points and banks with deep water nearby are holding good numbers of fish too. Some schools of really nice fish are being found on the first deep hump or ledge in the major creeks. Find one where two major bays intersect and you can have a really good day! With the water temps higher than normal and lack of a significant shad kill being major factors, bass fishing is the best I've seen in recent memory for this time of year. I've been say'in this for several weeks now but sooner or later old man winter is going to show up and put a damper on things but right bass fishing is on!

**Crappie** fishing has been fair on minnows over submerged brush in 15-18 feet deep. Schools of crappie are beginning to suspend over open water where slip bobbers have come into play. Some good crappie are being caught among lots of non-keeper sized fish. You just have to go thru several smaller fish until you catch a keeper.

**Sauger** fishing is slow on the deep flats near the old river channel on jigs and blade baits.

**Stripes** are being caught on humps near the deep water flats yo-yoing blade baits especially the **Steel Shad**.

## Sonar Tip of the Week



I get asked quite often "Does StructureScan really make that big a difference in identifying fishing hot spots"? Try this ... Take your hand and cover the right hand side of the screen. Try to determine what the images on the left side represent. Pretty confusing, huh! At best it would be a guess at what they are. Seeing the split screen with High Definition Sonar on the left and StructureScan on the right clearly shows the value of StructureScan. StructureScan eliminates the guesswork in identifying the images on your screen!

**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!**

- 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.
- Learn how to assign a waypoint to a fishing hot spot and find it again.
- 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.

**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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## New for 2012 ... Kick'n Bass Guide Service Offers Pontoon 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. Don't want to fish, rather relax and chill out? No problem, we can customize your trip. If you have something special in mind just let us know. Contact us well in advance for reservations. email [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)



## Our June Canadian Fishing Adventure is **SOLD OUT!** Now taking reservations for our **July Trip.**



Come on and go with us ... you'll be glad you did! You don't have to have a partner, you might not know the person but by the time the trip is over you'll feel like old friends. Canoe Country has a way of doing that to you. We use our 30 years of experience in the Northwood's and wilderness skills to make your trip a memorable one. We do it all for you ... pre-planning, permits, transportation, gear, etc. Our clients young and old alike say it's a can't miss trip and "Cadillac Camping" in the heart of the Great Northwoods.

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*(Photo) Kenny Dement from Missouri, with another big Canadian Smallmouth Bass.*

Don't take our word for it. Click on the link below to find out what our clients had to say about their once in a lifetime experience. [http://www.kicknbass.net/archives/canadian\\_trip\\_recap\\_july\\_2011.htm](http://www.kicknbass.net/archives/canadian_trip_recap_july_2011.htm)

The spring fishing season will be here before you know it and it promises to be the best ever. A lot of fishermen are making their plans ahead of time so consequently we guides are beginning to get booked. I still have several days available if you book now. Thanks to those folks from Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Michigan that booked trips this week with Kick'n Bass.

Don't forget ... book your Spring Fishing Trip **NOW** and get the dates you want!

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# In Memory Of ...

The Kentucky Lake fishing community lost one of our own this week, Kathy Ray. I first met Kathy several years ago when her husband John booked a trip to bluegill fish with Kick'n Bass. We had a lot of fun and Kathy caught her share of fish ... despite having a neck brace on from surgery that severely limited her movement. John, Kathy and I fished several more times since then and I even fished with some of their close friends and family. Kathy and John loved Kentucky Lake so much that they decided to move from West Virginia and bought a house on Jonathan Creek earlier this year.

Kathy was a real special person and was always kind to everyone and quite a seamstress. Earlier this year, she embroidered a hand towel for me with the Kick'n Bass logo on it that was just awesome. It was so nice that I had decided to not get it dirty fishing but I after I got to thinking about it Kathy would have wanted me to use and use it good! So every time I use that towel I'll think of Kathy and I know she'll be keeping an eye on me too! We'll miss you Kathy! My prayers go out to John and the family.

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Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

*Randy Kubens*