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Talk Fish'in & High Definition Electronics with Kick'n Bass at the Game & Gills Section of the Louisville Boat Show Jan. 27th - 29th.



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 ...

Talk Elk hunting and meet my good friend and fellow Canadian Wilderness Guide Clyde Tackett and if tournament fishing is your thing, talk bass fish'in with my good friend and local tournament angler Bill Hurlle.

Kick'n Bass Guide Service will have a booth in the Game & Gills section. 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

Predicted Data

Day	Average Inflow	Midnight Elevation	Average Outflow
1/26/2012	237,210	355.19	185,000
1/27/2012	236,143	355.09	185,000

Water Conditions ...

Barkley - main lake is stained but clearing with some creeks heavily stained from the rains we experienced early in the week. The clearer water seems to be on the LBL side.

Kentucky – Some color in the main lake with smaller creeks stained. Overall the water has some color to it but very fishable. Some bays are stained where mud banks are exposed and shallow drains have colored the water due to the recent heavy rains.

Water Temps ...

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

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 50. North winds 5 mph.

Friday Night...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A slight chance of sprinkles or flurries after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s.

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

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s.

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Highs around 50.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Highs around 50.

Monday Night...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 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.

Crappie ... While the high winds and waves and current has the fish moving around a bit, we still managed to catch a real good mess. Some big schools of crappie are suspended over

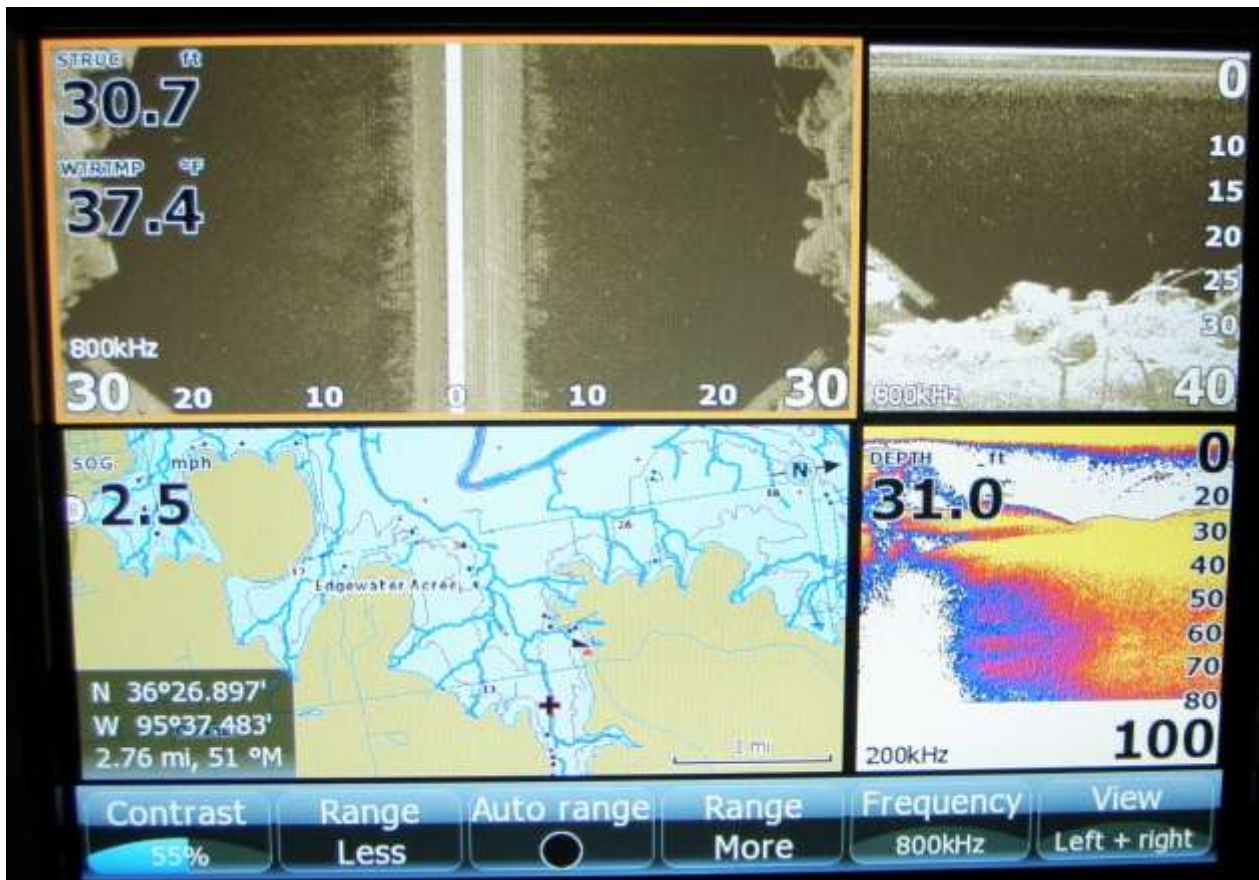
submerged brush in 15-18 feet deep. Schools of crappie are beginning to suspend in open water in the middle of the bays and slip bobbers with minnows have come into play. Some good crappie are being caught among lots of non-keeper sized fish. You just have to go thru several smaller fish until you catch a keeper. **Be sure and check out the recent article on Slip Bobber Fishing** <http://crappie.com/crappie/content/>

Bass Fishing ...Very Good! Bass are being caught in good numbers and size and some are unusually shallow for this time of year. 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!

Sauger ... NO Report

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

Sonar Tip of the Week



This screen shot shows Right and Left Structure scan, Down Scan, Electronic Topographical Mapping and High Definition Sonar. Unlock the full potential of your High Definition System ...

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!

Call Now! (270)703-6133 or email rk@kicknbass.net

Thanks to those folks from Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky and Arkansas, who booked either a fishing trip or an "on the water" sonar class at the Murray Boat show last weekend.

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.

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



Our June Canadian Fishing Adventure is **SOLD OUT!** Only 5 spots remaining 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.

For more info call (270)703-6133 or email rk@kicknbass.net

(Photo) Josh Fulton from Mayfield, KY with a monster 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

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

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