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Talk Fish'in & High Definition Electronics with Kick'n Bass at the **BIG OUTDOORS SHOW** in Paducah, KY Fri. thru Sun. Feb. 17-19th.



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!

In addition to our Kentucky Lake Guide Service and "On the Water" Sonar Training, we will be offering our popular guided Canadian Wilderness Camping and Fishing Adventures. **PLUS, we'll be introducing a new Canadian fishing trip that is an "All Inclusive" trip to a Fly-in Outpost Cabin Camp.** 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. 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*
2/16/2012	48,085	355.86	63,000
2/17/2012	42,073	355.61	62,000
2/18/2012	37,480	355.31	62,000

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 40's warming to the mid 40's on sunny afternoons.

Weather Outlook

Today...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 5 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

Friday Night...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 5 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly cloudy. Rain likely in the evening... Then a chance of rain and snow after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

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

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

Washingtons Birthday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

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

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s.

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

Fishing Report



With the inclement weather it's been a little tough to get out on the water and fish but when we did fishing was good, especially for crappie. With better weather on the horizon more fishermen will be on the lake.

Crappie, Crappie and more crappie is the word! Despite the colder weather the fish continue to bite. Best depths are 11-13 feet over brush and the best baits seem to be jigs in either electric chicken or blue and chartreuse tipped with a crappie nibble. Medium to small winnows are a good backup plan but right now the jig seems to be the way to go.

Bass fishing has been either feast or famine with A-rigs, jigs and Shakeyheads being the most productive. Remember to slow down as the water temps have nose-dived in recent days.

Sonar Tip of the Week



Using High Definition Sonar in the side scan mode can be a very good tool to find spawning fish, especially Crappie, Redear and Bluegill. Last week in Florida we used our HDS to find bedding fish. The screen shot shows crappie congregating for the spawning ritual amongst a lily pad field. Once we determined where the fish were located we used slip bobbers and jigs to catch a nice mess of black crappie. Your System can do this too so contact rk@kicknbass.net

What is Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class"?

Kick'n Bass offers a one on one, hands on, in your boat using your electronics class that will take your understanding and know-how to another level!

IF YOU'RE CONFUSED, FRUSTRATED, AND NEED ANSWERS then Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class" is for YOU!

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 time now using your system and be ready for Spring Fishing!

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



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

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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"All Inclusive" Canadian Fly-In Outpost Cabin Camp Adventure.



For several years I have been keeping my eye out for an alternative for those of you that have wanted to go to Canada with Kick'n Bass but didn't necessarily want to do the wilderness canoe camping thing. Look no further! Nestled in the core of the Canadian Wilderness where wildlife and fish abound, you'll be the only fishermen on the lake. Stay in the only cabin on the lake and have all the comforts of home including hot showers, delicious food and cold drinks. Fish from outboard powered aluminum boats and experience great smallmouth, walleye and Northern Pike fishing. We take you there and bring you back, including an exciting float plane trip right to the cabin door. All you'll need is

your personal items, fishing gear, a camera and a good attitude. We take care of the rest. See an exciting Slide Show Presentation at the "BIG OUTDOORS SHOW" this weekend in Paducah, KY. Now taking reservations with special introductory Pricing. For more information contact rk@kicknbass.net



My good friends Steve Quinn (L) Editor of In-Fisherman magazine and Capt. Steve Niemoeller of Steel Shad Lure Co. enjoy a light moment last week at Castaway's On the St. John's River in Astor Fla.

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Tight Lines ...

Randy Kubens