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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
2/23/2012	67,880	354.93	48,030
2/24/2012	59,508	354.91	51,500
2/25/2012	50,015	355.16	60,000

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 mid to high 40's warming to around 50 on mild sunny afternoons.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny. Highs around 50. West winds around 15 mph.

Friday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night...Clear. Lows around 30. Southeast winds 5 mph.

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

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Partly sunny. Highs around 60.

Monday Night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

Tuesday...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

Tuesday Night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Wednesday...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the lower 50s.

Fishing Report

Bass & Crappie are dominating the action and most everyone is catching fish with some fishermen doing better than others.



Bass Fishing ... Smallmouth Bass, huge females at that, are in the initial stages of pre-spawn and in setting up on the deeper drops adjacent to spawning flats. Our big smallmouth this week was a 22 inch female that was "full grown". The fish was caught on a SPRO McStick jerk bait in table rock shad in about 8 feet of water adjacent to much deeper water. For you smallmouth enthusiasts, right now the bigger fish are suspending along the first noticeable drop off of main lake points and at the ends of the long tapering points at the mouth of the bays. Once the water temps get into the mid 50's look out. **Largemouth bass ...** are being caught on main lake points, gravel banks and on the deeper flats at the mouth of the bays. Best baits are ZMan finesse worms on a 3/16 oz PJ's bass extractor jig and Steel Shad blade baits. Some bass are suspended over brush in deeper water and are being caught on A-Rigs and SPRO Little John crank baits in shad and crawfish pattern. Bass fishing success seems to pattern the weather but overall I don't think any anglers should complain right now. *(Photo) Dave Phillips of Paducah, KY.*

Crappie ... are being caught at various depths. Casting 3/32 oz lead heads with Kentucky Green curly tails is over submerged cover 10-15 feet deep is a pretty good pattern right now. The water color is just right for the Kentucky Green color and 3/32 oz seems to get the lure down with the right amount of fall. A slow retrieve seems to work best. Live bait for some reason seems less of a factor since the water has some color to it but several nice crappie are being taken over deep cover 15-20 feet on minnows. As more crappie move into the bays towards pre-spawn, Long Line Trolling will be the ticket. Overall crappie fishing is very good and all indications are that it's going to be a real good season.

Sonar Tip of the Week



"Find & Return to Fishing Hot Spots Without Ever Assigning a Waypoint!"

Is your map cluttered with too many waypoints? Can't remember which waypoints are productive and which ones aren't? Learn to mark a location and go back to it without assigning a waypoint. Only assign a waypoint to productive locations. Your System can do this. To learn how to do this and more 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



FORREST WOOD CUP CHAMPION Scott Martin attends "The Big Outdoors Show" in Paducah, KY.

Kick'n Bass and Scott Martin talk over old times at the Kick'n Bass Guide Service booth at last weeks "Big Outdoors Show" in Paducah, KY.

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! rk@kicknbass.net**

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Tight Lines ...

Randy Kuhens