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March 2nd , 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are approximately 1 1/2 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

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Day	Average Inflow	Midnight Elevation	Average Outflow
3/01/2012	83,878	355.35	62,463
3/02/2012	71,640	355.59	62,500
3/03/2012	59,668	355.58	63,000

Water Conditions ...

Barkley - main lake is lightly stained with the clearer water on the LBL side. The bays have some color and runoff from recent rains

Kentucky - Water is very fishable and in real good shape

Water Temps ...

Surface temps on both lakes are in the low 50's.

Weather Outlook

Friday... Showers and thunderstorms likely in the morning...Then showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms May produce damaging winds...Large hail and tornadoes in the afternoon. Locally heavy rainfall possible in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Friday Night... Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely in the evening...Then partly cloudy after midnight. Some thunderstorms May produce damaging winds...Large hail and tornadoes in the evening. Lows around 40. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Saturday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. West winds around 10 mph.

Saturday Night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

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

Sunday Night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

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

Monday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Fishing Report

Like last week Bass and Crappie are dominating the action ...

Bass Fishing ... Smallmouth Bass are in the initial stages of pre-spawn and are setting up on the deeper drops adjacent to spawning flats. 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.

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. Some Largemouth

caught this week appear to be in pre-spawn condition. Last year we had a minor spawn in March and it's possible that we could see some early spawners if the unseasonably mild weather continues. *(Photo) - Capt. Rich Bay from Benton, KY with a couple of good ones.*



Crappie ... Even during times of inconsistent weather fishing seems to be pretty favorable. The big issue seems that the ratio of non-keeper to keeper fish. At times, the ratio runs about 4 non-keeper to 1 keeper but the action is pretty consistent. However, once you get into a school of keepers you can get well in a hurry. Best method for us this week has been casting 3/32 oz. green lead heads with Kentucky Green curly tails over submerged cover 10-12 feet deep. This is a very productive pattern right now. The water color is just right for the Kentucky Green color and 3/32 oz. with a 2 1/2" curly tail seems to get the lure down with the right amount of fall. A "barely turn" of the reel handle retrieve seems to work best. Minnows and jigs tipped with a minnow are catching some crappie but right now I'd have to say

that the edge goes to artificials. We did catch several nice crappie over deep cover 15-20 feet using minnows but the majority of our fish were taken over stake beds 10-12 feet deep casting. Very encouraging is the number of White Crappie that are showing up. It appears that the white crappie population is rebounding nicely. Overall crappie fishing is very good and all

indications are that it's going to be a real good season. (Photo) Kick'n Bass, holding both a slab White and Black crappie.

Sonar Tip of the Week

Randy,

I want to thank you so much for your instruction on Monday. It far exceeded ALL my expectations. I would never imagine so much could be covered within such a short time. Your professionalism, presentation and personality made my training experience very enjoyable! I especially appreciated learning in my boat on my electronics. I have attended several different types of classes and have never enjoyed anything as much as I did your training. Now, that my Lowrance equipment is working properly, I am looking forward to spring and my first tournament.

I would highly recommend you and your "On the Water Sonar Class". Put my name on your list of references and I will be happy to recommend you.

Again, thanks for everything... I hope you have many great days of fishing.

Archie Davis



Sure, post frontal conditions are challenging but you can increase the odds in your favor if you can pinpoint fish holding cover like this. The crappie were buried in the brush but when we put a crappie jig in their face it was too tempting to pass up. A properly tuned and programmed system can find fishing hot spots like this. Let Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class" help you get the most out of your system. 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!

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- 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.
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- Learn how to assign a waypoint to a fishing hot spot and find it again.
- If needed, install the most recent updates.

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Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Tight Lines ...

Randy Kubens