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March 23rd, 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels and Water Conditions ... As of this morning both lakes were approximately 1.5 feet 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

Water clarity on Kentucky Lake ranges from light stain in some of the creeks with the main lake clear. The lake is very fishable. On Barkley the main lake is stained and some creeks and bays are stained with rain coming in today the color could change but the lake is very fishable.

Predicted Data

Day	Average Inflow	Midnight Elevation	Average Outflow
3/22/2012	68,918	355.31	72,000
3/23/2012	94,928	355.23	66,000
3/24/2012	96,673	355.26	60,000

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows around 50. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Saturday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Wednesday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Latitude: 36.92802 Longitude: -88.22018

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 3/22/12	H: 69° L: 62°	Rise: 6:52 AM Set: 7:07 PM	Rise: 6:33 AM Set: 7:29 PM Overhead: 12:59 PM Underfoot: 12:37 AM	0% NEW MOON	12:37 AM - 2:37 AM 12:59 PM - 2:59 PM	6:33 AM - 7:33 AM 7:29 PM - 8:29 PM	Best
Friday 3/23/12	H: 70° L: 53°	Rise: 6:51 AM Set: 7:07 PM	Rise: 7:02 AM Set: 8:26 PM Overhead: 1:42 PM Underfoot: 1:20 AM	1% Waxing Crescent	1:20 AM - 3:20 AM 1:42 PM - 3:42 PM	7:02 AM - 8:02 AM 8:26 PM - 9:26 PM	Better
Saturday 3/24/12	H: 68° L: 50°	Rise: 6:49 AM Set: 7:08 PM	Rise: 7:33 AM Set: 9:23 PM Overhead: 2:25 PM Underfoot: 2:03 AM	4% Waxing Crescent	2:03 AM - 4:03 AM 2:25 PM - 4:25 PM	7:33 AM - 8:33 AM 9:23 PM - 10:23 PM	Better++
Sunday 3/25/12	H: 73° L: 49°	Rise: 6:48 AM Set: 7:09 PM	Rise: 8:06 AM Set: 10:18 PM Overhead: 3:10 PM Underfoot: 2:48 AM	9% Waxing Crescent	2:48 AM - 4:48 AM 3:10 PM - 5:10 PM	8:06 AM - 9:06 AM 10:18 PM - 11:18 PM	Good
Monday 3/26/12	H: 76° L: 51°	Rise: 6:46 AM Set: 7:10 PM	Rise: 8:42 AM Set: 11:14 PM Overhead: 3:57 PM Underfoot: 3:33 AM	15% Waxing Crescent	3:33 AM - 5:33 AM 3:57 PM - 5:57 PM	8:42 AM - 9:42 AM 11:14 PM - 12:14 AM	Average
Tuesday 3/27/12	H: 76° L: 53°	Rise: 6:45 AM Set: 7:11 PM	Rise: 9:23 AM Set: --- Overhead: 4:44 PM Underfoot: 4:20 AM	22% Waxing Crescent	4:20 AM - 6:20 AM 4:44 PM - 6:44 PM	--- 9:23 AM - 10:23 AM	Average
Wednesday 3/28/12	H: 76° L: 55°	Rise: 6:43 AM Set: 7:12 PM	Rise: 10:08 AM Set: 12:06 AM Overhead: 5:33 PM Underfoot: 5:09 AM	30% Waxing Crescent	5:09 AM - 7:09 AM 5:33 PM - 7:33 PM	12:06 AM - 1:06 AM 10:08 AM - 11:08 AM	Average

Fishing Report

(Photo) John Strasser and Don and Adam Clark of Ohio with some huge white crappie caught this week fishing with Kick'n Bass. The trio caught all their fish casting Kentucky Green Curly Tails.



Special Crappie Report ...

Wow! The best way to describe crappie fishing is ... well really there isn't any way to really describe it other than it's the best I've ever seen it. My clients and I are catching huge numbers of fish. However,

while you still have to be patient and work thru a fair number of non-keepers, but by the end of the day our catch usually includes a lot of nice ones. **White Crappie** ... are most definitely in transition to the spawning areas. Some mid-bay brush piles that once held huge schools of fish two days ago now look like a vacant parking lot while other brush piles are absolutely loaded with fish. My **Lowrance HDS** showed huge numbers of white crappie located in the creels channels making their way to the spawning grounds (*See Sonar Tip of the Week*). In four trips this week we caught and released an insane number of white crappie that were ever so slightly

under the legal size requirement. I mention this because there has been great concern with the lack of white crappie caught over the past two seasons. With what I'm seeing the white crappie population has rebounded with a vengeance. The best results came by backing off submerged structure and casting 3/32 oz. Kentucky Green Curly Tails around the cover.



Crappie fishermen, tired of getting hung up? Try Light Wire hooks on your lead heads and curly tails!

Master lure designer Ken McGregor at *the Fisherman's Friend in Lake City (270)362-4323* is at it again. A couple of weeks ago I complained to Ken and Barb about getting hung up too much in brush when my clients and I were fishing for crappie. Having to retire after breakoffs is part of fishing but there is always a better way. Nobody knows more about making lures better than Ken so he made me a bunch of lead heads with light wire hooks. I must admit I am more than pleasantly pleased ... I'm surprised at how well the lead heads work. The light wire looks allow us to fish around the heaviest cover and if we get hung up, a steady pull of the line will bend the hook and dislodge the lure. We've gotten so effective at dislodging the lure that my clients have no fear of getting hung up and sometimes we even catch a crappie as the lure comes free. Using Power Pro braided line in 10lb test (2 lb. diameter) and a matching

fluorocarbon leader rounds out the system. Add your favorite curly tail or tube jig and you're ready to get in the game. The Light Wire lead heads come in assorted sizes and colors.

(Photo) Shawn Morford with a huge white crappie caught this week casting a Kentucky Green curly tail.

Special Note to all you Crappie Fishermen ... Based on what I've seen the last several months and culminating with what has happened the past 10 days, if you want to crappie fish with a Guide this fall you better book NOW! With the phenomenal amount of 9 ½ - 9 ¾ inch fish we've caught, come fall it promises to be the best crappie fishing ever!

Smallmouth Bass ... this week we caught a large number of smaller male bass on the spawning flats on Jerk Baits and Steel Shad Blade Baits. Also we dueled with a couple big females this week that have gotten the better of us by tossing our baits back at us with one in particular landing a Shakey Head in my lap. Some of the larger females are already coming off the bed.

Largemouth Bass ... on the move and being caught shallow 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, Steel Shad blade baits, spinner baits, lipless and square bill crankbaits and A-rigs. With the bass moving shallower over the last few days no doubt you'll be able to catch them on your favorite baits and techniques. Look for the bays with the warmest water and pay special attention to the shallow drop or ledge adjacent to deeper water. With the full moon fast approaching on April 5th, look for Largemouth to be in full spawn mode by then. *(Photo) Kick'n Bass with a couple of good ones caught shallow slow rolling a white spinner bait.*



Sonar Tip of the Week

Randy, I have spent most of my life working as a towboat pilot and managing towboat companies. I hold unlimited tonnage licenses as a First Class Pilot and as Master of Towing Vessels with over 30 years' experience piloting towboats. As I was researching new generation fish finders, I searched the web for all sorts of information. The more I looked, the more confused I got. I discovered your website and began reading a number of articles on your website. Soon, it became apparent to me that you were one of the more qualified persons to work with, so I set up an appointment for my personal "On the water Sonar Class". Everything that seemed so intimidating to me when I looked at the operations manual came to life right before my eyes there in my boat as you taught me how to make it work and how to interpret the information that is visible on the screens.

I sincerely want to thank you for taking time to teach me how to use my new Lowrance HDS system. Your professionalism and expertise at all things fishing make you a tremendous resource for those of us who are learning. I hope that every person who owns one of these late model Lowrance units has the opportunity to spend some quality time with you.

Thanks again for all your coaching and assistance.

Mike Rushing - Rushing Marine Services - Jackson, Mo.



As I mentioned earlier in the report we had been catching boat loads of crappie over submerged brush 12-15 feet deep. Once the migration to the spawning flats began some of the submerged cover that once held fish became fishless. Experience has shown once this happens, crappie travel the creek channels closest to the spawning flats. The screen shows a massive school of crappie in transition. We used our HDS 10 to locate the school and marked their route. Once we had a verifiable position on the school we began casting Kentucky Green and Blue Pearl curly tails and had a real good four hours of fishing. Your system is capable of finding schools of fish like this. If you want to learn how contact rk@kicknbass.net for your own personal "On the water Sonar Class"

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

Kick'n Bass Gift Certificate

A very popular item is the ***Kick'n Bass Gift Certificate***. It's a great way to celebrate that special occasion and would make a great gift for someone special. Take a friend or loved one fishing or give them an **"On the Water Sonar Class"**!



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

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Tight Lines ...

Randy Kubens