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March 29th, 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes were approximately one foot above winter pool and in the midst of a drawdown. There is significant current in the main lake. For additional info on Kentucky Lake visit the TVA website: http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm

Predicted Lake Level Data

Day	Average Inflow	Midnight Elevation	Average Outflow
3/29/2012	35,068	355.13	37,605
3/30/2012	32,160	355.21	25,025
3/31/2012	22,735	355.14	25,025

Water Clarity and Temperature ... 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 but the lake is very fishable. The surface water temps are in the mid to high 60's.

Weather Outlook

Thursday Night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 5 mph.

Friday...Partly sunny. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 80. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Northwest winds 5 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

Monday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 80.

Monday Night...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tuesday...Mostly clear. Highs around 70. Lows in the upper 40s.

Wednesday...Mostly clear. Highs around 70. Lows in the upper 40s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 3/29/12	H: 78° L: 59°	Rise: 6:42 AM Set: 7:13 PM	Rise: 10:58 AM Set: 12:56 AM Overhead: 6:23 PM Underfoot: 5:58 AM	39% Waxing Crescent	5:58 AM - 7:58 AM 6:23 PM - 8:23 PM	12:56 AM - 1:56 AM 10:58 AM - 11:58 AM	Average
Friday 3/30/12	H: 80° L: 58°	Rise: 6:40 AM Set: 7:14 PM	Rise: 11:53 AM Set: 1:43 AM Overhead: 7:13 PM Underfoot: 6:48 AM	50% First Quarter	6:48 AM - 8:48 AM 7:13 PM - 9:13 PM	1:43 AM - 2:43 AM 11:53 AM - 12:53 PM	Average
Saturday 3/31/12	H: 76° L: 56°	Rise: 6:39 AM Set: 7:15 PM	Rise: 12:51 PM Set: 2:26 AM Overhead: 8:03 PM Underfoot: 7:38 AM	59% Waxing Gibbous	7:38 AM - 9:38 AM 8:03 PM - 10:03 PM	2:26 AM - 3:26 AM 12:51 PM - 1:51 PM	Average
Sunday 4/1/12	H: 82° L: 56°	Rise: 6:37 AM Set: 7:15 PM	Rise: 1:53 PM Set: 3:06 AM Overhead: 8:53 PM Underfoot: 8:28 AM	69% Waxing Gibbous	8:28 AM - 10:28 AM 8:53 PM - 10:53 PM	3:06 AM - 4:06 AM 1:53 PM - 2:53 PM	Average
Monday 4/2/12	H: 81° L: 63°	Rise: 6:36 AM Set: 7:16 PM	Rise: 2:57 PM Set: 3:43 AM Overhead: 9:43 PM Underfoot: 9:18 AM	78% Waxing Gibbous	9:18 AM - 11:18 AM 9:43 PM - 11:43 PM	3:43 AM - 4:43 AM 2:57 PM - 3:57 PM	Average
Tuesday 4/3/12	H: 72° L: 50°	Rise: 6:34 AM Set: 7:17 PM	Rise: 4:04 PM Set: 4:17 AM Overhead: 10:33 PM Underfoot: 10:08 AM	87% Waxing Gibbous	10:08 AM - 12:08 PM 10:33 PM - 12:33 AM	4:17 AM - 5:17 AM 4:04 PM - 5:04 PM	Average
Wednesday 4/4/12	H: 75° L: 50°	Rise: 6:33 AM Set: 7:18 PM	Rise: 5:13 PM Set: 4:52 AM Overhead: 11:25 PM Underfoot: 10:59 AM	94% Waxing Gibbous	10:59 AM - 12:59 PM 11:25 PM - 1:25 AM	4:52 AM - 5:52 AM 5:13 PM - 6:13 PM	Good

Fishing Report



(Photo) Nathan Heitz, Mike Gibson and Daryl Adams of Louisville with some Kentucky Lake Slabs caught casting Kentucky Green and Pink Glitter Curly Tails ...

Crappie Report ...

How good is the crappie fishing? It depends if you want quantity or quality. This week my clients and I have experienced a little of both. Several trips were heavy on numbers and light on size while other trips were huge on size and very good on numbers. It really depended on what your goal was ... constant action or trophy fish. Everyone seemed real pleased and it's been a GREAT week to be crappie fishing on Kentucky Lake. Here's what's going on ...

Black Crappie ... are in various stages of the spawn. Some are going to the beds, some are on and others have already spawned. Really it depends where you are on the lake to what mode they're in. Here on the North end we still have a lot of spawning activity to come. Some of the big females are being caught shallow but generally speaking the smaller males are moving into the shallows in to find suitable spawning sites. The huge females are staging in slightly deeper water, 6-7 feet, and congregating around submerged cover adjacent to the spawning flats. Best results for us has been backing off the cover or gravel banks and cast curly tails on a 3/32 oz. lead head. With the full moon a week away look for the Blacks to be in full spawn mode all over the lake. *(Photo) Kick'n Bass with a couple of monster White Crappie caught casting curly tails.*



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. On several trips this week we caught and released an insane number of white crappie that were ever so slightly under the legal size requirement. The best results came by backing off submerged cover and casting 3/32 oz. curly tails around the cover. Best colors this week have been **Kentucky Green and Hot Pink Glitter**. Most likely the local tackle shops around the lakes area have these colors in stock as well as the 3/32 oz. lead heads. If not call the **Fisherman's Friend in Lake City at (270)362-4323, they'll be glad to help you out.**



Light Wire hooks are the way to go!

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

your game on. The Light Wire lead heads come in assorted sizes and colors. Most likely the local tackle shops around the lakes area have the light wire lead heads. If not call the **Fisherman's Friend in Lake City at (270)362-4323, they'll be glad to help you out.** *(Photo) John Dowdle and Alan Petefish With some slab crappie caught fishing Kentucky Green and Pink Glitter Curly tails.*

Bass Fishing ...

Smallmouth Bass ... are in various stages of the spawn and it depends on which section of the lake to what mode they're in. On the East side of the lake the Big Females are on the beds and the buck bass have been pretty aggressive. On the North West side of the lake some females are off the nest and are being caught on SPRO McStick Jerk Baits, Lipless crank baits and Steel Shad Blade baits. Also several very nice fish have come on 3/16 oz. PJ's Bass Extractor Shakey heads with ZMan Coppertruese, New Money and Pumpkin Green Flake 7" Finesse worms. New Money has been especially effective in slightly off colored water. Smallmouth Bass fishing is going to explode very soon as the huge females recover from the rigors of spawning and begin to feed aggressively.

Largemouth Bass ... earlier in the week I could see on my Lowrance HDS 10 a huge migration of buck bass in transition to the shallows. We caught a large number of these bass on lipless crank baits and Steel Shad blade baits on main lake points, gravel banks and on the long tapering flats at the mouth of the bays. The big females are staging just slightly off shore on the first drop adjacent to the spawning flats. Several good fish were caught on ZMan finesse worms on a 3/16 oz PJ's bass extractor jigs and SPRO Little John crank baits. Bass are moving shallower and no doubt you'll be able to catch them on your favorite baits and techniques. Pay special attention to the shallow drop or ledge adjacent to deeper water. With the full moon fast approaching on April 6th, look for Largemouth to be in full spawn mode by then.

Sonar Tip of the Week

Randy, I decided to do your sonar class because I'd spent a ton of money purchasing my system and I wasn't getting any benefit from it. To be honest I was extremely frustrated with the whole process of trying to learn how to use it and contacting you was a last ditch effort on my part to find someone who could help me. Your sonar class was exactly what I needed and it exceeded my expectations. I now have a good understanding of how the system works and how to use it to my advantage. I especially appreciate your attitude and patience in hanging in there with me until I got comfortable with the system. My son John has the same system as I do and he has a birthday coming up in April. I noticed that you offer a Kick'n Bass Gift Certificate. Please contact me as I wish to purchase an on the water Sonar Class for him. Thanks for a job well done!

Donnie Watson – Cincinnati, OH.



Experience has shown once the spawning transition begins in earnest, crappie travel the creek channels closest to the spawning flats and will set up on various types of cover both man-made and natural. The screen shows a massive school of crappie (white dots) in transition. The screen shot was taken during an on the water sonar class with Jim Towery of Jonathan Creek using his HDS 8. We located the school and then discovered a stake bed that was full of fish. Your system is capable of doing this too. If you want to get more out of your HDS system 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 this spring has been 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 purchase 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!

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