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April 6th, 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes were approximately 1.75 feet above winter pool and in the midst of a slow rise to summer pool. 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
4/05/2012	47,470	355.89	27,740
4/06/2012	31,590	355.97	27,400
4/07/2012	29,545	355.99	27,400

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 lightly stained and some creeks and bays are stained but the lake is very fishable. The surface water temps are in the mid 70's

Weather Outlook

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night...Clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. East winds 5 mph.

Saturday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 5 mph.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 70.

Sunday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 70.

Monday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Wednesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Wednesday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 4/5/12	H: 65° L: 56°	Rise: 6:31 AM Set: 7:19 PM	Rise: 6:23 PM Set: 5:27 AM Overhead: --:-- Underfoot: 11:51 AM	98% Waxing Gibbous	--:-- - --:-- 11:51 AM - 1:51 PM	5:27 AM - 6:27 AM 6:23 PM - 7:23 PM	Better
Friday 4/6/12	H: 65° L: 41°	Rise: 6:30 AM Set: 7:20 PM	Rise: 7:37 PM Set: 6:03 AM Overhead: 12:18 AM Underfoot: 12:46 PM	100% FULL MOON	12:18 AM - 2:18 AM 12:46 PM - 2:46 PM	6:03 AM - 7:03 AM 7:37 PM - 8:37 PM	Best
Saturday 4/7/12	H: 70° L: 40°	Rise: 6:29 AM Set: 7:21 PM	Rise: 8:50 PM Set: 6:43 AM Overhead: 1:14 AM Underfoot: 1:43 PM	99% Waning Gibbous	1:14 AM - 3:14 AM 1:43 PM - 3:43 PM	6:43 AM - 7:43 AM 8:50 PM - 9:50 PM	Better
Sunday 4/8/12	H: 71° L: 51°	Rise: 6:27 AM Set: 7:22 PM	Rise: 10:03 PM Set: 7:29 AM Overhead: 2:13 AM Underfoot: 2:43 PM	95% Waning Gibbous	2:13 AM - 4:13 AM 2:43 PM - 4:43 PM	7:29 AM - 8:29 AM 10:03 PM - 11:03 PM	Better
Monday 4/9/12	H: 70° L: 48°	Rise: 6:26 AM Set: 7:23 PM	Rise: 11:12 PM Set: 8:19 AM Overhead: 3:14 AM Underfoot: 3:45 PM	88% Waning Gibbous	3:14 AM - 5:14 AM 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM	8:19 AM - 9:19 AM 11:12 PM - 12:12 AM	Average
Tuesday 4/10/12	H: 64° L: 46°	Rise: 6:24 AM Set: 7:23 PM	Rise: --:-- Set: 9:16 AM Overhead: 4:15 AM Underfoot: 4:46 PM	79% Waning Gibbous	4:15 AM - 6:15 AM 4:46 PM - 6:46 PM	--:-- - --:-- 9:16 AM - 10:16 AM	Average
Wednesday 4/11/12	H: 63° L: 39°	Rise: 6:23 AM Set: 7:24 PM	Rise: 12:13 AM Set: 10:18 AM Overhead: 5:16 AM Underfoot: 5:45 PM	69% Waning Gibbous	5:16 AM - 7:16 AM 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM	12:13 AM - 1:13 AM 10:18 AM - 11:18 AM	Average

Fishing Report

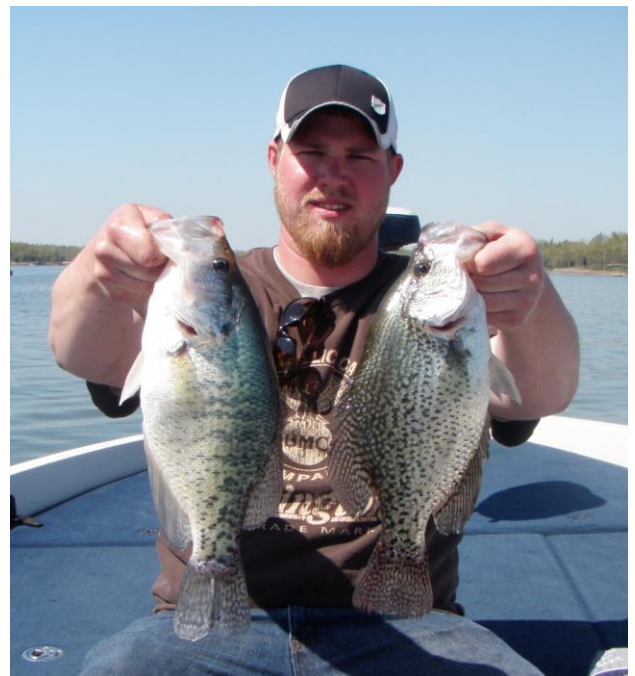
Don't let our name fool 'ya, we fish for anything that swims! ***Kick'n Bass*** is a multi-species guide service and we're on the water every day. As many of you have experienced there are times when some species bite better than others. Multi-species fishing allows our clients the opportunity to maximize their fishing experience and time on the water by fishing for what's biting. Some of our clients like to fish for more than one species and it's not uncommon for us to fish for several different species in a day's trip. Doing so keeps the angler informed of various fish movements, what the hot baits are and in tune with the best fish catching patterns. Also, being flexible in our fishing allows us to share first hand and accurate information on several species via our fishing report. Each weekly Fishing Report is written on an individual basis, meaning that the focus is on what is happening in our boat and the report shares with you the most current information gathered during our trips. That way you get real time information that you can count on. Thanks for reading the report each week and remember ... a safe trip is a good trip, so please wear your Personal Floatation Device.



(Photo) Donnie Miles and Rick Paris of Louisville with some nice crappie caught casting Kentucky Green and Pink Glitter Curly Tails.

Is this the perfect storm ... fishing wise?

In the fourteen years I've lived here on Kentucky Lake I've never experienced fishing conditions quite like this. Usually we guides can depend on focusing on one species at a time or maybe two and then transition to the next species as spring plays itself out. Sure there are times whereby one species overlaps another but nothing like this. Currently we have Smallmouth Bass basically spawned out with some still lingering on the beds, Largemouth Bass are either on the bed or headed there, Black Crappie have mostly spawned out but some are still on the bed, some White Crappie are on the bed or shortly on and Red Ear and Bluegill are in spawn / pre-spawn condition. Everything is happening at once. With the lake on a gentle rise to summer pool you can bet that each species will find their comfort zone and set up accordingly. Therefore, more than likely you're going to find your favorite game fish spawning very soon in some unusual locations and probably deeper than usual. Keep this in mind



when you wet a line. Here's a rundown on what my clients and I have experienced this week.
(Photo) Brad Kammerer of Patoka, IN. with a real nice Black & White Crappie caught casting curly tails.

Black Crappie ... are in various stages of the spawn. Some are on the beds and others have already spawned. Some big females are being caught shallow but generally speaking the smaller males are in the shallows around 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 upon us the remaining Blacks will be in full spawn mode all over the lake.

White Crappie ... are most definitely in transition with some huge white females being already spawned out. Generally speaking the White Crappie haven't finished spawning but with the full moon upon us the spawn will most likely hit its peak over the next week. On several trips this week we caught some really nice egg laden whites that were full and ready to spawn. The best results came by backing off submerged cover in 6-10 feet 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) Brandon and Andrew Sears with some slab crappie caught fishing Kentucky Green and Pink Glitter Curly tails.

Bass Fishing ...

Smallmouth Bass ... are coming off the bed and have been pretty aggressive. The issue for us had been finding any appreciable numbers of smallmouth but when you do, you can catch them. 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 only get better as the huge females recover from the rigors of spawning and begin to feed aggressively.

Largemouth Bass ... earlier in the week we caught a huge number of buck bass in transition to the shallows and a large female or two staging in 5 -8 feet of water. It appears the big females are staging just slightly off shore on the first drop adjacent to the spawning flats.

Chunk rock banks and points in the bays were a good location. We caught a large number of these bass on lipless crank baits and Steel Shad blade baits. 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 smaller bays directly off the main and secondary channels. The Big Females don't have far to go to do their thing.

Bluegill & Red Ear ... While our focus has been primarily on Crappie & Bass and we've not specifically fished for Bluegill and Red Ear, several have been caught on curly tails and crank baits. The Red Ear are huge and it appears that they too are transitioning to the spawning areas. With the full moon on Friday and water temps in the 70's you can bet that some will spawn while others will be making a move to shallow water to spawn.

Sonar Tip of the Week

Randy,

Just a word of thanks and gratitude for your efforts during our on the water Sonar Class. For me, having the system explained in detail and getting the system setup took a tremendous amount of concern out of the equation. I now can go fish knowing the system is working the way it is supposed to and there are no worries if it is working or setup properly. This has opened up a whole new world of fishing for me that had been untapped previously. Very much worth the time and investment.

David Kleine - St. Charles, MO



Once the spawn is over, crappie will transition from the spawning flats to deeper water. On the way out they will congregate around available cover. The screen shows a typical congregation point for transitional crappie. The screen shot was taken during an on the water sonar class with Matt Wilson of Tennessee. 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.

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Don't Wait ... NOW is the time to get it done. Spend time now using your system and be ready for Spring Fishing!

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Capt. Rich Bay and the Elder Family



Dennis Huntington & Jake Graham

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Randy Kuhens

