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April 20th, 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes were approximately 2.5 feet below summer pool and in the midst of a slow rise to May 1st pool level. For additional info on Kentucky Lake visit the TVA website: http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm

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. Barkley is lightly stained and the lake is very fishable. The surface water temps are in the mid 60's.

Solunar Forecast for: Gilbertsville, KY 42044 Latitude: 36.92802 Longitude: -88.22018

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 4/19/12	H: 78° L: 43°	Rise: 6:12 AM Set: 7:31 PM	Rise: 5:05 AM Set: 6:19 PM Overhead: 11:40 AM Underfoot: --:--	2% Waning Crescent	--:-- - --:-- 11:40 AM - 1:40 PM	5:05 AM - 6:05 AM 6:19 PM - 7:19 PM	Better
Friday 4/20/12	H: 78° L: 55°	Rise: 6:11 AM Set: 7:32 PM	Rise: 5:35 AM Set: 7:16 PM Overhead: 12:23 PM Underfoot: 12:01 AM	0% Waning Crescent	12:01 AM - 2:01 AM 12:23 PM - 2:23 PM	5:35 AM - 6:35 AM 7:16 PM - 8:16 PM	Best
Saturday 4/21/12	H: 64° L: 49°	Rise: 6:09 AM Set: 7:33 PM	Rise: 6:07 AM Set: 8:12 PM Overhead: 1:07 PM Underfoot: 12:45 AM	0% NEW MOON	12:45 AM - 2:45 AM 1:07 PM - 3:07 PM	6:07 AM - 7:07 AM 8:12 PM - 9:12 PM	SEASONS BEST
Sunday 4/22/12	H: 64° L: 44°	Rise: 6:08 AM Set: 7:34 PM	Rise: 6:42 AM Set: 9:07 PM Overhead: 1:53 PM Underfoot: 1:30 AM	2% Waxing Crescent	1:30 AM - 3:30 AM 1:53 PM - 3:53 PM	6:42 AM - 7:42 AM 9:07 PM - 10:07 PM	Better++
Monday 4/23/12	H: 64° L: 43°	Rise: 6:07 AM Set: 7:35 PM	Rise: 7:22 AM Set: 10:01 PM Overhead: 2:41 PM Underfoot: 2:17 AM	5% Waxing Crescent	2:17 AM - 4:17 AM 2:41 PM - 4:41 PM	7:22 AM - 8:22 AM 10:01 PM - 11:01 PM	Better
Tuesday 4/24/12	H: 73° L: 45°	Rise: 6:06 AM Set: 7:36 PM	Rise: 8:05 AM Set: 10:51 PM Overhead: 3:29 PM Underfoot: 3:05 AM	10% Waxing Crescent	3:05 AM - 5:05 AM 3:29 PM - 5:29 PM	8:05 AM - 9:05 AM 10:51 PM - 11:51 PM	Average
Wednesday 4/25/12	H: 78° L: 53°	Rise: 6:05 AM Set: 7:37 PM	Rise: 8:54 AM Set: 11:39 PM Overhead: 4:18 PM Underfoot: 3:53 AM	16% Waxing Crescent	3:53 AM - 5:53 AM 4:18 PM - 6:18 PM	8:54 AM - 9:54 AM 11:39 PM - 12:39 AM	Average

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny. Showers likely and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s. Temperature steady or slowly falling in the afternoon. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph in the morning shifting to the west 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Friday Night...Cloudy. Showers likely and isolated thunderstorms in the evening...Then a chance of showers after midnight. Lows in the mid 40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. North winds 5 mph.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

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

Fishing Report



Smallmouth Bass ... are off the bed and have been pretty aggressive. Some productive baits this week have been SPRO McStick Jerk Baits, Lipless crank baits and Steel Shad Blade baits. Also a 3/16 oz. PJ's Bass Extractor 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 ... A significant number of largemouth are on the beds and some are already off. Chunk rock banks and deeper flats in the bays have been holding a good number of 2-3lb fish. Best lures this week have been ZMan finesse worms on a 3/16 oz PJ's bass extractor jigs and SPRO crank baits. Best colors on the SPRO baits have been Cell Mate, Citrus Light and Fat Papa Tennessee Gizzard Shad. These are medium divers (10-14 feet) fished on a slow retrieve. The best lure for our customers this week has been a Zman Finesse worm in "New Money" fished Shakey Head style. A lot

of quality fish have been caught using this bait. *(Photo) Pam Ross of Milwaukee, WI with a huge Post-Spawn largemouth bass caught on a ZMan New Money finesse worm on a PJ's 3/16 oz. Bass Extractor Jig.*



My good friend Jim Fergeson and his granddaughter Morgan with some nice Shakey Head Bass.

Black Crappie ... most have spawned but as always there are some late spawners that will bed over the next several weeks. An occasional big female is being caught shallow but generally speaking the smaller males are in the shallows around spawning sites. The huge females are in deeper water, 10-12 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. (Photo) Three generations of the Cook Boys: Dick, Simon and Mark with some nice crappie.



White Crappie ... are most definitely in transition and haven't completely finished spawning. Our best catches 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.

Bluegill & Red Ear ... When you get on them they're BIG and plentiful. We had several really nice trips this week and I had a lot of fun watching our clients catch these fighting fish. We've used several methods to catch them including a slip float presentation with live bait and slow rolling a Ken's or Shelton's bluegill bug tipped with a cricket or a wax or red worm. Look for chunk rock banks with rocks the size of a coffee can among brown gravel. The sandier the gravel the better. If you're having a difficult time locating them just think a little deeper. (Photo) Mark Sava from Chicago with a Monster Redear.



Sonar Tip of the Week

Randy,

I had no idea my electronics could do what you showed me. I was very skeptical about coming to "sonar class" ... more pride than anything. After attending your one on one class, I can say it was time well spent. My days of "hoping" to find fish when I'm out on the lake are over. I can't wait to try these HD electronics with side scan out when I go striper fishing and musky fishing! I could not believe how clear the screens were and how cool it was to learn what structure looks like on the side scan and bottom scan. I give your class an A+. On my way home I was asking myself, why spend thousands of dollars on electronics and then never know how to get the most out of them? If I were doing your advertising for Kicknbass, my slogan would be: At Kicknbass, "WE KNOW ELECTRONICS"! Thanks for the education today!

Rick Tappan
Henderson, Ky



This location was discovered during an on the water sonar class with Rick Tappan of Henderson, Ky. The image on the right side of the screen shows crappie surrounding a stump on the ledge as it drops into the channel. Using the "Go to cursor" function and with the aid of the built in map feature on the left side of the screen, Rick successfully navigated back to the spot. Your system can do 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!

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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

Pontoon Fishing Is Fun!!!



The Mark Sava Band from Chicago, IL.

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Randy Kuhens