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## Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes were approximately 2.75 feet below summer pool. Until we receive additional water from the south or a local rainfall it appears we'll be under lower than normal summer pool levels. For additional info on Kentucky Lake visit the TVA website: [http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh\\_r.htm](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 70'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
Friday 5/11/12	H: 76° L: 48°	Rise: 5:48 AM Set: 7:51 PM	Rise: 12:30 AM Set: 11:19 AM Overhead: 5:53 AM Underfoot: 6:18 PM	63% Waning Gibbous	5:53 AM - 7:53 AM 6:18 PM - 8:18 PM	12:30 AM - 1:30 AM 11:19 AM - 12:19 PM	Average
Saturday 5/12/12	H: 78° L: 53°	<b>Rise: 5:47 AM</b> Set: 7:52 PM	Rise: 1:08 AM Set: 12:21 PM Overhead: 6:43 AM Underfoot: 7:06 PM	50% Last Quarter	<b>6:43 AM - 8:43 AM</b> 7:06 PM - 9:06 PM	1:08 AM - 2:08 AM 12:21 PM - 1:21 PM	<b>Average+</b>
Sunday 5/13/12	H: 72° L: 57°	Rise: 5:46 AM Set: 7:52 PM	Rise: 1:41 AM Set: 1:22 PM Overhead: 7:29 AM Underfoot: 7:51 PM	42% Waning Crescent	7:29 AM - 9:29 AM 7:51 PM - 9:51 PM	1:41 AM - 2:41 AM 1:22 PM - 2:22 PM	Average
Monday 5/14/12	H: 73° L: 57°	Rise: 5:45 AM <b>Set: 7:53 PM</b>	Rise: 2:11 AM Set: 2:21 PM Overhead: 8:13 AM Underfoot: 8:35 PM	32% Waning Crescent	8:13 AM - 10:13 AM <b>8:35 PM - 10:35 PM</b>	2:11 AM - 3:11 AM 2:21 PM - 3:21 PM	<b>Average+</b>

## Weather Outlook

**Friday...**Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. East winds around 5 mph.

**Friday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. East winds around 5 mph.

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

**Saturday Night...**Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

**Sunday...**Showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs around 70. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

**Sunday Night...**Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

**Monday...**Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

**Monday Night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the upper 70s.

## Fishing Report



*Jim & Jeff Gardner from Indiana with some nice Shakey Head bass.  
(Bass were photographed and released unharmed)*

**BASS! BASS! & MORE BASS!** As Good as the bluegill & Redear fishing has been it has definitely been overshadowed by the bass fishing. This has been a fantastic week for bass fishing and the numbers have been good and the size outstanding. With the bigger fish off the bed and chasing shad they're on the move on the main lake ledges and the mouth of the bays. Our plan has been to go offshore and it has really paid off with some really nice catches. During times of current generation or wind, SPRO crankbaits have been a good producer as well as Steel Shad blade baits. On cloudy days the Gold Steel Shad was boss and on sunny days the silver was best. Several really nice bass were caught ripping the bait off the bottom in 10 to 15 feet of water off long tapering points at the mouth of the bays. However, the most consistent



bite has come on Shakey Heads using Zman finesse worms on 3/16 oz. PJ's bass extractor jigs. Best colors were Pumpkin Green Flake, Coppertruese and New Money. *(Photo) Ken Bowen from Greenville, NC. with a couple of big 'ole Shakey Head Bass. (The Bass were photographed and released unharmed).*

**Smallmouth Bass** ... I call these fish "Ghost Fish" this time of year for good reason ... here today gone tomorrow and famous for doing a disappearing act. When we did locate them they were cooperative and we caught several on SPRO deep diving crank baits (10-14' version) on the ledges. When the crank Bait bite was on the color didn't matter.

**Crappie fishing** ... Most were caught while we were Redear and Bluegill fishing and were black crappie in water 6 feet or less.

Remember Black Crappie will hang around the spawning flats for several weeks before they migrate to deeper water. We found clusters of fish on submerged structure that was located on the first drop adjacent to the spawning flats. While we did catch some nice fish overall it was a 3 non-keeper to one keeper fish ratio but you could catch all you wanted.

**Bluegill & Redear** ... Another great week of Panfishing! We 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. Check out the back of the bays and the smaller coves off the secondary channels for prime locations.

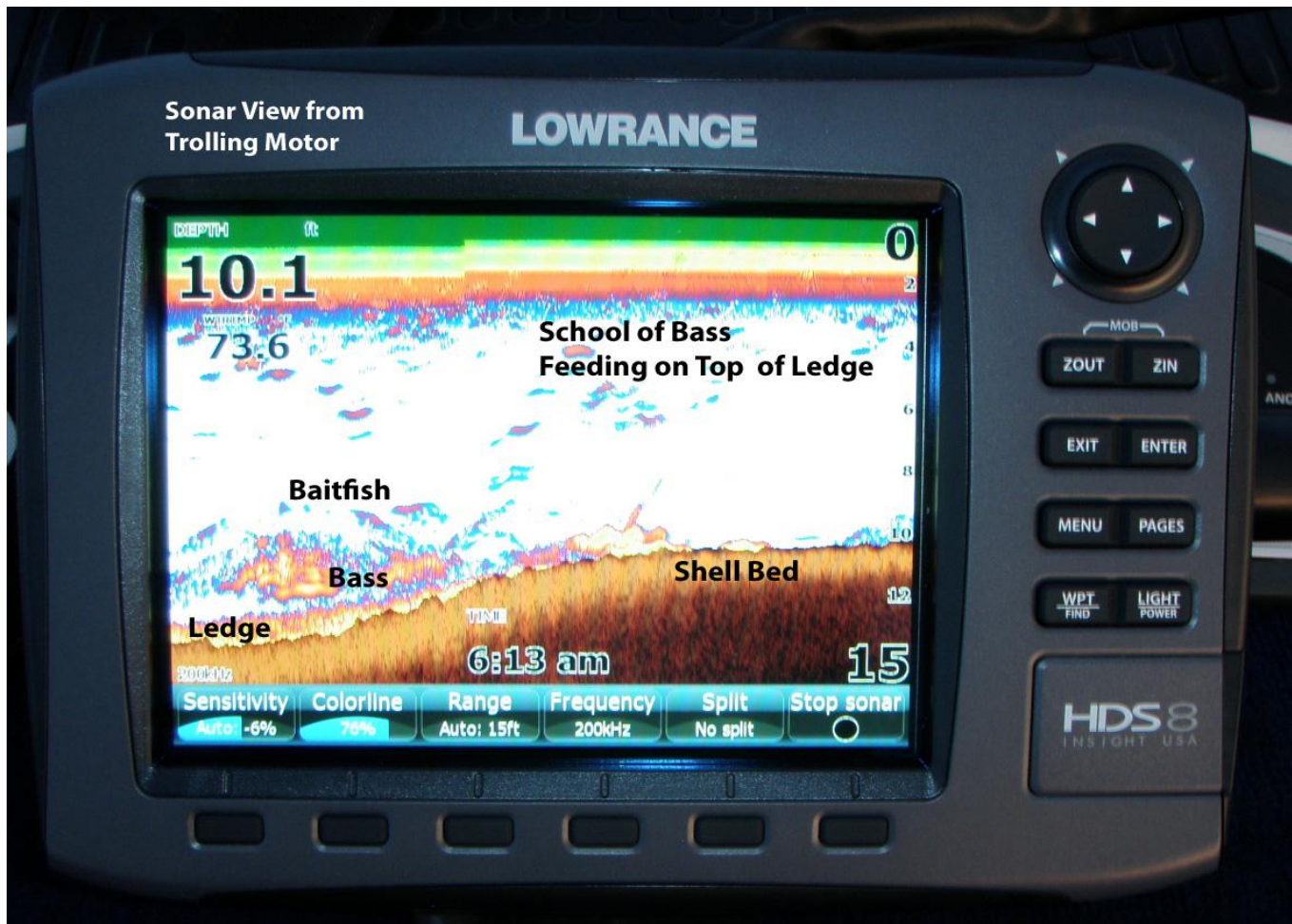
## Sonar Tip of the Week



*(Photo) Rob Zoeckler of Vienna, IL. with some nice Shakey Head Bass caught on the ledges.*

*Referencing the screen shot below, Rob and I located these fish and others initially with our Gen 2 HDS system with Structurescan and then we used the Sonar view from the trolling motor to stay on the school. We caught several nice ones before the school got wise and moved off.*

*Your system can locate fishing hot spots like this too. If you want to get more out of your HDS system contact [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) for your own personal "On the water Sonar Class"*



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Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

*Randy Kuhens*