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May 18th, 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes were approximately 1.75 feet below summer pool and basically holding steady over the next several days. 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 70's.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Friday 5/18/12	H: 86° L: 59°	Rise: 5:42 AM Set: 7:56 PM	Rise: 4:09 AM Set: 6:06 PM Overhead: 11:05 AM Underfoot: 11:28 PM	5% Waning Crescent	11:05 AM - 1:05 PM 11:28 PM - 1:28 AM	4:09 AM - 5:09 AM 6:06 PM - 7:06 PM	Better
Saturday 5/19/12	H: 87° L: 62°	Rise: 5:41 AM Set: 7:57 PM	Rise: 4:43 AM Set: 7:02 PM Overhead: 11:51 AM Underfoot: --:--	1% Waning Crescent	--:-- --:-- 11:51 AM - 1:51 PM	4:43 AM - 5:43 AM 7:02 PM - 8:02 PM	Better
Sunday 5/20/12	H: 86° L: 64°	Rise: 5:41 AM Set: 7:58 PM	Rise: 5:21 AM Set: 7:56 PM Overhead: 12:38 PM Underfoot: 12:14 AM	0% NEW MOON	12:14 AM - 2:14 AM 12:38 PM - 2:38 PM	5:21 AM - 6:21 AM 7:56 PM - 8:56 PM	Best
Monday 5/21/12	H: 83° L: 63°	Rise: 5:40 AM Set: 7:59 PM	Rise: 6:03 AM Set: 8:48 PM Overhead: 1:26 PM Underfoot: 1:02 AM	0% Waxing Crescent	1:02 AM - 3:02 AM 1:26 PM - 3:26 PM	6:03 AM - 7:03 AM 8:48 PM - 9:48 PM	Best++

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 5 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds around 5 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 90. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 5 mph.

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

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in

the lower 60s.

Monday...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday Night...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Pontoon Fishing Is Fun! Book Your Trip Now!



BJ and Kay Meek from California and Donny & Kaki Beasley from Missouri had a real good time pontoon fishing with Kick'n Bass!

Fishing Report



John Ray from West Virginia and Lynn Stage & Vince Mariscuillo from Memphis with some nice Shakey Head bass. (Bass were photographed and released to fight another day)

EAT, SLEEP, FISH! We've been on the water non-stop fishing for a mixed bag and having a blast doing it! Here's what's going on in the world of Kick'n Bass. **Largemouth Bass ...** This has been another fantastic week for bass fishing. The numbers have been getting better each day and the size has been the best it's been all year long. We've had trips where the average fish has weighed 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds and one of us in the boat has caught a really big bass. Our game plan has been to go offshore and fish for unmolested bass. SPRO crankbaits have been a good producer as well as Steel Shad blade baits. Several really nice bass were caught ripping the Steel Shad 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. One spot not overlook is deep banks in the bays. There are a lot of fish moving along the deep creeks where they swing in against the bank. *(P.S. Sorry to those who made outstanding catches this week just not enough room to get all the bass photos in the report.)*



Smallmouth Bass ... we're catching an occasional smallmouth mixed in the the largemouth but overall our numbers are down this week. Best lures have been Shakey Heads and best location is main lake points.

White Bass ... Good and getting better every day!

We caught tons of good whites this week fishing for bass on the ledges and at the mouths of the bays. I guess when you catch `em two at a time fishing's pretty good! *(Photo) Kick'n Bass with a double on a silver Steel Shad.* Most fish are relatively deep but some surface activity is being seen at the mouth of the bays and along the secondary and main river channels when it's calm. Look for white bass fishing to explode at any time.

Bluegill & Redear ... We had trips when we caught more than we deserved and trips when it was real tough but that's why they call it fishing not catching.

I will say this The water is rising and the gills are on the way. We've still got another round of spawning to go and with the full moon coming up on the 4th. So between now and then it appears that fishing will be real hot. Best ways to catch them, cast a Shelton's or Ken's bluegill bug tipped with a cricket, wax worm or nite crawler and work the boat slowly back to the boat. A good back up plan is to use an ESB slip float and cricket and slow roll it back to the boat. Most fish are coming out of 2-4 feet of water.

Sonar Tip of the Week



When Largemouth Bass and White bass school together you can count on plenty of action. We found the big whites and Largemouth relating to a main lake ledge and cooperative. It was a slugfest before the school got wise and moved on. 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 for your own personal "On the water Sonar Class"

Read the owner's manual or watched a DVD and still baffled? Let's clear up your Sonar confusion. Have your unit(s) programmed and optimized by someone who depends on the HDS technology daily. Together we can make your system more user friendly and you'll get more out of your system.

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!

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.

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To Shake or not to Shake ...



Most think of Shakey Head fishing as "Finesse Fishing" and something you do on deep clear reservoirs. But here on Kentucky Lake the Shakey Head has been Kick'n Bass go to bait for several years now. I get asked often what type of line, rod & reel and lure we use so I thought I'd pass along that info and maybe a tip or two on how to fish this very productive method. This technique has flat put a lot of fish in the boat for our clients ... and some BIG ones too!

First let's talk about the **rod and reel**. A real good choice for this

type of fishing is a spinning rod & reel. Shimano offers a Shakey Head rod in their Crucial series that I would consider an exceptional value and it is tuned specifically for this type of fishing. The rod is 7' 1" and medium power with a fast tip for instant hook sets and casting accuracy. Add a Shimano Stradic Ci4 1000 series spinning reel and you have what many consider the ultimate Shakey Head combo. My clients use this combo

on a daily basis and they absolutely love it. It casts like a dream, handles a big fish nicely and is light enough so you can fish it all day long. From a guide's perspective, while I love all those features, it's real important to me that a rod and reel be able to take the daily abuse that my clients dish out. My clients really put those rods and reels to the test and I haven't had a rod or reel failure yet. The Shimano warranty is the best in the business too which is important to all of us.

The Line Braided line with a fluorocarbon leader is the way to go. My braid of choice is Power Pro 10 lb. test in Yellow. I've tried them all and I keep coming back to Power Pro. Clients, after a day in the boat using Power Pro are sold on the product. I can think of no other line that has the qualities that this line possesses; super castability, awesome durability and an unbelievable feel that transmits even the lightest strike. Since I'll be using a fluorocarbon leader I like being able to see my line and being a line watcher is a real good trait to have when you're Shakey Heading. The Yellow works real well in this regard. Every angler has his or her favorite 100% fluorocarbon line and I'm no different. I like P-Line because of the sheer strength the line possess. It might have a little more memory than other lines but when it comes to using a 4-9 foot leader memory is not an issue anyway. The leader length is determined by water clarity and demeanor of the fish. Clearer water and finicky fish require a longer leader. The two lines are joined using a double uni-knot. There are several sites on the web that have videos on how to tie the knot and it's pretty simple once you've done it a time or two. **The best lure is ...** When it comes to Shakey Head baits the top dog around these parts is the ZMan 7" finesse worm and the PJ's bass extractor jig in a 3/16 oz. weight. I've tried them all and you won't find anything else in my boat. At the end of the day my clients stock up on both at the local tackle shops which is a pretty good testimonial on the effectiveness of the ZMan & PJ's combination.

By the way most of the tackle shops in the lakes area keep the rods & reels, line and lures in stock. If they happen to be sold out they'll be glad to order them for you.

Fishing tips ... When you have an East wind cast into the wind and drag the bait as your boat drifts. During no wind or current let the bait sit and then crawl it Carolina Rig style.

Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

Randy Kuhens