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**June 29nd, 2012**

## Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes were approximately 1.5 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](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 high 80's.

## Weather Outlook – *Heat Advisory!*

**Friday...**Sunny. Highs around 104. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night...**Clear. Lows in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 5 mph.

**Saturday...**Mostly sunny. Highs around 102. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

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**Sunday...**Mostly sunny. Highs around 102.

**Sunday Night...**Clear. Lows in the mid 70s.

**Monday...**Mostly sunny. Highs around 100.

**Monday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 90s.

**Tuesday...**Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 90s.

**Independence Day...**Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

**Wednesday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s.

## Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 6/28/12	H: 101° L: 64°	Rise: 5:36 AM Set: 8:16 PM	Rise: 2:53 PM Set: 1:03 AM Overhead: 8:22 PM Underfoot: 7:55 AM	67% Waxing Gibbous	7:55 AM - 9:55 AM 8:22 PM - 10:22 PM	1:03 AM - 2:03 AM 2:53 PM - 3:53 PM	Average
Friday 6/29/12	H: 102° L: 71°	Rise: 5:36 AM Set: 8:16 PM	Rise: 4:03 PM Set: 1:43 AM Overhead: 9:19 PM Underfoot: 8:50 AM	78% Waxing Gibbous	8:50 AM - 10:50 AM 9:19 PM - 11:19 PM	1:43 AM - 2:43 AM 4:03 PM - 5:03 PM	Average
Saturday 6/30/12	H: 103° L: 74°	Rise: 5:37 AM Set: 8:16 PM	Rise: 5:13 PM Set: 2:29 AM Overhead: 10:20 PM Underfoot: 9:49 AM	87% Waxing Gibbous	9:49 AM - 11:49 AM 10:20 PM - 12:20 AM	2:29 AM - 3:29 AM 5:13 PM - 6:13 PM	Average

Sunday 7/1/12	H: 102° L: 76°	Rise: 5:37 AM Set: 8:16 PM	Rise: 6:19 PM Set: 3:23 AM Overhead: 11:22 PM Underfoot: 10:51 AM	94% Waxing Gibbous	10:51 AM - 12:51 PM 11:22 PM - 1:22 AM	3:23 AM - 4:23 AM 6:19 PM - 7:19 PM	Good
Monday 7/2/12	H: 101° L: 75°	Rise: 5:38 AM Set: 8:15 PM	Rise: 7:19 PM Set: 4:23 AM Overhead: --:-- Underfoot: 11:53 AM	98% Waxing Gibbous	--:-- - --:-- 11:53 AM - 1:53 PM	4:23 AM - 5:23 AM 7:19 PM - 8:19 PM	Better
Tuesday 7/3/12	H: 100° L: 76°	Rise: 5:38 AM Set: 8:15 PM	Rise: 8:11 PM Set: 5:30 AM Overhead: 12:24 AM Underfoot: 12:54 PM	100% FULL MOON	12:24 AM - 2:24 AM 12:54 PM - 2:54 PM	5:30 AM - 6:30 AM 8:11 PM - 9:11 PM	Best
Wednesday 7/4/12	H: 99° L: 75°	<b>Rise: 5:39 AM</b> <b>Set: 8:15 PM</b>	<b>Rise: 8:57 PM</b> <b>Set: 6:38 AM</b> Overhead: 1:24 AM Underfoot: 1:52 PM	99% Waning Gibbous	1:24 AM - 3:24 AM 1:52 PM - 3:52 PM	<b>6:38 AM - 7:38 AM</b> <b>8:57 PM - 9:57 PM</b>	<b>Better++++</b>

## **Walter's "Prime Feeding Times "**

A lot has been written recently about Prime Feeding Times. Do I believe that the Sun and Moon phases affect fish behavior? You bet! Some of my very best and largest catches have come during these periods. As a matter of fact, to take advantage of the prime feeding times brought on by the Solunar occurrence, I plan my Canadian Northwood's fishing trips on days when the prime feeding times coincide with the early morning and late evening bite.

I discovered the importance of the Prime Feeding Times many years ago. Back in the day I was looking for a job where I wouldn't have to work too hard to earn a little extra cash. Enter Walter Fentress, the proprietor of Fentress tackle shop in Louisville, Ky. Walter took a liking to me and decided his personal project was to make a fisherman out of me. Also It didn't hurt that I was young, had unlimited energy and I also had my driver's license. You see Walter was way up in his golden years when I met him and although his angling skills hadn't diminished one bit, he couldn't see a lick to drive in periods of low light. Walter's tackle shop was located right in front of the Grand Stand entrance to Churchill Downs and he knew a lot of trainers and owners that had huge farms and you guessed it ... lakes full of fish. Walter either had a key to the gate or he didn't need one. Also Walter knew all the game wardens and was dialed into which state owned and maintained lakes were hot. There was no fancy Ranger boat back in those days. Instead we fished out of a square-backed Grumman canoe powered by a hand-controlled trolling motor. The first rig I ever saw like that and it had its own custom trailer to boot.

It seemed there was no rhyme or reason why we would leave at such odd hours to go fishing. Sometimes we would leave in the wee hours of the morning and other times we would leave at mid-day. Often times we were just getting started when others would be coming off the lake. I never understood that but the old man not only knew how and where to fish, he knew WHEN to fish too! It seemed we were always at the right place at the right time and we caught a lot of fish together. Sometimes they were big too!

My first inkling there was a reason to this madness was, when discussing our next trip, Walter informed me that we would need to get a particularly early start since the prime feeding time was from 4 -5:30 AM and it would take us about two hours to get to one of his secret lakes. What is a Prime Feeding Time? This was the first time I'd ever heard Walter speak of it. He explained that the sun and moon phases had a direct influence on fish behavior and feeding habits. Also there were tables set up that denoted the best times to fish; and there were both Major and Minor periods of activity daily and we needed to be fishing during those times. This was all Greek to me but if Walter said it was so then it was. During the frequent trips we made, many fish were caught and a lot of times they were big. And you know what ... by and large they were caught during the "Prime Times" Walter spoke of.

Walter is now long gone but the many lessons I learned from him will not be forgotten. To this

day I keep a copy of the Prime Feeding Times handy and I never begin a days fishing without checking to see when these times are.

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### **\*\*\* Fishing Report \*\*\***

**Bass Fishing ...** Bass fishing this week has been surprisingly good for Kick'n Bass clients. While slick water, no current and unreal hot temps have made for challenging conditions, none the less, some good catches have been made. It during times like this that the savvy angler will pay attention to the prime feeding times and plan his or her time on the water to coincide with these times. Our best catches have come during these times. For this reason you'll find published each week the Prime Feeding Times included in our report. Best baits this week have been ZMan 4" finesse worms fished on a drop shot rig, a 3/16 oz. PJ's bass extractor Shakey Head and Zman 7" finesse worm. The Shakey Heads were fished dead stick style and the best bite came with little or no action. Other methods like crank baits and crawling ¾ oz. jigs came into play but the finesse presentation definitely ruled. Another method that produced for us was fishing boat docks. The best locations were main lake docks that had spud poles on the corners. *BTW - We'll be starting our night fishing season next week so stay tuned. Preliminary trips have been awesome!*



**White Bass ...** Lack of current this week has necessitated a change in location but still some very good catches have been made. Best locations have been on the ledges next to the Tennessee River and at the mouths of the bays. We've adopted a "barbless" hook policy to insure a quick release on fish that we don't plan on harvesting. The best lures, hands down, have been the Steel Shad Blade baits and Ken's Hybrid Spinners. Most fish are relatively

deep, suspended 15-25 feet and on clear calm days sometimes even deeper. The deep ledge areas where the old river channel necks down have been really productive areas during times of current generation. Some minor surface activity is being seen at the mouth of the bays and along the secondary and main river channels when it's calm.

**Bluegill & Redear ...** pretty simple approach ... follow the willow fly hatch and you'll do well. Best lures are Shelton's bluegill bug tipped with a cricket. While we didn't get to fish for panfish as much as I'd like when we did we did very well.

**Catfish & Crappie ...** no report this week.

## Sonar Tip of the Week

*Randy, I just wanted to let you know when I got home to Ohio I went to Lake Erie and found fish using my system and promptly caught them. No way could I have done that before I took your class. I would recommend that anyone that wants to become a better fisherperson contact you and take the class. Thanks for teaching an old dog some new tricks!*

*Barb Schmidhauser - Ashtabula, Ohio*



## ***Submerged Egner Ferry Bridge Ruins***



*Wonder where the bridge went? Well I did too. Well here it is ... part of it that is!*

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**Be sure and check out the Fishing Pontoon Video**

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIjrXQe4FfI>**

Thanks for reading the Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

*Randy Kubens*