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July 27th, 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are within inches of summer pool and basically holding steady over the next several days. For additional info, including generation schedule for 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 to high 80's.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the mid 90s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Lows in the lower 70s.

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Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 7/26/12	H: 97° L: 78°	Rise: 5:53 AM Set: 8:04 PM	Rise: 1:52 PM Set: --:-- Overhead: 7:12 PM Underfoot: 6:44 AM	50% First Quarter	6:44 AM - 8:44 AM 7:12 PM - 9:12 PM	--:-- --:-- 1:52 PM - 2:52 PM	Average+
Friday 7/27/12	H: 93° L: 75°	Rise: 5:54 AM Set: 8:03 PM	Rise: 2:59 PM Set: 12:25 AM Overhead: 8:09 PM Underfoot: 7:40 AM	65% Waxing Gibbous	7:40 AM - 9:40 AM 8:09 PM - 10:09 PM	12:25 AM - 1:25 AM 2:59 PM - 3:59 PM	Average
Saturday 7/28/12	H: 91° L: 71°	Rise: 5:55 AM Set: 8:02 PM	Rise: 4:05 PM Set: 1:15 AM Overhead: 9:09 PM Underfoot: 8:39 AM	76% Waxing Gibbous	8:39 AM - 10:39 AM 9:09 PM - 11:09 PM	1:15 AM - 2:15 AM 4:05 PM - 5:05 PM	Average

Sunday 7/29/12	H: 93° L: 70°	Rise: 5:56 AM Set: 8:01 PM	Rise: 5:06 PM Set: 2:10 AM Overhead: 10:10 PM Underfoot: 9:39 AM	85% Waxing Gibbous	9:39 AM - 11:39 AM 10:10 PM - 12:10 AM	2:10 AM - 3:10 AM 5:06 PM - 6:06 PM	Average
Monday 7/30/12	H: 93° L: 71°	Rise: 5:57 AM Set: 8:01 PM	Rise: 6:01 PM Set: 3:13 AM Overhead: 11:09 PM Underfoot: 10:40 AM	92% Waxing Gibbous	10:40 AM - 12:40 PM 11:09 PM - 1:09 AM	3:13 AM - 4:13 AM 6:01 PM - 7:01 PM	Good

Pontoon Fishing with Kick'n Bass Guide Service is a Great Value and a LOT of FUN!



Who Said Girls Can't Fish! Lesley Schapker, Autumn Dick and Abby Lindauer all from Indiana with a limit of white bass caught while fishing aboard the Kick'n Bass Fishing pontoon.



(Photo) Even and "old dog" finds a bone every now and then! Capt. Rich Bay with a monster Largemouth Bass caught while fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.

Bass Fishing ... this had been another outstanding week for Kick'n Bass clients. The numbers were good and the size was better than average. With the recent willow fly hatch topwater fishing has come on strong. Look for banks that have overhanging limbs with the insects dropping in the water and you'll find baitfish and bluegill working the area. The bass aren't far behind. Cast your favorite topwater lure and work it slowly. A good back up plan is casting a small worm or jig to the area especially if bass swipe at your topwater lure and miss.

Long tapering points at the mouth of the bays are holding good numbers of fish and some are being caught in the back of the bays in the jumps chasing shad. Lipless crank baits and Steel Shad blade baits are the best baits for the jumps. Ledge fishing has been awesome! Find a school of bass and its game on. Best baits this week have been a 3/16 oz. PJ's bass extractor Shakey Head and Zman 7" finesse worm and a 1/2 oz PJ's football head jig tipped with a ZMan Flappin Craw. The Shakey Heads were slowly crawled on the bottom amongst the shell beds and the best bite came with little or no action. The jigs were crawled inched along the bottom. Another method worth mentioning is fishing boat docks. Casting small curly tails on 1/16 oz. lead heads caught a surprising number of good bass for us this week. The spawn fry are now large enough for the bluegill and shad to feast on and the bass are making life miserable for all of them. The best docks are ones that have spud poles on the corners. Remember this is a finesse presentation.

White Bass Fishing ...



Its thumbs up for Bert and Joy Kingsley from Illinois who caught their limit of white bass plus a bonus catfish.



Three generations of the Leeper family ... John with sons Alex and Luke and Grandpa Rick. Everyone had a great time fishing from the Pontoon.



Gary Jenkins from Texas and Donny Beasley from Missouri with their limit catch of White Bass fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.



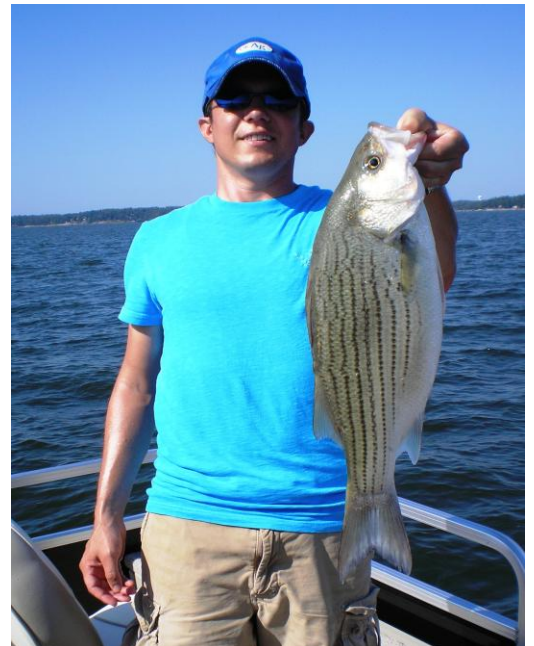
The French Family from Tennessee ... Dylan, Barbara, Dakota and Mark with a limit catch fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.

Everyone really enjoyed themselves this week fishing from the pontoon and some really big catches were made. Matthew Dunville of Kentucky (*Photo below Right*) had the big fish of the week, a 3lb 15 oz. brute. The best lures have been the Steel Shad Blade baits in Gold and Silver and Ken's Hybrid Spinners. Try ripping the baits off the bottom and let the lure fall on a semi-tight line. That seemed to work best for us. Most fish are relatively deep, suspended 15-25 feet along the Tennessee River and secondary channel. On several occasions some really nice Largemouth bass and catfish were caught as they followed a hooked white bass to the boat.

Guide's Tips ... Remember this time of year white bass are roaming and chasing baitfish so when the bite wanes keep moving and look for schools of baitfish on your Lowrance HDS. The whites won't be far behind. Another good idea that works is, when another angler is reeling in a hooked fish try reeling in next to him. The hooked fish sometimes excites the school and you'll get follow-up fish that can be caught. Several hookups were made this way. Remember to set your drag loose!

Bluegill and Redear ... While we didn't get to fish for these species as much as we liked, when we did it was very good. Cast a Ken's cricket or Shelton's Bluegill bug tipped with a wax worm, or better yet a cricket, in areas where willow flies are working and it's almost a sure thing. Some really big gills and an occasional nice Redear were caught this way.

Catfish ... We didn't fish specifically for cats this week but we caught our share on Ken's Hybrid spinners while fishing for white bass. One family from Illinois is going to have a real good catfish fry this weekend. I'll bet those blues are going to fry up real nice. I can only imagine how good catfishing could be if one had the time to devote to strictly fishing for this species.



Crappie ... We didn't crappie fish this week therefore there is no report.

Sonar Tip of the Week

Randy, this weekend's tournament was a real pressure cooker for me since I needed a strong finish to make the regional. After a couple of hours and a slow start I began to get more than a little nervous. Finally I came to my senses and thought about how I could apply some of the things I learned in your sonar class to get things turned around. I began using my side scan and found a stump field next to the old river channel that had some pretty good fish at the base of the stumps. I fished the rest of the day on this location and it produced enough quality fish for me to finish 3rd in the tournament and qualify for the regional. No doubt what I learned in your sonar class was the difference. Thanks for all you do!

Dennis Strickland – Forney, TX



You just never know when or where a prime fishing hot spot might turn up. The image on the right side of the screen shows a school of fish surrounding a stump where it drops into the secondary channel. Using the "Go to cursor" function and with the aid of the built in map feature on the left side of the screen, we successfully navigated back to the spot without ever assigning a waypoint. Your system can do this too. If you want to learn how to do this and other important functions of your HDS system contact rk@kicknbass.net for your own personal "On the water Sonar Class"

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

Randy Kuhens