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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes approximately 1 foot below summer pool and on a very slow, inches per day drawdown 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 high 70's early and in the low 80's as the day progresses.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Friday Night...Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Saturday...Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms May produce heavy rainfall. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday Night...Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Sunday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 70s.

Labor Day...Partly sunny with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Monday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 8/31/12	H: 87° L: 72°	Rise: 6:23 AM Set: 7:22 PM	Rise: 7:10 PM Set: 6:27 AM Overhead: 12:30 AM Underfoot: 12:54 PM	100% FULL MOON	12:30 AM - 2:30 AM 12:54 PM - 2:54 PM	6:27 AM - 7:27 AM 7:10 PM - 8:10 PM	Best
Saturday 9/1/12	H: 85° L: 75°	Rise: 6:23 AM Set: 7:20 PM	Rise: 7:41 PM Set: 7:29 AM Overhead: 1:17 AM Underfoot: 1:39 PM	99% Waning Gibbous	1:17 AM - 3:17 AM 1:39 PM - 3:39 PM	7:29 AM - 8:29 AM 7:41 PM - 8:41 PM	Better

Sunday 9/2/12	H: 86° L: 73°	Rise: 6:24 AM Set: 7:19 PM	Rise: 8:11 PM Set: 8:28 AM Overhead: 2:02 AM Underfoot: 2:24 PM	95% Waning Gibbous	2:02 AM - 4:02 AM 2:24 PM - 4:24 PM	8:28 AM - 9:28 AM 8:11 PM - 9:11 PM	Better++
Monday 9/3/12	H: 88° L: 72°	Rise: 6:25 AM Set: 7:17 PM	Rise: 8:43 PM Set: 9:27 AM Overhead: 2:47 AM Underfoot: 3:09 PM	90% Waning Gibbous	2:47 AM - 4:47 AM 3:09 PM - 5:09 PM	9:27 AM - 10:27 AM 8:43 PM - 9:43 PM	Average

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Is it still Summer or is it Fall? Lately we've experiencing some cooler nights, falling water temps and shorter days. No doubt a change is in the air and the bass have taken notice. This week I've seen what I would consider a noteworthy change in bass location and behavior. Some of the bigger schools of bass we've been fishing on the ledges are breaking up and are scattering from deep to shallow. One area in particular and what I call transitional humps, are beginning to have mini-schools of bass; schools of 10 or so hungry fish that are zeroing in on shad. Transitional humps are those out of the way places that bass seem to like to congregate on this time of year as they follow the shad to the shallows and the most productive ones are located in or very near the main river channel. The humps that hold the most fish feature deep water on both sides with a one side having a gentle taper and the other a sharp drop. We found several spots like this earlier in the year during our *on the water Sonar Classes* and they were void of fish. I checked them weekly all summer to see if they held fish and they didn't. The fish began showing up late last week right after several days of cool temps and sure enough this week they were on location again. A couple of overcast mornings this week I observed shad flicking on the surface not too far from these locations. While we caught some fish shallow this week the most consistent bite has come from transitional humps and ledges right inside the mouth of the bays. Find places like this and you'll be surprised just how many fish are on them and how aggressive they are.



Bass Fishing ... Several Patterns are still in place. We'll either flip or pitch plastics around boat docks that have spud poles, head to the bays and fish the deeper banks that have vegetation along the edge with topwaters, work the back of the bays with surface lures and blade baits or scan the ledges with our High Definition Lowrance Sonar System. All of these patterns are producing bass. *(Photo) Bryce Parsons and Matt Keller from Illinois with some nice bass caught and Shakey Heads and Steel Shad blade baits.* **Topwater** in the early morning hours is gaining some traction with Pop-R's, Super Spook Jr.'s, and Rapala Skitter Props being your best bet.

With shad being the primary focus I'll run to the back of the bays and look for baitfish flicking on the surface or swirls. If so we'll stick around. If not I'll go to the next bay and check it out. Don't be fooled into thinking that just because one bay is active that they all will be or vice versa. This time of year it's not uncommon for one bay to be active and another one not. You just have to keep on the move until you find an active area. Overall the most consistent pattern is working the ledges where we are finding willing schools of bass. Once we located a school we worked them with Shakey Heads and Steel Shad Blade Baits. Best baits this week have been a 3/16 oz. PJ's bass extractor jig head and Zman 7" finesse worm fished Shakey Head style and a Trout or Gold Steel Shad Blade Bait. During low current generation or no wind the Shakey Heads were slowly crawled on the bottom amongst the shell beds and the best bite came with little or no action. The Steel Shad blade baits were gently lifted off the bottom and dropped on a tight line.

Helpful Tip ... I always backup my top water lures with a rod rigged with a Steel Shad blade bait. To catch those fish that swipe at the surface lure and miss, or those fish that are just out of casting range of my top water lure, the blade bait is an excellent choice to add a fish or two. By the end of the day our tally shows that we've usually caught as many fish on the Steel Shad as we did on the top waters.



White Bass fishing has been good this week but not without its challenges. North winds and falling water temps have scattered the bigger schools. We had to hunt and peck to find them but by the end of the day we managed to come up with a good catch. The best lures have been the Steel Shad Blade baits in Gold and Silver and Ken's Hybrid Spinners. Ripping the baits off the bottom and let the lure fall on a semi-tight line seemed to work well. Most fish are relatively deep, suspended 15-25 feet along the Tennessee River. Smaller schools are holding 10-13 feet deep along the flats next to the secondary channel during current draws or days with southerly winds.

Bluegill and Redear ... We didn't fish for these therefore there is No Report.

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 and Steel Shad Blade Baits when fishing for bass on the ledges.

Crappie ... We didn't fish for crappie specifically this week but we caught plenty along the secondary and main lake ledges. Our fish were caught on Steel Shad blade baits while we were

fishing for bass. One can only imagine how good it could be if the focus was solely on this species.

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Sonar Tip of the Week ...

Dialing in your graphics will allow you to see fish, shells and even your marker buoy string and weight



Included in our "On the Water Sonar Class" is a complete programming of your system which includes developing useful pages with overlay data and dialing in your graphics so you'll get a clear easy to read picture. The photo is of **client Dick Davis HDS 10** Structurescan screen in auto range and down view. Once we dialed in the graphics on we could easily see fish, shells

and even our marker buoy string and weight as it was retrieved. However, what's more important is what YOU DIDN'T SEE ... the fish we caught and released to fight another day. Having your system professionally programmed by a member of Lowrance's Pro Staff assures you that it's done right the first time. Learn how to use modern technology and find fishing hotspots like this. For your "On the water Sonar Class" contact Lowrance Pro Staffer Randy Kuhens at rk@kicknbass.net

Here's what some of our clients are saying about their "On the Water" Sonar Class ...

Randy, to be very honest with you I thought I'd have a lot of trouble learning to use my electronics. Doing your class was a last ditch effort to learn how to use my system. Thanks for spending the extra time to tutor me and get me over the hump on this. I feel better about my purchase and I'm no longer intimidated by my system.

Phillip Robinson – Wheeling Wva.

Randy, my father-in law Jim (he was the UT fan with the obnoxious orange hat) and I went to Dale Hollow this past weekend and put our HDS system to work. The water is real clear there and some of the images were incredible. Thanks for setting up our system and getting us dialed in. It was our best trip to date and the electronics had a LOT to do with our success.

Mark Diebold & Jim Farris – Lebanon, TN.

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.

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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.**
- **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.**

- Learn the art of waypoint management. No more cluttered maps with useless or unproductive waypoints. You'll learn how to identify which locations are waypoint worthy and how to go back to those locations without ever assigning a waypoint. You'll learn to only assign a waypoint once you are satisfied the location is worth saving.
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