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Sept. 14th, 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes approximately 2 feet 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 in and in the low 80's as the day progresses.

Weather Outlook

Friday... Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 70s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday... Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

Sunday... Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday Night... Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows around 60.

Monday... Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday Night... Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 9/14/12	H: 79° L: 61°	Rise: 6:34 AM Set: 7:01 PM	Rise: 5:00 AM Set: 5:57 PM Overhead: 11:33 AM Underfoot: --:--	2% Waning Crescent	--:-- - --:-- 11:33 AM - 1:33 PM	5:00 AM - 6:00 AM 5:57 PM - 6:57 PM	Better
Saturday 9/15/12	H: 77° L: 54°	Rise: 6:35 AM Set: 6:59 PM	Rise: 6:05 AM Set: 6:30 PM Overhead: 12:23 PM Underfoot: --:--	0% NEW MOON	--:-- - --:-- 12:23 PM - 2:23 PM	6:05 AM - 7:05 AM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Best
Sunday 9/16/12	H: 78° L: 60°	Rise: 6:36 AM Set: 6:58 PM	Rise: 7:13 AM Set: 7:06 PM Overhead: 1:14 PM Underfoot: 12:48 AM	1% Waxing Crescent	12:48 AM - 2:48 AM 1:14 PM - 3:14 PM	7:13 AM - 8:13 AM 7:06 PM - 8:06 PM	Best++

Monday 9/17/12	H: 80° L: 61°	Rise: 6:36 AM Set: 6:56 PM	Rise: 8:21 AM Set: 7:43 PM Overhead: 2:07 PM Underfoot: 1:40 AM	4% Waxing Crescent	1:40 AM - 3:40 AM 2:07 PM - 4:07 PM	8:21 AM - 9:21 AM 7:43 PM - 8:43 PM	Better++
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Early Fall Transition ... A Feeding Movement!

The early fall transition can be very subtle as summer gives way to autumn. When the days begin to shorten it's time to adjust your thinking and approach to fishing. Understanding how the transition affects fish behavior can be the difference between a good day of catching or merely another one of those days that should have been. The early fall transition is a feeding movement. For bass, it's all about chasing schools of bait during this period. Since baitfish are constantly on the move, you'll need to cover a lot of water and keep a watchful eye on your



Lowrance HDS System to find these schools of shad (*Photo*). Bass are looking to feed and if the baitfish aren't present the bass won't be either. Ledge Fishing still a factor but over the last several weeks the bigger schools of bass we'd been seeing on the ledges have broken up and are scattering. Initially Bass will suspend and relate to offshore humps near the main river channel as they migrate from

main lake ledges to the creeks and bays. I call these transitional humps. Transitional humps are those out of the way places that bass seem to like to congregate on as they follow the shad. 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. Typically you'll find mini-schools of bass on these places, 10 or so hungry and aggressive fish that have left the main lakes ledges in pursuit of shad. Since the transition started these areas have been some of the most consistent producers for my clients and I. Shakey Heads with ZMan finesse worms on PJ's Bass Extractor jig heads and Steel Shad Blade Baits are making up the majority of the catches but fluttering a spoon and stroking a jig has caught fish too. Find the humps and you find the fish and they're catchable.

Fishing Report



Scotty Hill and Bobbie Jo Black from Verona, KY with some nice Largemouth caught on Shakey Heads and Steel Shad Blade baits. These fish and others like them were found stacked on Transitional Humps that just weeks earlier, were completely void of bass. Finding these sweet spots wouldn't have been possible without our Lowrance HDS System. Scotty & Bobbie Jo would gladly tell you that the Lowrance HDS System was a big time the difference maker in finding locations that held fish and the Steel Shad Blade bait was the right lure for this type of fishing.

Bass Fishing Patterns

Boat Dock Pattern ... Flip or pitch plastics around boat docks that have spud poles, especially the ones on the main lake that have deeper water. The lake drawdown is positioning baitfish and fry around the docks and bass see this as an easy opportunity. **Topwater** ... Fishing the deeper banks in the bays with topwaters in the early morning hours is gaining some traction. With shad being the primary focus we'll look for baitfish flicking on the surface or swirls. If so we'll stick around. If not we'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. We've used several different baits but the SPRO McStick has been doing a pretty good number on the bass. Cast the lure and let it rest and then give it a couple of jerks. *Remember to wait until you feel the fish before you set the hook.* Table Rock Shad, Cell Mate and Chrome Shad have been the best colors for us. **Ledge Pattern** ... working the ledges is still a very productive way to fish. Once we've 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. (Photo) Duane Fogleman and David Hammans from Indiana with some nice bass caught fishing a Steel Shad blade bait.



White Bass fishing has been good this week but not without its challenges. With the shad migration the bigger schools are scattering. 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.



Crappie ... We didn't fish for crappie specifically this week but we caught several along the secondary and main lake ledges. Our fish were caught on Steel Shad blade baits while we were fishing for bass and stripes. However, I did see several anglers at the fish cleaning station with what appeared to be several limits of fish in the 1-1 ½ pound class. So the bite is on!

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

(Photo) Wendell Shelton with some nice crappie caught on his split tail jigs. If your order for product is late now we know why. Mr. Shelton is out "field testing" his famous Split Tail Jigs. Ha! LOL!

Sonar Tip of the Week ...



The screen shot is a classic example of a transitional hump that will hold fish this time of year. Scotty Hill, Bobbie Joe Black (Above Photo) and I caught several fish from this location on Steel Shad Blade Baits before the school got wise and shut down. You can find places like this too. Included in Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class" is a complete programming of your system. This includes developing useful pages with overlay data and dialing in your graphics so you'll be able to recognize spots like this when you scan them. Learn how to use modern technology to enhance your fishing. Having your system professionally programmed by a member of Lowrance's Pro Staff assures you that it's done right the first time. 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 Kick'n Bass' "On the Water" Sonar Class ...

Randy,

Just a note to let you know how much Kim and I enjoyed our sonar class. We have been fishing the Eddy Creek area for a lot of years and at times done fair but overall we just haven't been able to catch fish consistently. Since taking your class our fishing has improved dramatically. As you know, we primarily crappie fish. The program you downloaded on our system and showed us how to use has enabled us to find and catch fish. Both Kim and I have recommended your class to our friends and relatives.

Brad and Kim Roberts – Louisville, KY

Randy,

This past week end we went to Lake Erie and had our best walleye trip ever. We found the fish all by ourselves and you would have been proud of us. Thanks for a great job of teaching us how to use our Lowrance HDS System. Before the class we were pretty disgusted and had basically given up on learning how to use it. My brother Mark says to tell you hello and if you find his coffee mug to keep it. It's the red one with Ohio State Buckeyes on it. Being a UK fan I doubt you'd have much use for it any way. We'll see you in October when we come back and fish with you.

Charlie and Mark Brandenburg – Columbus, OH.

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