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**Sept. 21st, 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](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. With the unseasonably cool nights the surface water temps have cooled and are now in the low to mid 70's depending on which part of the lake you're on. The Northwest bays have the warmer water

## Weather Outlook

**Friday...**Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 5 mph in the morning increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

**Friday Night...**Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

**Sunday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

**Monday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

**Monday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s

## Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 9/21/12	H: 84° L: 58°	Rise: 6:40 AM Set: 6:50 PM	Rise: 12:52 PM Set: 11:00 PM Overhead: 5:57 PM Underfoot: 5:28 AM	37% Waxing Crescent	5:28 AM - 7:28 AM 5:57 PM - 7:57 PM	12:52 PM - 1:52 PM 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM	Average
Saturday 9/22/12	H: 75° L: 56°	Rise: 6:40 AM Set: 6:48 PM	Rise: 1:50 PM Set: --:-- Overhead: 6:56 PM Underfoot: 6:27 AM	50% First Quarter	6:27 AM - 8:27 AM 6:56 PM - 8:56 PM	--:-- --:-- 1:50 PM - 2:50 PM	Average
Sunday 9/23/12	H: 67° L: 47°	<b>Rise: 6:41 AM</b> Set: 6:47 PM	Rise: 2:40 PM Set: 12:02 AM Overhead: 7:52 PM Underfoot: 7:24 AM	60% Waxing Gibbous	<b>7:24 AM - 9:24 AM</b> 7:52 PM - 9:52 PM	12:02 AM - 1:02 AM 2:40 PM - 3:40 PM	<b>Average+</b>
Monday 9/24/12	H: 72° L: 43°	Rise: 6:42 AM Set: 6:45 PM	Rise: 3:25 PM Set: 1:06 AM Overhead: 8:46 PM Underfoot: 8:20 AM	71% Gibbous Waxing	8:20 AM - 10:20 AM 8:46 PM - 10:46 PM	1:06 AM - 2:06 AM 3:25 PM - 4:25 PM	Average



*Jim Simpson from Frankfort, KY caught his best ever KY. Lake bass and moments later did it one better. Both monster bass were caught on a Steel Shad blade bait. Jim and I had a day that both of us will always remember .... After all, isn't that what it's really all about!*



**Husband & Wife Whack'em** (Photo) Thomas and Katie Marbury from Tennessee with some nice bass 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. The Marbury's would gladly

*tell you that the Lowrance HDS System we used played an important part in finding locations that held quality fish like these.*



# Fishing Report

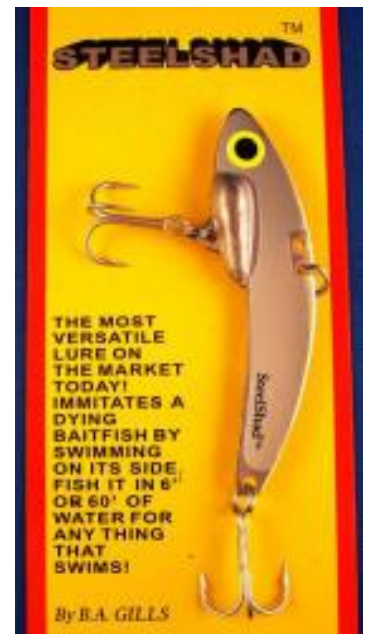


## ***Blade Baits For Schooling Bass!***

### ***Bade Baits and Shell Beds ... an unbeatable combination!***

Blade baits come in many forms but a personal favorite and the choice of many Kick'n Bass client's is the Steel Shad. Over the past several seasons the Steel Shad has been the #1 selling blade bait in our area and probably yours too. The Steel Shad has the action and look that most mimics the size of the baitfish this time of year plus it's easy to fish. With fall fast approaching bass are chasing shad and

schooling on shell beds at the mouth of the many bays on Kentucky Lake. Bass are notorious for roaming and following schools of baitfish. Look for shell beds in the 10- 13 ft. range near a ledge. This is a great place to start. I especially like these areas if they're located close to the mouths of main lake bays. Using your Lowrance High Definition Electronics to find these likely spots will offer you a better chance at finding bass this time of year. Shell Beds + Shad + Blade Bait = Bass in the boat. Choosing the right size lure and fishing equipment for this type of fishing is easy. The Steel Shad comes in only one size and your favorite spinning combo or bait casting outfit will work; just remember that the rod needs to about 7', can handle the weight of the lure and has an extra fast tip to get the distance on your cast. The line choice is much more important for a lot of reasons. Since there is a possibility that you could be making extra long casts, you'll want a line that will launch the bait a great distance and doesn't have any line stretch. A combination of a braided main line and a fluorocarbon leader is just what the doctor ordered. The braid and fluorocarbon leader allows one to feel the bait vibrating and, with no line stretch, the hook sets are true. This line set up has proven to be far superior to just mono or fluorocarbon. My personal choice is a 10 lb Power Pro braid and a P-Line 100% 10 lb fluorocarbon leader. The two lines are joined using a double uni-knot. Experience has shown that more fish will be hooked and landed on the braid combo because of the sure hook-sets and lack of line stretch. Catching fish on this bait is not as difficult as you might think. Actually working the lure is pretty simple. There are several ways to use this bait but it's most important that you match the retrieve to the mood of the fish. Two of the most effective methods are the yoyo retrieve, which works well on aggressive fish, or a slow steady retrieve for those fish that are not so aggressive. Start by casting the lure and let it fall to the bottom. You'll know it's on the bottom when you get some slack in your line. Using the yoyo retrieve you'll want pull the lure off the bottom about a foot ever so gently but still feel the vibration of the lure. Let it fall to the bottom on a semi-tight line. Drop your rod tip, take out the slack and repeat the process all the way back to the boat. A lot of the strikes will come as the bait is falling. The reasoning behind this retrieve is; bass are mauling baitfish and if they don't swallow it head first they have to spit it out to swallow it correctly. Some of the stunned baitfish fall to the bottom and the bass



has to go get it. Other times when I feel a strike but no hook up I immediately drop the bait to the bottom and then steadily bring it back to the boat. This mimics a stunned baitfish coming back to life and trying to get out of harms way. On active fish a steady retrieve works well and it's just what it says it is. Make a long cast let the lure drop to the bottom. Then take up the slack, give the lure a little jerk to get it started and reel in at a slow pace, just enough to keep



the bait off the bottom and vibrating. You'll know it when you get a fish on ... the braided line will transmit those strikes and you'll have a better than average chance at landing the fish. Blade Baits are fun, productive and easy to use. Don't be surprised when you catch a mixed bag either. Crappie and White bass love these baits too. *(Photo) Day 1 of Eddie & Tom's Big Adventure ... Tom Norvell and my good friend Eddie Caldwell from Danville, Kentucky with some nice early fall bass caught on Steel Shad blade baits.*

**B oat 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. 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. 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. Table Rock Shad, Cell Mate and Chrome Shad have been the best colors for us. **Grass Bass ...** Several nice fish were caught on frogs where the grass is matted and tube jigs on the edge of



the submerged grass. Most grass is in the bays south of Anderson Creek. The grass pattern has been feast or famine 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 Football Jigs, 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.* The Shakey Heads were slowly crawled on the bottom amongst the shell beds and at times 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) Day2 of Eddie & Tom's Big Adventure ... Eddie Caldwell with a monster Largemouth caught dragging a 1/2 oz Football Jig.*



**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 get to fish for crappie much this week but when we did we caught several nice fish in the 1-1 ½ pound class. The fish are holding at many depths. The bite is on over submerged cover 8 – 15 feet on minnows and jigs and 15- 25 feet around stumps along the old river channel. Take your pick ... it's all good!

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

## ***Sonar Tip of the Week ...***



*This week we found this hump full of bass and stripes. My clients and I caught a bunch on Steel Shad blade baits before the school got wise and moved on. Without the use of our Lowrance HDS System finding a hot spot like this would not have been possible. Participate in Kick'n Bass "On the Water" sonar class and you'll learn how to use modern technology to find fishing hotspots like this. 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](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) you'll be glad you did!*

## ***Here's what some of our clients are saying about Kick'n Bass' "On the Water" Sonar Class ...***

*Randy, Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed our on the water sonar class yesterday. The reprogramming you did made more difference than I ever imagined. I felt like I knew my electronics really well. But, like everyone else, I was looking for that little something extra. Well I found it and then some! I could have saved myself a lot of time and money if I had taken this class a long time ago! Your sonar class will help me get the most out of my time on the water! Thanks again Randy for your knowledge and the professionalism you demonstrated on our trip.*

*Nathan Johnson - Eddyville, KY.*



*(Via the world-wide web) Hi Randy, I've read a lot of your fishing reports and the screenshots of the Structure Scan are one the best I've ever seen! They're always top notch and awesome.*

*This is a picture of the biggest Zander (Walleye) I've caught so far. It was 36.6 inch*

*Many thanks in advance! With kind regards,*

*Roger Evers -Landgraaf, The Netherlands*

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