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Nov. 2nd, 2012

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes approximately 4.75 feet below summer pool and on a steady drawdown over the next several days to winter pool level of 354. **Be advised that winter pool is 5 feet lower than summer pool and it is imperative that boaters stay in the channels when running. Pay special attention to the channel markers they are there for a reason.** 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. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the mid to high 50's.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. North winds around 5 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. East winds around 5 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70. South winds 5 to 10 mph in the morning shifting to the west 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 40s.

Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Lows in the upper 30s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 11/2/12	H: 65° L: 41°	Rise: 7:18 AM Set: 5:54 PM	Rise: 8:43 PM Set: 10:35 AM Overhead: 3:16 AM Underfoot: 3:40 PM	87% Waning Gibbous	3:16 AM - 5:16 AM 3:40 PM - 5:40 PM	10:35 AM - 11:35 AM 8:43 PM - 9:43 PM	Average
Saturday 11/3/12	H: 73° L: 42°	Rise: 7:19 AM Set: 5:53 PM	Rise: 9:36 PM Set: 11:20 AM Overhead: 4:04 AM Underfoot: 4:28 PM	80% Waning Gibbous	4:04 AM - 6:04 AM 4:28 PM - 6:28 PM	11:20 AM - 12:20 PM 9:36 PM - 10:36 PM	Average
Sunday 11/4/12	H: 59° L: 47°	Rise: 6:20 AM Set: 4:51 PM	Rise: 9:31 PM Set: 11:02 AM Overhead: 3:52 AM Underfoot: 4:16 PM	72% Waning Gibbous	3:52 AM - 5:52 AM 4:16 PM - 6:16 PM	11:02 AM - 12:02 PM 9:31 PM - 10:31 PM	Average
Monday	H: 54°	Rise: 6:21 AM	Rise: 10:28 PM		4:39 AM - 6:39 AM	11:40 AM - 12:40 PM	

11/5/12	L: 40°	Set: 4:51 PM	Set: 11:40 AM Overhead: 4:39 AM Underfoot: 5:02 PM	63% Waning Gibbous	5:02 PM - 7:02 PM	10:28 PM - 11:28 PM	Average
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Fishing Report

With high winds and crazy weather it's been hard to get out on the water but when we did we had a blast. Unfortunately we didn't get to bass fish so this week's report will center on Crappie Fishing.



Crappie Fishing ... With the lakes plagued by harsh winds courtesy of Hurricane Sandy, we didn't get to fish as much as we liked but when we could go it was a boat load of fun. Find the right brush pile and you can catch a mess. Fishing vertically in submerged cover with Long Poles and jigs caught a fair amount of fish especially those most affected by the passing of the fronts that rolled thru our area. Best depth seemed to be 10-13 feet. Finding submerged cover in deeper water, 17 feet or so, held a lot of fish too.

These areas yielded us our best success as these fish were less affected by the frontal passages. The most productive means was either to back off and cast 3/32 oz KY Green curly tails, count them down and swim them slowly thru the brush or better at times, was to cast ESB slip bobbers with minnows and let them soak around the submerged cover. Alternating between these two methods produced some real good catches. The key of course was using High Definition electronics to find the places that were holding good numbers of fish. (See Sonar Tip of the Week)

What is a Slip Bobber Anyway? Many fishermen love to fish for Crappie but are unsure of what a slip bobber is or how to rig it. A slip bobber consists of a straw-like tube that is surrounded by a float. The float is generally a fluorescent color. The line is inserted thru the tube allowing the bobber to slide freely up and down the line. A slip bobber will not work properly if there is not a method to hold it at a certain spot on the line; therefore a bobber stop is needed. The bobber stop consists of a round bead that goes above the float and a stop knot (a line tie) which is positioned above the bead. Both are threaded onto the fishing line. The *bead keeps* the stop knot from going into the float tube and the *stop knot* is used to adjust the depth of the bait or lure. To adjust the depth you want to fish you simply move the stop knot up or down the line. The bead and stop knot are generally purchased separately from the slip bobbers themselves and you'll need both to make the thing work. Putting the finishing touch to this rig is a real simple task; add a crappie hook, minnow and a split shot or your favorite crappie jig and you're in business. Here's a diagram of how to attach the stop knot.



Everlasting Slip Bobbers ... not just your ordinary slip bobber! Choosing the right slip bobber is just as important as having the right rod & reel and line. **ESB** bobbers have several advantages that will help you catch more fish and keep rigging time to a minimum. As an example every **ESB** bobber comes with a highly polished glass bead that is molded into the top of the tube. No more loose beads to deal with! The high polished bead *won't* cut fishing line and reduced line

friction allows the line to flow smoothly increasing casting distance and accuracy, plus the bait gets to the fish much faster than an ordinary slip float. The bottom end of the tube is protected by a brass guard so the tube itself won't become worn and fray your line. The tube is made of a clear synthetic material that won't swell, split or rot plus you can see your line coming thru the tube when you're rigging up. **ESB** bobbers come in assorted sizes for bluegill to big catfish and in an array colors, plus each bobber comes *with a slip knot*. What could be better! No more frayed lines and loose beads rolling around on the floor, they cast like a dream and everything you need to rig up comes in one neat little package. ESB Bobbers are the only slip bobbers Kick'n Bass uses. (**ESB** bobbers are available at the tackle shops around the Kentucky Lake area or you can order them online at <http://www.hloutdoors.com>)

SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK



Shell Beds hold fish all year long and when you add fish attractors like brush piles and stake beds to them you can bet that crappie and other game fish will set up on them. This sweet spot was located during one of our Sonar Classes this week. We assigned a waypoint for future reference and fished this spot the following day. Even with bluebird skies and post-frontal conditions this location produced a nice limit of Crappie and several bonus Largemouth Bass. Without the use of our Lowrance HDS System finding a high percentage location 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 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, I really struggled learning to use my electronics on my own and was very frustrated having spent a ton of money investing in them. After taking your class I not only feel confident in my ability to use them, I feel much better about the investment I made.

Butch Walker – Corydon, IN

Randy, Great class and well worth the time and investment! I should have done this a long time ago. Sure has improved my fishing ...

Calvin Johnston – Homewood, ILL.

(There are several open dates in November. Call NOW to schedule your class (270)703-6133. Practice now and get ready for Spring!

You've Made a Significant Investment in Electronics. Learn to Use Them to Their Full Potential.

What is Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class"?

Kick'n Bass offers a one on one, hands on, in your boat using your electronics class that will take your understanding and know-how to another level!

IF YOU'RE **CONFUSED, FRUSTRATED, AND NEED ANSWERS then Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class" is for YOU!**

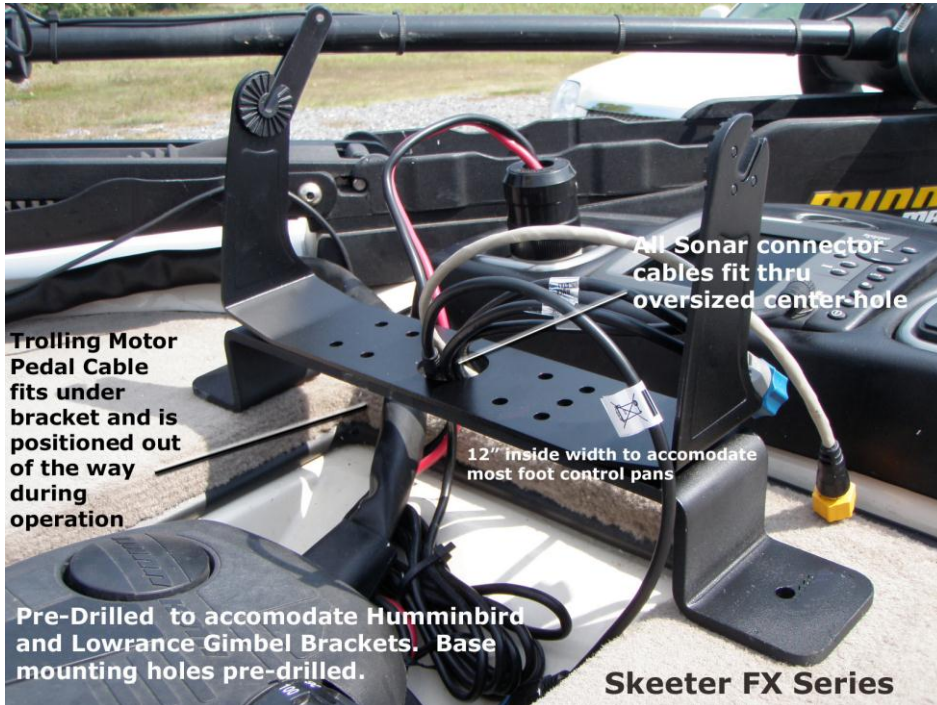
Here's just some of what Kick'n Bass can do for YOU!

- **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.**
- **Demo the unit for you to help you be familiar with the screens and commands, so you'll have a good understanding of how to use the unit and take advantage of its fish finding capabilities.**

As a bonus Kick'n Bass will help you learn to read an electronic topo map and find "places of interest" that could be potential fishing hot spots.

Introducing the Best Bow Mount Sonar Bracket Ever!

**Special Announcement ...
Factory Direct Pricing of \$59.95
(While Quantities Last)**



Here's a Quality Product that really works! I have been field testing this product since March on my Ranger Z520. Once my HDS 10 was installed **I NEVER TOUCHED IT AGAIN!** Over 180 days of abuse including pounding waves, inclement weather, hits, bumps, scratches ... you name it this baby can take it. The best news is once you adjust your sonar unit for best viewing you won't have to adjust it again, period! No more

hassling with an overpriced bracket that won't support your sonar unit or clutter the deck of your boat. This product just makes too much sense for us anglers! **Check Out These Features ...**

- Made in the USA and machined from ¼ inch heavy duty aluminum with powdered coated finish for durability and good looks.
- Easy to install. Pre-drilled for both Lowrance and Humminbird gimbal brackets (Not included). All holes are 5/16 and base mounting holes are pre-drilled for your convenience.
- No more hassle with unsightly wires and that troublesome trolling motor cable. All Sonar connector cables fit thru oversized center hole and the Trolling Motor cable fits under the bracket and is positioned out of the way during operation and storage.
- 12 inch inside width plus 2 inch base flange on each side of bracket is more than adequate to span the trolling motor pedal recessed pans on most major boat brands. Just simply measure the width of the opening on your pan.
- Bracket positions screen for optimum viewing. Center location keeps area organized and uncluttered allowing easy access when entering or exiting the bow area.
- Don't have a recessed trolling motor pedal? This bracket is an excellent choice for on deck applications too.



**Ranger Z520
Bow Mount**

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