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**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

### Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are sitting about 1.75 feet above winter pool. 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. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the low to mid 50's.

### Weather Outlook

**Friday...** Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night...** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday...** Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night...** Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 50s.

**Sunday...** Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Sunday Night...** Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

**Monday...** Partly sunny. Highs around 70.

### Prime Feeding Times For Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 11/29/12	H: 56° L: 26°	Rise: 6:45 AM Set: 4:36 PM	Rise: 5:40 PM Set: 7:32 AM Overhead: 12:12 AM Underfoot: 12:36 PM	99% Waning Gibbous	12:12 AM - 2:12 AM 12:36 PM - 2:36 PM	7:32 AM - 8:32 AM 5:40 PM - 6:40 PM	Better++
Friday 11/30/12	H: 61° L: 35°	Rise: 6:46 AM Set: 4:36 PM	Rise: 6:30 PM Set: 8:18 AM Overhead: 1:00 AM Underfoot: 1:25 PM	96% Waning Gibbous	1:00 AM - 3:00 AM 1:25 PM - 3:25 PM	8:18 AM - 9:18 AM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Better
Saturday 12/1/12	H: 62° L: 43°	Rise: 6:47 AM Set: 4:36 PM	Rise: 7:25 PM Set: 9:01 AM Overhead: 1:49 AM Underfoot: 2:12 PM	91% Waning Gibbous	1:49 AM - 3:49 AM 2:12 PM - 4:12 PM	9:01 AM - 10:01 AM 7:25 PM - 8:25 PM	Good
Sunday 12/2/12	H: 66° L: 53°	Rise: 6:48 AM Set: 4:35 PM	Rise: 8:21 PM Set: 9:40 AM Overhead: 2:36 AM Underfoot: 2:59 PM	85% Waning Gibbous	2:36 AM - 4:36 AM 2:59 PM - 4:59 PM	9:40 AM - 10:40 AM 8:21 PM - 9:21 PM	Average
Monday 12/3/12	H: 70° L: 55°	Rise: 6:49 AM Set: 4:35 PM	Rise: 9:19 PM Set: 10:15 AM Overhead: 3:22 AM Underfoot: 3:45 PM	78% Waning Gibbous	3:22 AM - 5:22 AM 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM	10:15 AM - 11:15 AM 9:19 PM - 10:19 PM	Average

## Fishing Prime Feeding Times Will Net You Better Results!

It's as important to pay attention to *when* you're fishing as it is *where* you're fishing. In 50 degree water fish don't feed as much, so paying attention to other factors that affect their feeding behavior is important. Lately it seems that they bite only during the prime feeding times and feed aggressively only every other day. I firmly believe and our results bear this out ... that paying attention to the Prime Feeding Times is very important. That's why I include them in the weekly Kick'n Bass Fishing report. In fact, this time of year I plan my guide trips to coincide with the best feeding times. Consequently we spend less time dealing with uncomfortable fishing conditions and have better fishing. Be at the best spots during the feeding times and you will most likely have better results.

**How much does water temperature affect fishes eating habits?** Fish being cold-blooded their body temperature is the same as surrounding water temperature. Fish activity slows for most freshwater game fish when the water gets cold. Metabolisms slow and fish feed less and become much more sluggish in colder water. Keep this in mind and S-L-O-W your presentation and use smaller baits and you'll have more success.

## Check out the video on the New Bow Mount Sonar Bracket

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoLvui9b91Q&feature=relmfu>



## By the Way the Bracket makes a Great Christmas Gift !

### Fishing Report



### Bass Fishing ...

Overall Bass Fishing is unpredictable but not impossible, although at times it may seem that way. LOL! Bass are being caught around grass on spinnerbaits and lipless crank baits. Some fish are being caught on crankbaits on gravel banks and rocky points. Ledge fishing is slow but a few nice fish have been taken on Shaky Heads with ZMan 4" finesse worms on 3/16 oz. PJ's Bass Extractor jig being the best combo. *(Photo) My good friend Bill Hurle from Louisville with a couple of nice ones caught on back to back casts with a ZMan Shaky Head.* Dragging the lure seems to work best. An occasional smallmouth has been caught casting grubs along the main lake points on the east side. We've observed some schooling fish shallow late in the afternoon along gravel

bars and in the back of the bays but this action is far and few between. Casting a Steel Shad blade bait has worked. The most consistent pattern has been the jerk bait bite. While this is slow fishing it has yielded us our best results. The best lure has been the SPRO McStick in the three hook version. Best locations are the North Western banks in the afternoon.

I wished I could tell you we've been loading the boat. However, the best way to describe bass fishing is, it's still unpredictable and no one pattern seems to be a sure thing. Remember don't be stubborn this time of year, be prepared to move around and try different lures and methods and you'll probably catch more fish and ... fish S-L-O-W.

## ***"Don't Wait" ... Book your spring Crappie trip NOW***



**Crappie Fishing ...** has been feast or famine for us but when it has been on it's really been good both for numbers and size. It seems the best bite is during the prime feeding times and with the lower water temps and their metabolisms slowing, crappie are feeding aggressively every other day. It's important to be at the best spots during the feeding times so take that into consideration and you will most likely have better results. *(Photo) Cliff Sites from Clarksville, Tn. with some nice crappie caught casting curly tails over submerged brush.* Deeper cover has yielded us our best success as these fish were less affected by the November frontal passages. The best depths for big fish have been 12-15 feet over submerged cover. The most productive means was to back off and cast 3/32 oz. KY Green or Blue Pearl curly tails, count them down and swim them slowly thru the

brush. Plan "B" was to tight line minnows and let them soak around the submerged cover. 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)*. Overall I'd say that Crappie fishing has been fair but again, unpredictable.

## **The Right Crappie Hook Can Make a BIG Difference!**

When the water on Kentucky Lake has had a lot more color to it spider rigging or vertically fishing over cover is a pretty good way to catch a nice mess of fall crappie. However, with the unusually clear water we've had this fall, getting up close and personal with crappie has been difficult at times for us anglers. In order to improve our catch we've adjusted our presentation in a couple of ways. This includes backing off the cover and casting curly tails mounted on lead heads with light wire hooks and using braided line with a fluorocarbon leader. Using the light wire hooks has allowed my clients and me to keep the lures in and around the cover where the big slabs have been hiding. The big advantage of light wire hooks is the angler can fish lures close to the cover without the fear of getting hung up. Having the right line is essential. We use 10 lb yellow Power Pro braid as a main line and add an 8 pound fluorocarbon leader on the business end. This set up offers several advantages to the angler; superior casting, unbelievable feel for those light biters, strength and durability. In the event one of us gets hung in the brush, all it takes is a gentle steady pull on the line and the Light Wire hook will bend and come free. Countless times we've done this and saved a retie and precious fishing time. Also when you get hung and get free it's one of the best times to get bit. Once the lure comes out, reel very slowly. Some of our best fish have been caught as the lure pops free from the submerged cover. No doubt Light Wire hooks are the way to go. A S-L-O-W retrieve works best when fishing deep brush piles.



Get your Light Wire lead heads from Ken McGregor at the ***Fisherman's Friend in Lake City (270) 362-4323***. You'll get unhung and retie less when you're swimming those curly tails thru the submerged cover.

## **SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK**



*This screen shot was taken during one of our recent guide trips. The crappie we caught were good size but deep and relating to cover but as you can see not necessarily in the cover. The image quality on our Lowrance Structurescan helped us identify the location of the fish and once we could see how they were positioned they were relatively easy to catch. Without the help of our HDS System no way would we have been able to find this sweet spot and figure out how to catch these fish.*

*Your system can produce images like this too. Participate in Kick'n Bass "On the Water" sonar class and you'll learn to use modern technology to find fishing hotspots like this.*

*You've made a Significant Investment in Electronics. Be the best angler you can be by learning to use your electronics to their full potential. For your "On the water Sonar Class" contact Lowrance Pro Staffer Randy Kuhens at [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)*

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

*Randy, since taking your class I was able to find drop offs and submerged cover that held fish on my home lake in Tennessee. I'll admit fishing was slow but I did catch a few nice bass in spots I'd never fished before. No doubt, the more I use my electronics the better fisherman I will become. Your class was just what I needed.*

*Marshall Murphy – Cookeville, TN.*

*Randy, like most folks I was pretty frustrated with my electronics. After spending a great deal of money on top notch equipment I just didn't feel I was using them to their full potential. Your sonar class changed all of that. Now I not only can use them I feel much better about my investment. There are a lot of folks out there like me and I highly recommend if someone wants to learn to use their electronics to become a better fisherman they take your class.*

*Josh Williams – Springfield, Ill.*

**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.**

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