



FISH KENTUCKY & BARKLEY LAKES  
WITH GUIDE RANDY KUHN

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### Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are sitting approximately one foot 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 50's.

### Weather Outlook

**Friday...**Showers likely. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent. **Friday Night...**Cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

**Saturday...**Showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds 5 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent. **Saturday Night...**Showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

**Sunday...**Showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent. **Sunday Night...**Showers and a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

### Prime Feeding Times For Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 12/7/12	H: 64° L: 51°	Rise: 6:52 AM Set: 4:35 PM	Rise: 12:19 AM Set: 12:24 PM Overhead: 6:27 AM Underfoot: 6:51 PM	38% Waning Crescent	6:27 AM - 8:27 AM 6:51 PM - 8:51 PM	12:19 AM - 1:19 AM 12:24 PM - 1:24 PM	Average
Saturday 12/8/12	H: 61° L: 56°	Rise: 6:53 AM Set: 4:35 PM	Rise: 1:24 AM Set: 12:59 PM Overhead: 7:16 AM Underfoot: 7:42 PM	28% Waning Crescent	7:16 AM - 9:16 AM 7:42 PM - 9:42 PM	1:24 AM - 2:24 AM 12:59 PM - 1:59 PM	Average
Sunday 12/9/12	H: 66° L: 55°	Rise: 6:54 AM Set: 4:36 PM	Rise: 2:30 AM Set: 1:38 PM Overhead: 8:08 AM Underfoot: 8:36 PM	18% Waning Crescent	8:08 AM - 10:08 AM 8:36 PM - 10:36 PM	2:30 AM - 3:30 AM 1:38 PM - 2:38 PM	Average
Monday 12/10/12	H: 46° L: 43°	Rise: 6:55 AM Set: 4:36 PM	Rise: 3:40 AM Set: 2:22 PM Overhead: 9:05 AM Underfoot: 9:35 PM	10% Waning Crescent	9:05 AM - 11:05 AM 9:35 PM - 11:35 PM	3:40 AM - 4:40 AM 2:22 PM - 3:22 PM	Average
<b>Tuesday 12/11/12</b>	<b>H: 44° L: 28°</b>	<b>Rise: 6:56 AM Set: 4:36 PM</b>	<b>Rise: 4:51 AM Set: 3:14 PM Overhead: 10:05 AM Underfoot: 10:37 PM</b>	<b>4% Waning Crescent</b>	<b>10:05 AM - 12:05 PM 10:37 PM - 12:37 AM</b>	<b>4:51 AM - 5:51 AM 3:14 PM - 4:14 PM</b>	<b>Better</b>
<b>Wednesday 12/12/12</b>	<b>H: 48° L: 30°</b>	<b>Rise: 6:56 AM Set: 4:36 PM</b>	<b>Rise: 6:01 AM Set: 4:13 PM Overhead: 11:08 AM Underfoot: 11:41 PM</b>	<b>1% Waning Crescent</b>	<b>11:08 AM - 1:08 PM 11:41 PM - 1:41 AM</b>	<b>6:01 AM - 7:01 AM 4:13 PM - 5:13 PM</b>	<b>Best</b>

# 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 ...** The best way to describe it is it's unpredictable but not impossible. No one pattern or technique stands out. Bass are being caught on crankbaits and A-Rigs 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. Dragging the lure seems to work best. An occasional smallmouth has been caught casting grubs along the main lake points on the east side. *(Photo) Ray Stanley from Madisonville with a couple of huge bass caught in the Tennessee River.* The most consistent pattern for us has been the jerk bait bite. While this is slow fishing it has yielded us some good results. The best lure has been the SPRO McStick in the three hook version. Best locations are

the long tapering North Western points in the afternoon. Not loading the boat by any means but catching enough to keep things interesting with an occasional really big fish to get your heart pumping and blood circulating real good.

## Sauger Fishing



We didn't spend a great deal of time Sauger fishing this week but when we did we managed to catch a few below KY Dam. A Sauger jig tipped with a minnow was the trick and fishing downstream from the bridge supports was the best location. Keep your bait near or on the bottom and drag it or hop

it slowly. Ken or Barb McGregor at the **Fisherman's Friend in Lake City (270) 362-4323** can fix you up with the right Sauger Jigs. They make the best around.

# "Don't Wait" ... Book Your Spring Crappie trip NOW!



**Crappie Fishing ...** has been slow on numbers but good on size. This week it's been Black Crappie with the best weighing in at 2.6 lbs. The best bite has come during the prime feeding times. 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. Deeper cover has yielded us our best success with the best depths for big fish being 12-15 feet over submerged cover. The most productive method

was to back off and cast 1/8 oz. Light Wire lead heads with KY Green or Blue Pearl curly tails, count them down and swim them slowly thru the brush. The key of course was using High Definition electronics to find the places that were holding good numbers of fish. (Photo) *Typical submerged cover holding fish.* Overall I'd say that Crappie fishing has been fair but again, unpredictable.

## Using Light Wire Hooks Will Improve Your Catch

With the unusually clear water we've had this fall, crappie have been a little spooky. 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 a recent Sonar Class with Scott Doan from Morehead, KY. The Asian Carp were active that day and we had several jumps that morning. The presence of Asian Carp is not a good thing by any means but in this case they did make for a good example of how effective your HDS can be at determining what type of species of fish are present. 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, identify fish species, shell beds, stumps and more. 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, I basically had given up on using my electronics for anything other than a glorified depth finder. I was frustrated and confused and ready to sell what I had. Your sonar class was a last ditch effort on my part to try and figure out how to use the stuff. I'm happy to say that after taking your class I am confident that I can use my electronics to their full capability. I would recommend your class for sure. Also I appreciate you making the extra effort to make sure that my system was set up properly. I never realized that my transducer was mounted in the wrong location. The images on my screen now look like the pictures in your fishing report and that's what I was after.*

*Dr. Ford Phillips – Louisville, KY.*

*Randy, The electronics class was awesome!! It probably saved me a year or better on the learning curve which will allow me to spend more time fishing instead of fumbling with my electronics. Also I was impressed with your attention to detail in making certain everything was "right" even if it meant extra effort and time ... which you definitely put in!*

*Scott Doan – Morehead, KY.*

## **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!**

**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.**

***Don't Forget That Kick'n Bass Offers Pontoon Fishing Trips. Book Your Spring Trips Now!***



Check out the pontoon video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIjrXQe4FfI>  
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