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**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

## Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are a little over 2 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 50's.

## Weather Outlook

**Friday...**Sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. **Friday Night...**Clear. Lows in the mid 20s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday...**Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 5 mph. **Saturday Night...**Clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Sunday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. **Sunday Night...**Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers after midnight. Lows in the lower 40s.

**Monday...**Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 50s. **Monday Night...**Partly cloudy. A slight chance of rain showers in the evening...Then a slight chance of rain and sleet after midnight. Lows in the upper 30s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

**Christmas Day...**Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain and sleet in the morning...Then a chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 40s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

## Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Forecast	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 12/20/12		H: 56° L: 55°	Rise: 7:02 AM Set: 4:39 PM	Rise: 11:50 AM Set: --:-- Overhead: 6:19 PM Underfoot: 5:56 AM	55% Waxing Gibbous	5:56 AM - 7:56 AM 6:19 PM - 8:19 PM	--:-- - --:-- 11:50 AM - 12:50 PM	Average
Friday 12/21/12		H: 43° L: 27°	Rise: 7:02 AM Set: 4:39 PM	Rise: 12:21 PM Set: 12:54 AM Overhead: 7:04 PM Underfoot: 6:41 AM	65% Waxing Gibbous	6:41 AM - 8:41 AM 7:04 PM - 9:04 PM	12:54 AM - 1:54 AM 12:21 PM - 1:21 PM	Average
Saturday 12/22/12		H: 47° L: 29°	Rise: 7:03 AM Set: 4:40 PM	Rise: 12:53 PM Set: 1:51 AM Overhead: 7:48 PM Underfoot: 7:26 AM	74% Waxing Gibbous	7:26 AM - 9:26 AM 7:48 PM - 9:48 PM	1:51 AM - 2:51 AM 12:53 PM - 1:53 PM	Average
Sunday 12/23/12		H: 52° L: 31°	Rise: 7:03 AM Set: 4:41 PM	Rise: 1:29 PM Set: 2:47 AM Overhead: 8:34 PM Underfoot: 8:11 AM	82% Waxing Gibbous	8:11 AM - 10:11 AM 8:34 PM - 10:34 PM	2:47 AM - 3:47 AM 1:29 PM - 2:29 PM	Average
Monday 12/24/12		H: 51° L: 39°	Rise: 7:03 AM Set: 4:41 PM	Rise: 2:07 PM Set: 3:43 AM Overhead: 9:21 PM Underfoot: 8:57 AM	88% Waxing Gibbous	8:57 AM - 10:57 AM 9:21 PM - 11:21 PM	3:43 AM - 4:43 AM 2:07 PM - 3:07 PM	Average

## 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 ...** With a lot of folks on Christmas vacation it's been a busy several days for Kick'n Bass. We've had to go multi-species to feel the tug but we've had some fun!



**White Bass ...** White bass fishing has been the bright spot this week. With the heavy current coming out of KY Dam we've concentrated on fishing the Cumberland a mile or two downstream of the Blue Bridge and found some decent schools of white bass. Concentrate your efforts near the river bends and find gravel bars with eddys and you'll do pretty good. *(See Sonar Tip of the week for what a gravel bar and eddy looks like)* The best lure hands down is the Steel Shad blade bait. It doesn't matter what color either, find the fish and they will bite. *Just so you'll know... Kick'n Bass Clients are required to wear a PFD whenever we're fishing in the river. I recommend you do the same.*

**Bass Fishing ...** no one pattern or technique stands out. With good current in the lake fishing has been fair at times. Bass are being caught slow rolling small crankbaits on 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. While the jerk bait bite is still slow it has yielded some good results. The best lure has been the SPRO McStick in the three hook version. Best locations are pea gravel east banks in the afternoon. A-Rigs are producing a few fish along deep banks with current present. Like I said no one pattern seems better than the other and we've had to switch up to catch fish but so be it.

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

**The Boat Show Season is just around the corner.  
Book now and get the dates you want!**



**Crappie Fishing ...** a Crappie here, a crappie there is kinda how it's been but if you fish long and often enough you can wind up with a decent mess. This week it's been a duke's mixture of Black & White crappie with an occasional Redear to boot. 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. 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 unhooked and retie less when you're swimming those curly tails thru the submerged cover.

***Don't Forget That Kick'n Bass Offers Pontoon Fishing Trips. Use a Gift Certificate to Book Your Trip Now!***



Check out the pontoon video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIjrXQe4FfI>  
Contact [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) for more info.

## **SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK...**



*This screen shot was taken during one of our white bass trips in the Cumberland River below Barkley Dam. With current present in the river, game fish will position themselves on the downstream side of submerged cover or bottom structure. This is an excellent time to cast a Steel Shad Blade Bait or A-Rig. My clients and I caught several stripes from this school before they got wise and moved on. 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, Just wanted to drop a quick note thanking you for the sonar class. I spent 18.5 hours and 600 miles pulling my boat Friday but I would do it over again. Your presentation, content and ability to deal with an electronics novice like me was much appreciated. At first I was apprehensive but you were able to put me at ease quickly. I'm looking forward to getting on the water and practicing with my new equipment and knowledge. I would be more than happy to recommend this class to anyone who would like to talk to someone about the experience and the training itself. You are a professional and deserve credit for the work you put into the content of this training. Please pass on my thanks to Matt Quinn and his guys at Bass & Gas, they did a great job on installing my system. Thanks again!*

*Randy Johnson - Winchester, 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.**

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