



FISH KENTUCKY & BARKLEY LAKES  
WITH GUIDE RANDY KUHENS

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**Feb. 8, 2013**

## Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are approximately 1 foot above winter pool. The gates are spilling at both Barkley & Kentucky creating significant current in the upper lake. 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 ...** Kentucky Lake ranges from stained in some of the creeks to the main lake dingy. Barkley is heavily stained in the creeks and bays and the main lake is stained. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the mid to high 40's. *Always wear your PFD and keep an extra change of clothes on board. Advise others of your fishing plans.*

## Weather Outlook

**Friday...**Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday Night...**Clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

**Saturday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. East winds around 5 mph.

**Saturday Night...**Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

**Sunday...**Showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

**Sunday Night...**Mostly cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 40s.

**Monday...**Mostly clear. Highs in the upper 50s. Lows in the lower 30s.

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## Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 2/8/13	H: 48° L: 38°	Rise: 6:48 AM Set: 5:26 PM	Rise: 5:15 AM Set: 3:59 PM Overhead: 10:36 AM Underfoot: 11:04 PM	3% Waning Crescent	10:36 AM - 12:36 PM 11:04 PM - 1:04 AM	5:15 AM - 6:15 AM 3:59 PM - 4:59 PM	Better
Saturday 2/9/13	H: 52° L: 31°	Rise: 6:47 AM Set: 5:27 PM	Rise: 5:59 AM Set: 5:08 PM Overhead: 11:31 AM Underfoot: --:--	0% Waning Crescent	--:-- - --:-- 11:31 AM - 1:31 PM	5:59 AM - 6:59 AM 5:08 PM - 6:08 PM	Best
<b>Sunday 2/10/13</b>	<b>H: 58° L: 42°</b>	<b>Rise: 6:46 AM Set: 5:28 PM</b>	<b>Rise: 6:38 AM Set: 6:16 PM Overhead: 12:24 PM Underfoot: --:--</b>	<b>0% NEW MOON</b>	<b>--:-- - --:-- 12:24 PM - 2:24 PM</b>	<b>6:38 AM - 7:38 AM 6:16 PM - 7:16 PM</b>	<b>SEASONS BEST</b>
Monday 2/11/13	H: 56° L: 46°	Rise: 6:45 AM Set: 5:29 PM	Rise: 7:13 AM Set: 7:21 PM Overhead: 1:15 PM Underfoot: 12:50 AM	3% Waxing Crescent	12:50 AM - 2:50 AM 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM	7:13 AM - 8:13 AM 7:21 PM - 8:21 PM	Better

## Fishing Report



**Crappie** is the buzz word the last two days. Cap'n Rich Bay and his son Michael (*Photo*) caught a nice limit of white crappie spider-rigging jigs over submerged brush in 12 feet of water. The hot color has been Electric Chicken.

Remember all those 9/34 inch crappie you were catching last spring ... those fish are now 11-12 inches and are ready to be caught. ***If you don't call and book your trip right away you'll miss out!***



### **White Bass & Hybrids ...**

We fished the main river channel current breaks and really caught a nice mixed bag. The Largemouth were setting up behind the submerged stumps and the White Bass and Hybrids were positioned on the drop (*See Sonar Tip of the week photo*). We're talking deep water fishing, 25-30 feet on top, using a Steel Shad blade bait and the color didn't seem to make any difference. Raising the bait gently off the bottom about a foot and letting it flutter down worked best.

**Bass Fishing ...** We didn't get to bass fish as much as I'd like but what I found was bass fishing was best in the afternoon during the prime feeding times (*The Prime Feeding Times, above, are included in our report every week*). Jerkbait on the east side and slow rolling a big spinner bait along the points at the mouths of the bays worked best for us. We caught several nice fish in the 3lb range.

### **Some Food for Thought ...**

Remember the entire lake is rarely the same temperature. Some sections of a lake may warm more quickly. This week with several warm days we experienced a change in water temperature from 43 to 47 degrees and it made a big difference in how many fish we caught. Here on KY Lake sunny afternoon hours on the eastern shore were more productive than the



early morning hours when the water temperatures had cooled overnight. This will hold true on your lake too.

Not all fish stay deep this time of year and water clarity can be a factor. Game fish have a tendency to move shallower in off-color water than in cold, clear water. Stained water absorbs heat better and the fish can be more active. Remember this time of year having a few consecutive warm days can jump-start activity.

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



*With several gates open at KY & Barkley Dams this week, the current has been very strong and the fish have reacted accordingly. During times of increased current, game fish will seek refuge and look for a place that is suitable to rest and feed. This screen shot shows a near perfect scenario ... a ledge with stumps where bass can ambush baitfish as they pass by and a drop where baitfish and other game fish can gather. We used a Steel Shad blade bait to catch several nice Largemouth and white bass and some Hybrids that turned us every which way but loose. No way would we have found this location without the aid of our Lowrance HDS System. You can find locations like this too! 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 personalized "On the water Sonar Class" contact Lowrance Pro Staffer Randy Kuhens at [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)*

**Remember ...** *The first step in our "On the Water Sonar Class" is to perform an inspection of your system to make sure the installation has been done to factory specs and all components are installed in the proper location. If adjustments are needed we can have them made prior to beginning your class. Doing so assures you that your system will perform at a high level and you'll get the most out of your time on the water.*

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

*Randy, I would like to Thank You! The sonar class really opened my eyes, increased and improved my knowledge of electronics. Now I can truly go fishing. I appreciate the remarkable professionalism and method of teaching. I would also like to thank the folks at Bass & Gas for all the technical support.*

*Larry Chatman – Clarksville, Tn.*

**The "On the Water Sonar Class" is a one on one, hands on, in your boat using your electronics instruction that will take your understanding and know-how to another level. We get it and you will too!**

## **Kick'n Bass' 7 Essential Steps to Simplify Using Your HDS System.**

**Kick'n Bass will perform the following ...**

- 1. Complete a detailed inspection on your system to certify the installation has been done to factory specs. (If adjustments are required technicians are available to fine tune your system prior to beginning your class. Doing so assures you that your system will perform at an optimum level and you'll get the most out of your time on the water).**
- 2. Check all network settings for compatibility and make adjustments if needed.**
- 3. Program the individual screens and install the overlay data that is best suits the type fishing you do. Example: Depth, Water Temp, Time, etc. Eliminate unwanted, non-practical on screen clutter that hampers using your unit to its maximum potential.**
- 4. Arrange the screens so that going from page to page is orderly and non-confusing. You'll become familiar with the screens and commands and what they'll do for you.**
- 5. Dial in Sonar and Structure Scan Graphics and choose appropriate Palette for the lakes you fish.**
- 6. Demonstrate the art of waypoint management. No more cluttered maps with useless or unproductive waypoints. You'll learn to identify which locations are waypoint worthy and how to go back to those locations without ever assigning a**



waypoint. You'll assign a waypoint once you are satisfied the location is worth saving.

7. Demo the unit so you'll be able to take advantage of its fish finding capabilities. You'll learn to identify shell beds, submerged stumps, brush piles, ledges, game fish species and more.

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.

## **The Best Bow Mount Sonar Bracket Ever! Works on Virtually all Boats ...**



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## **Don't Forget ... Kick'n Bass Offers Pontoon Fishing**

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



***Catch Fish and Have Fun on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon!***

***Don't be disappointed Book NOW and get the dates you want!***