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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are very near winter pool. Some 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

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 40's. *Always wear your PFD and keep an extra change of clothes on board. Advise others of your fishing plans.*

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny. A slight chance of drizzle in the morning. Highs around 50. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds around 5 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds around 5 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s.

Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 2/21/13	H: 37° L: 26°	Rise: 6:33 AM Set: 5:39 PM	Rise: 1:58 PM Set: 3:34 AM Overhead: 9:09 PM Underfoot: 8:45 AM	84% Waxing Gibbous	8:45 AM - 10:45 AM 9:09 PM - 11:09 PM	3:34 AM - 4:34 AM 1:58 PM - 2:58 PM	Average
Friday 2/22/13	H: 50° L: 36°	Rise: 6:32 AM Set: 5:40 PM	Rise: 2:54 PM Set: 4:14 AM Overhead: 9:57 PM Underfoot: 9:33 AM	90% Waxing Gibbous	9:33 AM - 11:33 AM 9:57 PM - 11:57 PM	4:14 AM - 5:14 AM 2:54 PM - 3:54 PM	Good
Saturday 2/23/13	H: 45° L: 28°	Rise: 6:31 AM Set: 5:41 PM	Rise: 3:53 PM Set: 4:51 AM Overhead: 10:44 PM Underfoot: 10:21 AM	95% Waxing Gibbous	10:21 AM - 12:21 PM 10:44 PM - 12:44 AM	4:51 AM - 5:51 AM 3:53 PM - 4:53 PM	Better
Sunday 2/24/13	H: 54° L: 28°	Rise: 6:29 AM Set: 5:42 PM	Rise: 4:53 PM Set: 5:26 AM Overhead: 11:31 PM Underfoot: 11:07 AM	99% Waxing Gibbous	11:07 AM - 1:07 PM 11:31 PM - 1:31 AM	5:26 AM - 6:26 AM 4:53 PM - 5:53 PM	Better
Monday 2/25/13	H: 55° L: 39°	Rise: 6:28 AM Set: 5:43 PM	Rise: 5:54 PM Set: 5:59 AM Overhead: --:-- Underfoot: 11:54 AM	100% FULL MOON	--:-- - --:-- 11:54 AM - 1:54 PM	5:59 AM - 6:59 AM 5:54 PM - 6:54 PM	Best

Fishing Report

Crappie ... Fair to good over submerged cover. Long Line trolling is picking up good numbers of fish this week and if I had to pick between vertically fishing and Long Line Trolling the nod would go to Long Line trolling since there is a ton of fish scattered on the flats. Trolling 1/16 oz jigs in Blue and Chartreuse or Electric Chicken seems to be best. *Tip ... When it's windy use drift socks they work like a charm.*

Remember all those 9/34 inch crappie you were throwing back last spring ... YEAH BABY! Those fish are now 11-13 inches and are itching to be caught. ***If you don't call and book your trip right away you'll miss out!***

Bass Fishing ...

Jerkbaits on the east side and slow rolling medium diving crank baits along the points at the mouths of the bays worked best for us. We caught several nice fish in the 3lb range. The best jerk bait was the SPRO McStick. Umbrella rigs are catching a few suspended fish. Overall bass fishing is like the weather good on some days and slow on others. With the best Feeding Times of the month upon us this should be a very good weekend to fish.

Blade Baits are still catch a good number of fish along the main river channel humps and ledges. The Steel Shad is top dawg for this type of fishing.



The importance of Fresh Water mussel beds (shell beds) ...

Freshwater Mussels play an important role in our Lakes and Rivers. Mussels, present in large numbers are commonly known around these parts as "shell beds". Mussels transform marine habitat making it suitable for themselves as well as other species. Mussels capture organic matter from the water column and use it to build a body and shell. The waste material from this process creates nutrients that are immediately available to plant life and fish to consume. During this feeding process, the mussels also filter the water they live in. You may have noticed that Kentucky Lake is much clearer now days. A lot of this is the result of an abundant mussel population.

Where mussels exist in large numbers, they form underwater beds that attract algae, which attract minnows, which in turn attract crawfish, which in turn attracts game fish. You get the idea; it's basically the start of a food chain in our lake. An ideal place to find game fish, especially bass, is around "shell beds". Here on KY Lake "Shell Beds" are golden!

SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK ...



This screen shot was taken during one of our on the water sonar classes. Fresh Water Mussel Beds (Commonly referred as Shell Beds) are a vital part of the ecosystem in our lakes. "Shell Beds" act like a fish magnet. We found this school of bass relating to a mid-bay submerged road bed covered with shells. We marked the area and came back later in the day during the Prime Feeding Time and caught several nice fish. No way would we have found this location without the aid of our Lowrance HDS System. You can find shell beds 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

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

Randy ... Just letting you know it was a pleasure to take your on the water sonar class. I learned a terrific amount of information that will be extremely useful in how I fish. I'm really looking forward to putting what I learned into action on the water. Thanks for all your help.

Quincy Stephenson – Bowling Green, KY.

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.*

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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<http://wired2fish.com/kickn-bass-sonar-bracket-review-p17741>

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

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



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

Kick'n Bass takes on the Conch Republic ...

Last week my good friend Ray Barga and I had the opportunity to slip off and fish the flats and coral reefs around Key West. While the trip wasn't long enough we made the most of it by catching many species of fish; Speckled Trout, Lady Fish, Jack Cravelle, Puffer Fish, Several Species of Sharks and several types of Snapper. We used light spinning tackle and plastic swim baits to catch all of our fish. I guess us "Redneck Green Carp" fisherman didn't do too bad ... especially Ray!



Capt. Chris Robinson & Ray Looking for Tarpon



Kick'n Bass & Ray with some real good "Specks"



My good friend Chris clowning around with my Puffer Fish. Ray with a real nice Jack Cravelle.



If you want to experience salt water fishing at its finest, visit Florida's Lower Keys and go fishing with our good friend Captain Chris Robinson. You can contact him at <http://bigkahunacharters.net/> or Call (305) 304-5498. You'll have a lot of fun, see how the other half lives and catch a LOT of fish!