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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are very close to winter pool. Some gates are spilling at both Barkley & Kentucky creating 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 are in the 46-48 degree range. *Always wear your PFD and keep an extra change of clothes on board. Advise others of your fishing plans.*

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny with a chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph in the morning shifting to the northwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Saturday Night...Showers likely. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Sunday...Showers likely. Highs in the lower 50s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

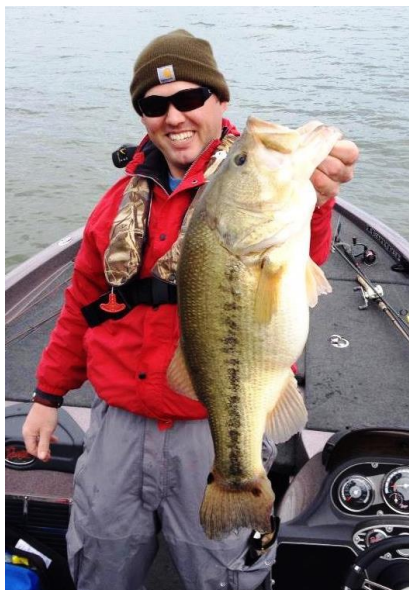
Sunday Night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Monday...Showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 3/15/13	H: 66° L: 38°	Rise: 7:03 AM Set: 7:00 PM	Rise: 9:00 AM Set: 11:07 PM Overhead: 4:02 PM Underfoot: 3:38 AM	15% Waxing Crescent	3:38 AM - 5:38 AM 4:02 PM - 6:02 PM	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 11:07 PM - 12:07 AM	Average
Saturday 3/16/13	H: 63° L: 53°	Rise: 7:02 AM Set: 7:01 PM	Rise: 9:39 AM Set: --- Overhead: 4:49 PM Underfoot: 4:26 AM	23% Waxing Crescent	4:26 AM - 6:26 AM 4:49 PM - 6:49 PM	--- 9:39 AM - 10:39 AM	Average
Sunday 3/17/13	H: 53° L: 45°	Rise: 7:00 AM Set: 7:02 PM	Rise: 10:21 AM Set: 12:02 AM Overhead: 5:37 PM Underfoot: 5:13 AM	31% Waxing Crescent	5:13 AM - 7:13 AM 5:37 PM - 7:37 PM	12:02 AM - 1:02 AM 10:21 AM - 11:21 AM	Average
Monday 3/18/13	H: 63° L: 46°	Rise: 6:59 AM Set: 7:03 PM	Rise: 11:07 AM Set: 12:54 AM Overhead: 6:26 PM Underfoot: 6:01 AM	40% Waxing Crescent	6:01 AM - 8:01 AM 6:26 PM - 8:26 PM	12:54 AM - 1:54 AM 11:07 AM - 12:07 PM	Average

Bass Fishing ...



Largemouth Bass are being caught on main lake chunk rock banks. No one lure or pattern seems to be working better than others. We've caught them on ZMan Shakey Head finesse worms and PJ's Bass Extractor jigs, SPRO McStick jerk baits, Alabama rigs, jigs and slow rolled lipless crank baits. Secondary points in the mouths of the creeks and bays are turning on especially those areas that have a feeder creek close by. *Some huge pre-spawn females are being caught too like the 8.91 pound bass caught by Marty Sisk (Photo).* Last March Kick'n Bass clients caught more bass over 7 pounds than any month.

Smallmouth Bass are being taken on main lake points on suspending jerk baits, Alabama rigs and jigs. Smallmouth are in the early stages of pre-spawn and are cruising pea gravel banks near the first drop.

Crappie ... The Kick'n Bass Pontoon has been busy! Decent numbers have been coming in fishing the flats using 1/16 oz jigs in Blue and Chartreuse or Electric Chicken. Both White & Black Crappie are being caught and the fish are above average in weight. Most fish are being caught spider rigging or long line trolling. Also Crappie are being caught vertically fishing with minnows over submerged cover in 20 feet plus depths. These are primarily White Crappie. The nice thing about the pontoon is you're comfortable no matter the weather. The big fish this week was a 3 lb. 1 oz. white crappie (Photo).



(Photo Left) Former Marshall County basketball & soccer standout Margaret Thomas and her dad Jeff enjoyed a father & daughter day on the pontoon catching crappie.

Book Your Pontoon Fishing Trips NOW!!!



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

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

SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK ...



Kick'n Bass "On the Water " Sonar Class Photo

Now this is what you call a way point worthy Location! In our "On the Water Sonar" class we emphasize only marking a location when it meets the right criteria and this location meets those requirements. This location is waypoint worth because ...

- The location currently holds fish and has permanent fish holding cover or structure. It's a safe bet this location would hold fish consistently and the angler could return time and time again and catch fish.

Maybe you have a lot of useless waypoints that are cluttering your map. Learn how to find productive fishing locations and when and how to save them in your system. Also learn how to delete those waypoints that you know aren't useful.

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

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, Thanks for a great class it was well worth the time and investment. I feel really great about my system since you worked on it and I'll become a better fisherman because of it. I'll be sure and recommend others to take your class.

Paul Richwalski – Chicago, IL.

Randy, All I can say is WOW! Very seldom is anything as good as advertised but your class went beyond my expectations. I really appreciate how you took the time and interest in seeing that my system was set up properly. Now I not only have a good understanding of how my system functions, I feel confident in my ability to use it. Thanks for teaching an old dog new tricks!

Dalton Davis – U.S.A.F (Ret.) Vincennes, IN.

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

**Works great on boats with On the Deck
Trolling Motor Foot Pedal Too!**



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

KDFWR Holds First Ever Carp Madness Tournament



The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources held "Carp Madness," an Asian carp commercial fishing tournament, this week on Tuesday and Wednesday on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley. It was open only to commercial fishermen. The primary goal of the event — believed to be the first commercial carp tournament ever — is to rid the two big reservoirs of as many Asian carp as possible and help develop a commercial market for the exotic fish. Twenty-one teams from Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee competed. The winning boat piloted by Barry Mann took home first place and \$10,000. Barry Caught

28,669 pounds of carp. The 2nd place winner Heath Frailley netted 22,005 pounds of carp. 3rd place was taken by Owen Trainer with 7,288 pounds. The tourney is the brainchild of Kentucky director of fisheries Ron Brooks, who hopes to have more tournaments in the future.



48 Pound Big Head Carp



Barry Mann \$10,000 Winner



Literally a "Boat Load" of Carp



Carp Headed to the Scales



Preparing carp for the frying pan



Very tasty and didn't last long either!

Ok, I'll admit it ... I was somewhat hesitant to try the carp at first but I found it to be quite tasty and so did the others that tried it. In my opinion it tastes like a cross between crappie and catfish. A firm white meat that is easy clean to cook too. Hat's off to Ron Brooks and his staff at the KDFWR for putting on a real good show and running a first class tournament.