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April 12, 2013

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are hovering right at summer pool give or take a few inches. 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 clearing. Barkley is slightly stained in the creeks and bays and the main lake is clearing. Surface water temps are in the 62 degree range.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Sunny in the morning then becoming partly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday Night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 4/12/13	H: 58° L: 42°	Rise: 6:22 AM Set: 7:25 PM	Rise: 7:35 AM Set: 9:51 PM Overhead: 2:42 PM Underfoot: 2:18 AM	5% Waxing Crescent	2:18 AM - 4:18 AM 2:42 PM - 4:42 PM	7:35 AM - 8:35 AM 9:51 PM - 10:51 PM	Better
Saturday 4/13/13	H: 60° L: 34°	Rise: 6:20 AM Set: 7:26 PM	Rise: 8:16 AM Set: 10:45 PM Overhead: 3:30 PM Underfoot: 3:06 AM	10% Waxing Crescent	3:06 AM - 5:06 AM 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	8:16 AM - 9:16 AM 10:45 PM - 11:45 PM	Average
Sunday 4/14/13	H: 72° L: 43°	Rise: 6:19 AM Set: 7:27 PM	Rise: 9:00 AM Set: 11:35 PM Overhead: 4:18 PM Underfoot: 3:54 AM	17% Waxing Crescent	3:54 AM - 5:54 AM 4:18 PM - 6:18 PM	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 11:35 PM - 12:35 AM	Average



Fishing Report ...Crappie, Crappie & More Crappie!

Overall crappie fishing has been pretty good this week for Kick'n Bass Clients both from the Ranger boat as well as the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. With the water rising to summer pool levels and temps elevating to the 60 degree range fish have moved towards shallower cover in 4-6 feet. Our clients have caught some real nice fish casting KY Green curly tails with Ken's Blue Pearl and Lime Green Light Wire lead heads. What's nice about the light wire lead heads is they enable you to fish submerged brush without the fear of getting hung up. If you do hang up a steady but gentle pull usually dislodges the lure and sometimes when this happens you'll get bit, this happened several times. I'd rate the crappie fishing good and getting better. With warmer weather on the way and good water levels crappie fishing will be insane. (Photo) Travis Powers with a limit catch of Black & White crappie caught casting.

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

Decent numbers of crappie continue to be caught on from the *Kick'n Bass Pontoon* while fishing the flats in the bays using 1/16 oz jigs and doble minnow rigs. Both White & Black Crappie are being caught and spider rigging or long line trolling are the best methods. Everyone is having a blast on the pontoon just check out the smiling faces in the photos!



Gary Phillips, Mickey White, Jerry Markham & Oscar Ramsey



Marilyn & Paul McCoy and Ed Warner and his son Grant



Mark Bauman, Marl Heried, Larry Geldbach & Mark Freiderich



Jerry, Tom Brown and Alan Petefish

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



Everlasting Slip Bobbers ... not just your ordinary slip bobber!

Choosing the right slip bobber is just as important as having the right rod & reel and line. **ESB** bobbers have several advantages that will help you catch more fish and keep rigging time to a minimum. As an example every **ESB** bobber comes with a highly polished glass bead that is molded into the top of the tube. No more loose beads to deal with! The high polished bead *won't* cut fishing line and reduced line friction allows the line to flow smoothly increasing casting distance and

accuracy, plus the bait gets to the fish much faster than an ordinary slip float. The bottom end of the tube is protected by a brass guard so the tube itself won't become worn and fray your line. The tube is made of a clear synthetic material that won't swell, split or rot plus you can see your line coming thru the tube when you're rigging up. **ESB** bobbers come in assorted sizes for bluegill to big catfish and in an array of colors, plus each bobber comes *with a slip knot*. What could be better! No more frayed lines and loose beads rolling around on the floor, they cast like a dream and everything you need to rig up comes in one neat little package. ESB Bobbers are the only slip bobbers Kick'n Bass uses. (*ESB bobbers are available at the tackle shops around the Kentucky Lake area or you can order them online at <http://www.hloutdoors.com>)*



Bass Fishing ... We've caught some nice fish, both largemouth and small mouth on Curly Tail grubs and Steel Shad Blade baits working gravel bars and chunk rock banks. There are tons of 12-15 inch male smallmouth bass prowling the spawning flats in preparation for the spawn. Main Lake chunk rock banks with deeper water nearby have been good areas to drag a PJ's bass extractor shakey head and ZMan 7" finesse worm. Some fish are being caught in the back of the bays near areas that drain a ridge or bank. Our best pattern since the water has come up is to fish a Steel Shad Blade Bait on a medium to slow retrieve. Best colors are Silver on sunny days and Gold on cloudy days. The Steel Shad has just the right profile to mimic a shad which is what the bass are feeding on. Think no rattle, just good vibration on a medium slow retrieve.

**Oscar Ramsey
Big Fish of the Week
2 ¾ pound White Crappie**

SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK ...

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

Randy, first off, the "on the Water Sonar class" was great! My system is now programed to have the best picture quality and have the best overall performance, which I could have never figured out on my own. I learned what to look for, how to find it, how to go to it, and how to Fish it. From what I learned today I realized that you have to know how to successfully use your electronics. It's not just looking at a bank and saying "that one looks good, let's give it a try". It is now about knowing where the fish are, seeing them on your electronics, and going and snatching the darn things out of the water and into your boat. I would highly recommend this class to anybody interested in taking there fishing to the next level.... and having a good time doing it. Thanks again.

Tyler Higgins- Georgetown, KY.



We found this school of crappie at the mouth of a major spawning cove. No doubt they were staging and feeding up as they prepared for their migration. Some rather large females in the 2 pound class were among the school which provided us a couple of hours of really good fishing. We picked off the aggressive fish casting KY Green Curly Tails and then extended the bite using ESB Slip Bobbers and a minnow. Without our Lowrance HDS system no way would we have ever found his spot. Your system can get images like this too! 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.

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 ...

Keeps your Sonar Unit Secure Too!



Works Great and keeps Sonar secure! (Photo) Note the locking mechanisms on the bracket. The Dura Safe E Locks replace the Gimbel Mount knobs and the two brackets are secured together with a Hardened Steel Master Padlock. Use Loctite 271 on the stainless steel bracket bolts and you're all set. The Mounting Bolts are safely attached thru hull requiring nefarious individuals to remove the bow panel and spend some serious time to remove the mounting bolts. Thieves are lazy. In other words trying to steal your unit would be way too much hassle and work so they move on.

Check out the product review on [Wired2fish.com](http://wired2fish.com)

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

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