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### April 19, 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: <a href="http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh">http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh</a> 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 murky. Surface water temps are in the 64 degree range with the back of the bays warmer.

#### Weather Outlook

**Friday**...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. West winds around 15 mph.

**Friday Night**...Mostly clear. Patchy frost after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 5 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

**Sunday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Sunday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday...Partly sunny. Highs around 70.

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	<b>Major Times</b>	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 4/19/13	H: 53° L: 46°	Rise: 6:12 AM Set: 7:31 PM	Rise: 1:25 PM Set: 2:19 AM Overhead: 8:13 PM Underfoot: 7:50 AM	62% Waxing Gibbous	7:50 AM - 9:50 AM 8:13 PM - 10:13 PM	2:19 AM - 3:19 AM 1:25 PM - 2:25 PM	Average+
Saturday 4/20/13	H: 59° L: 35°	Rise: 6:11 AM Set: 7:32 PM	Rise: 2:23 PM Set: 2:53 AM Overhead: 8:59 PM Underfoot: 8:36 AM	71% Waxing Gibbous	8:36 AM - 10:36 AM 8:59 PM - 10:59 PM	2:53 AM - 3:53 AM 2:23 PM - 3:23 PM	Average
Sunday 4/21/13	H: 66° L: 40°	Rise: 6:10 AM Set: 7:33 PM	Rise: 3:24 PM Set: 3:26 AM Overhead: 9:45 PM Underfoot: 9:22 AM	80% Waxing Gibbous	9:22 AM - 11:22 AM 9:45 PM - 11:45 PM	3:26 AM - 4:26 AM 3:24 PM - 4:24 PM	Average

#### Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

### **Fishing Report**



(Photo L) The Bishop Boys from Missouri with a monster crappie catch casting KY Green curly Tails. (Photo R) Rusty Burnette and his daughter Chanley with crappie caught on KY Green Curly tails.



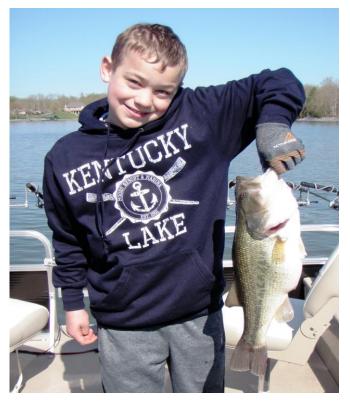
Crappie Fishing - We've had some really great trips this week despite the high winds and rapidly rising water levels. The rise in the water level has scattered the fish and some are suspending but none the less several outstanding catches have been made. With the temps elevating to the 60+ degree range, fish have moved towards shallower cover in 4-6 feet and a full blown spawn will occur around the full moon on the 25th. The Black Crappie will be the first to spawn followed shortly by the White species. The Big Black females are full of

eggs and ready to move in while the Black males are shallow preparing the nests. Our clients have caught most 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. Some clients would say that it couldn't get any better but I know it can! (Photo) Vince Marascuilo and Lynn Stage from Memphis with some Black & White crappie caught casting KY Green curly tails.

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



(Photo Top L) Dennis Meredith, Mike Herrick, Doug & Austin Story from Louisville, KY. (Photo Top R) Warren Rudy and Phil Burkhart from Wisconsin, turkey hunting guests of Jason Purvis (R) and CCW Outfitters in Marion, KY. If you like to hunt check out CCW outfitters <u>http://www.huntccwo.com/</u>



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 double minnow rigs. Both White & Black Crappie are being caught and spider rigging or long line trolling are the best methods. Currently with the crappie in transition to and from the spawning flats, the chances are good that you'll catch some nice fish. Everyone is having a blast on the pontoon just check out the smiling faces in the photos.

What's nice about this type of fishing is you can go as a group and have a good time at a leisurely pace. The pontoon can accommodate up to 6 anglers.

**Big Fish of the Week ...** Zach Heath with a huge Largemouth Bass. The Big Female was photographed and released unharmed.

# **Book Your Pontoon Fishing Trips NOW!**

Don't be disappointed Book <u>NOW</u> and get the dates you want!

Check out the Pontoon video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIjrXQe4FfI **Bass Fishing** ... Typical for this time of year a lot of patterns and techniques are coming on. The backs of the bays have been holding fish. With the water above summer pool the fish have been at the base of the bushes. We've used a ZMan Blue Fleck worm to flip or pitch the bushes to catch some really nice fish. The long slender profile on the worm slithers between the branches and gets down where the big ones are. We're pegging the 1/4 oz. sinker to the worm. *Note:* as the water recedes to normal pool levels expect the fish to be drawn from the bushed to the adjacent flats where they can be caught on lipless crank baits and Steel Shad bade baits. Best colors on the Steel Shad 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. Also the yellow flowers are holding some bass and a ZMan Chatter Bait has caught some nice fish. We've caught both largemouth and small mouth on Curly Tail grubs and Steel Shad Blade baits working gravel bars and chunk rock banks. If you like numbers there are tons of 12-15 inch



male bass prowling the flats as the big females are moving in to spawn. (Photo) Kick'n Bass with a couple of nice pre-spawn females caught flipping the bushes. Both fish were photographed and released.

SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK ...



We've been following the crappie migration for several weeks now. One thing that has been readily apparent is they've been using underwater ledges that tie into pea gravel flats as a conduit to make their way to prime spawning areas. Once we found the crappie staging on the ledges we used a Steel Shad blade bait, which emulated a baitfish nicely and stayed in the strike zone, to catch some really nice fish. Without our Lowrance HDS system no way would we have ever found schools like this. 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 <u>rk@kicknbass.net</u>

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

Randy, I knew my system had a lot of problems when I spoke to you on the phone and I was glad that you were interested in helping me resolve my issues. To be honest I had no intention of taking your sonar class but after you spent so much time working on my system I felt guilty so I decided to take it anyway. Boy was I surprised. Not only does my system function perfectly now I actually know how to use it thanks to taking your class. I'd recommend anyone wanting to get the most out of their system to contact you. This whole experience was very satisfying to say the least.

Tommy Prestigicomo – Chicago, IL. (Col. USMC Ret.)

**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 nonconfusing. 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 Pallette 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/kickn-bass-sonar-bracket-review-p17741

### Attention Crappie, Bluegill & Redear Fishermen!

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



Crappie & Bluegill Fishermen ... 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 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 )

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