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**April 26, 2013**

## Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are approximately 1 foot over pool and on a steady rise. With the abnormal amount of rain fall in the Ohio and Mississippi River basins expect TVA to hold releasing any significant amount of water downstream over the next several days. The will contribute to a steady rise in the lake levels. 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 the back of the bays 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 upper 60s. Southeast winds around 5 mph.

**Friday Night...**Showers likely. Lows around 50. Southeast winds around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

**Saturday...**Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s. East winds around 5 mph.

**Saturday Night...**Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 5 mph.

**Sunday...**Partly sunny. A 20 percent chance of showers in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s.

**Sunday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows around 50.

**Monday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

**Monday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the upper 70s.

## Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 4/26/13	H: 64° L: 42°	Rise: 6:04 AM Set: 7:37 PM	Rise: 8:57 PM Set: 6:32 AM Overhead: 1:13 AM Underfoot: 1:43 PM	99% Waning Gibbous	1:13 AM - 3:13 AM 1:43 PM - 3:43 PM	6:32 AM - 7:32 AM 8:57 PM - 9:57 PM	Better
Saturday 4/27/13	H: 62° L: 50°	Rise: 6:02 AM Set: 7:38 PM	Rise: 10:04 PM Set: 7:24 AM Overhead: 2:13 AM Underfoot: 2:43 PM	95% Waning Gibbous	2:13 AM - 4:13 AM 2:43 PM - 4:43 PM	7:24 AM - 8:24 AM 10:04 PM - 11:04 PM	Better
Sunday 4/28/13	H: 68° L: 52°	Rise: 6:01 AM Set: 7:39 PM	Rise: 11:06 PM Set: 8:21 AM Overhead: 3:14 AM Underfoot: 3:45 PM	89% Waning Gibbous	3:14 AM - 5:14 AM 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM	8:21 AM - 9:21 AM 11:06 PM - 12:06 AM	Average

## Fishing Report



*(Photo L) Dan Cunagin and Rusty Burnett from Louisville with some nice Black & White crappie.*

**Crappie Fishing** – WOW! We've had some really great crappie trips this week and some clients have caught some really nice fish. The black males have been aggressively preparing the spawning sites and have been caught in water 3-5 feet. The Black Females are being caught in staging areas adjacent to the spawning flats. Some white crappie are being caught shallow but primarily those are males. The big females are still in transition and are on the move and are holding along creek channels and transition ledges. Our clients

have caught most fish casting KY Green curly tails with Ken's Blue Pearl and Lime Green Light Wire lead heads. The light wire lead heads enable you to fish submerged cover 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 has happened several times. I'd rate the crappie fishing very good and getting better. Some clients would say that it couldn't get any better but I know it can!

## 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 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 fish up to 6 anglers. *(Photo L) Larry & Jean Hill and Koby & Drew McClane (Photo R) Elizabeth Smith, Trent & Matt Trudell all with really nice crappie caught while fishing on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.*

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

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

**Check out the Pontoon video**

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIjRXQe4FfI>**



Kick'n Bass and Walt Matan from Midwest Outdoors Magazine & Television (<http://midwestoutdoors.com/magazine>) with a nice bass caught fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. The Big Female was caught on a PJ's Bass Extractor jig and ZMan Super Finesse worm fished Shakey Head style. The bass was photographed and released unharmed.

**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 Plum Sawtail 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 ¼ oz. sinker to the worm. Casting an unweighted ZMan ZinkerZ in front of the bushes has been a real hot way to fish too. The ZinkerZ fishes like a Senko but with the ElaZtech material it doesn't tear. With rising water, the full moon and warmer temps the females are staging on the

spawning 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. Expect the first major spawn of the year to kick into high gear within days.

## ***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 [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)

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

Randy, just wanted to thank you for the class, it helped me take 12<sup>th</sup> place out of 174 boats and qualify for the championship run on Saturday.

Greg Buckingham – Ohio

Randy, 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 a lot of fun and very satisfying to say the least.

Preston Pearson III – Anna, IL.

**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 ...**

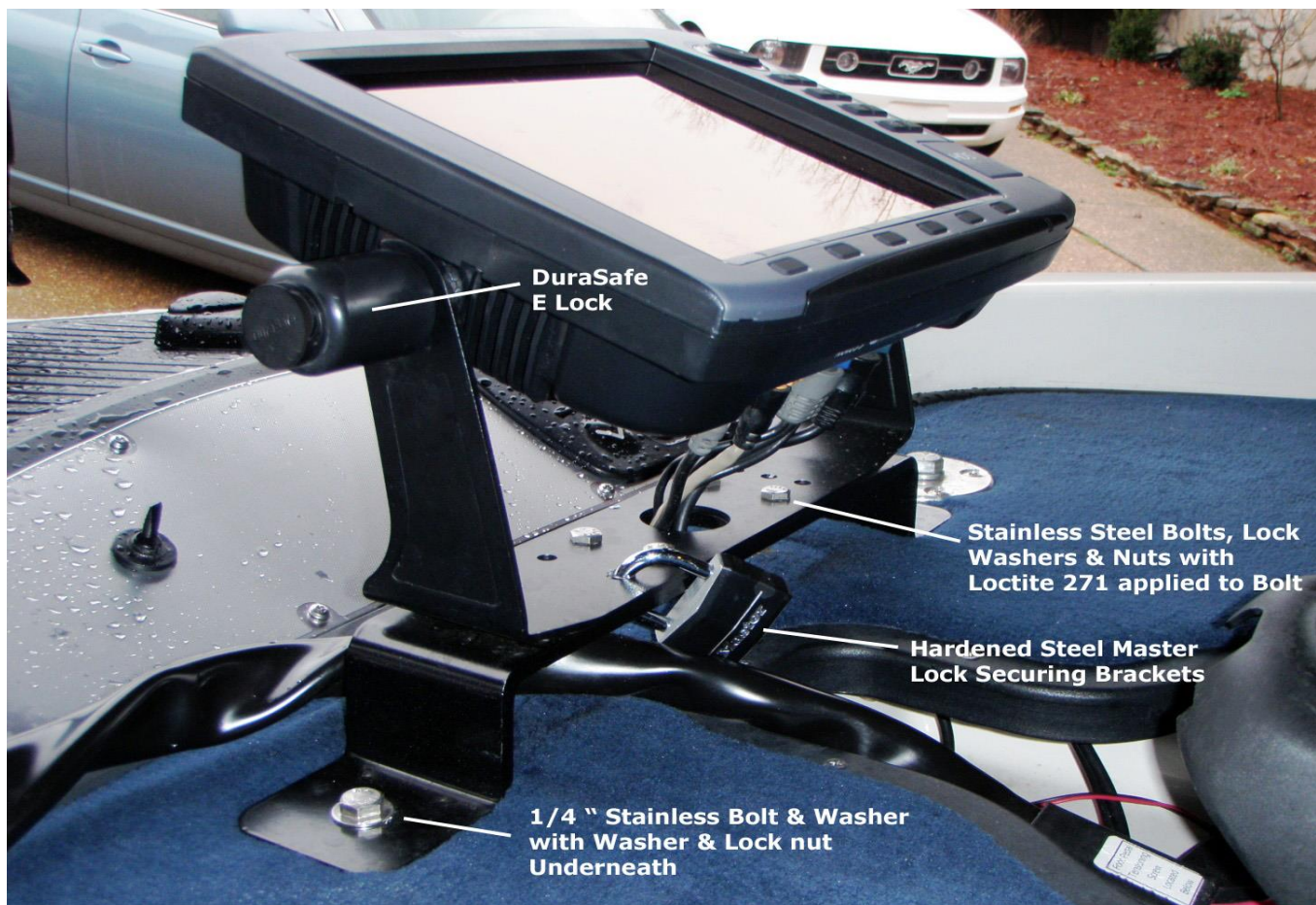
- 1. Complete a detailed inspection on your system to certify the installation has been done to factory specs. (If adjustments are required technicians are available to fine tune your system prior to beginning your class. Doing so assures you that your system will perform at an optimum level and you'll 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://www.wired2fish.com)

<http://www.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 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> )

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