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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... Note: Both Dams will be Spilling Until Further Notice. As of this morning both lakes are approximately 4 feet over pool and will remain close to that level over the next few days. Both lakes have significant current and some floating debris. 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 slightly stained in the back of the bays to the main lake clearing. Barkley is stained in the creeks and bays and the main lake is very murky. Surface water temps are in the 68 degree range with the back of the bays warmer.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Friday Night...Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 5 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

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

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

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

Monday...Mostly clear. Highs in the upper 60s. Lows in the upper 40s.

Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 5/10/13	H: 73° L: 63°	Rise: 5:49 AM Set: 7:50 PM	Rise: 6:13 AM Set: 8:37 PM Overhead: 1:25 PM Underfoot: 1:01 AM	0% Waxing Crescent	1:01 AM - 3:01 AM 1:25 PM - 3:25 PM	6:13 AM - 7:13 AM 8:37 PM - 9:37 PM	Best++
Saturday 5/11/13	H: 69° L: 55°	Rise: 5:48 AM Set: 7:50 PM	Rise: 6:56 AM Set: 9:29 PM Overhead: 2:13 PM Underfoot: 1:49 AM	3% Waxing Crescent	1:49 AM - 3:49 AM 2:13 PM - 4:13 PM	6:56 AM - 7:56 AM 9:29 PM - 10:29 PM	Better
Sunday 5/12/13	H: 63° L: 48°	Rise: 5:47 AM Set: 7:51 PM	Rise: 7:43 AM Set: 10:17 PM Overhead: 3:01 PM	6% Waxing	2:37 AM - 4:37 AM 3:01 PM - 5:01 PM	7:43 AM - 8:43 AM 10:17 PM - 11:17 PM	Good

Fishing Report



(Photo L) Mark and Kevin Scherer from Michigan with some real nice bluegill and a bonus catfish.

Crappie ... We've had some pretty good trips this week and our clients caught some really nice fish. The crappie are still in relatively shallow water but some post-spawn females are being caught on the deeper points and ledges at the mouth of the bays. Some fish have retreated to mid-bay brush piles and stake beds. This is a typical post-spawn pattern. Most fish have been caught 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 fair and improving as the females are thinking more about feeding again.

Bluegill & Redear ... Some real big bluegill are beginning to show up along with some big redear. I would say that overall we're just getting started on these species so now is the time to

be booking your trips. Both species are being caught casting a Ken's Cricket and Shelton's bluegill bug tipped with a cricket or wax worm. When the action slows we use a cricket on a ESB Slip float rig. Best depths are 3-5 feet over brown gravel banks. *(Photo) Rod Reedy from Paducah with a nice Redear caught on a Shelton's Bluegill bug.*

White Bass ... Rich has been catching them from the *Kick'n Bass Pontoon* using **Steel Shad blade baits** and **Ken's Hybrid spinners**. The whites are deep and relating to current on the main lake and near the mouth of the bays.

Bass Fishing ...

Several patterns are working and I guess you just have to pick your poison. Despite the bushes getting a real workout, some really good catches are being made flipping and pitching. Main Lake banks with flooded bushes and trees are holding fish especially where current is present. Some huge post-spawn females have left the bushes and trees and are on the flats feeding. We caught a lot of good fish casting Steel Shad blade baits along these flats. The bigger fish are using the creek channels to make their way back to the ledges. Best colors on the Steel Shad are Silver on sunny days and Gold on cloudy days. The Steel Shad has just the right profile and action to mimic a baitfish which is what the bass are feeding on. Right now is definitely Steel Shad Time. Also we've had some good success dragging shakey heads along main lake gravel points. Best lure has been the PJ's Bass Extractor jig and ZMan finesse worm. Spinner baits and Crank baits in shad pattern fished along main lake points are catching a few fish also. As you can see there is a lot of ways to catch bass you just need to pick your favorite presentation and get busy.





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

(Photo) Mitchell Bringingstool, Miles McKay and Jake Bringingstool had blast fishing on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.

*Randy, many thanks to you and Rich for the Kick'n good time we had on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon! Tony & I couldn't have enjoyed our special time with our boys if it wasn't for you guys and the pontoon. Our kids didn't want to stop fishing. We'll be sure and book another trip with you real soon. Thanks!
Chase & Miles McKay – Clarksville, TN.*

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.

Book Your Pontoon Fishing Trips NOW! rk@kicknbass.net

Sonar Tip of the Week ...



Kick'n Bass Sonar Class Photo

When you're a fishing guide it's inevitable that you'll spend time travelling in rainy and foggy weather and low light conditions. Safety is priority #1 with Kick'n Bass and a having a Page dedicated to strictly Navigation is a great tool to have when travelling the lakes. Having a screen with a detailed electronic map with Overlay Data is a must. The unit in the photo has a Navionics Premium E-6 Map card installed which shows creek channels, contour lines, channel markers and land details. While Speed, Water Temp, Time and Distance to Destination are important features to have on this page, I consider Depth, Boat Position and having a Heading Extension an absolute must. Knowing where you are, where you're headed and the depth of water you are in covers the basics of Navigation. In my opinion this is the single most important page an angler can have and is programmed into every HDS unit during our Kick'n Bass "On the Water" Sonar Class.

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, I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed your class. The screens look great and very clear. What you showed me was really easy to understand and I appreciate the patience.

Kasey King – Indiana

Randy, WOW! What a great and informative class. I learned more in three hours that I have in three years of owning my system. I'll recommend your class to all my friends and relatives.

Paul Presticomo – Chicago, ILL.

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.

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