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May 24, 2013

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are at summer pool give or take a few inches. There is a significant amount of water coming into the lake from the south but TVA is passing this water thru the Dam creating current which will keep the fish moving and actively feeding. 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 dingy in spots but clearing. Barkley is stained in the creeks and bays and the main lake is stained but clearing. Surface water temps are in the 68 degree range with the back of the bays warming to the low 70's on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night...Clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

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

Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Highs around 80.

Memorial Day...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Highs around 80.

Monday Night...Partly cloudy. 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 5/24/13	H: 70° L: 48°	Rise: 5:38 AM Set: 8:01 PM	Rise: 7:43 PM Set: 5:09 AM Overhead: --:-- Underfoot: 12:24 PM	100% FULL MOON	--:-- --:-- 12:24 PM - 2:24 PM	5:09 AM - 6:09 AM 7:43 PM - 8:43 PM	Best
Saturday 5/25/13	H: 74° L: 48°	Rise: 5:38 AM Set: 8:02 PM	Rise: 8:49 PM Set: 6:04 AM Overhead: 12:55 AM Underfoot: 1:27 PM	100% Waning Gibbous	12:55 AM - 2:55 AM 1:27 PM - 3:27 PM	6:04 AM - 7:04 AM 8:49 PM - 9:49 PM	Best++
Sunday	H: 76°	Rise: 5:37 AM	Rise: 9:50 PM		1:58 AM - 3:58 AM	7:06 AM - 8:06 AM	

5/26/13	L: 56°	Set: 8:02 PM	Set: 7:06 AM Overhead: 1:58 AM Underfoot: 2:30 PM	97% Waning Gibbous	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	9:50 PM - 10:50 PM	Better
Monday 5/27/13	H: 79° L: 60°	Rise: 5:37 AM Set: 8:03 PM	Rise: 10:43 PM Set: 8:12 AM Overhead: 3:01 AM Underfoot: 3:32 PM	91% Waning Gibbous	3:01 AM - 5:01 AM 3:32 PM - 5:32 PM	8:12 AM - 9:12 AM 10:43 PM - 11:43 PM	Good

Fishing Report



(Photo) Andy Randolph and Barry McIntosh from Illinois fished with Kick'n Bass and caught some nice Redear and Bluegill.

Bluegill & Redear ... We had several trips where we caught more than we deserved. Best tactic was to cast a **Shelton's Bluegill Bug** tipped with a piece of red worm, wax worm or cricket. Look for gravel banks in the back of the bays with some wood and you'll be in business. Remember, think deeper than bluegill and your catch will improve. By the way the Redear this year have been huge.

White Bass ... The whites are showing up with regularity and we've been catching them on **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.



Crappie ... Basically crappie fishing is a very good right now it's just being overshadowed by Bass and Redear and Bluegill fishing. We spent a couple of hours this week fishing submerged brush piles and caught a pretty good mess casting 1/8 oz. KY Green curly Tails on a Ken's fine wire lead head. Also I've observed several anglers dressing crappie at the cleaning station so we're not the only ones catching them.

The bottom line is Crappie aren't getting as much attention as they deserve with Bass, Redear and Bluegill fishing dominating the news right now.

Bass Fishing ...

A lot of fish are in transition. We've caught both pre and post-spawn fish on main lake points as well as in the bays along creek channels and drops. With the full moon the big females are on the move and are spawning this week. Fish that spawned in April are migrating to offshore structure and are being caught on main lake points and ledges at the mouth of the bays on SPRO crank baits, Shakey Heads and Spinner Baits.



(Photo L) Connor Jones and Will Lockhart from Kentucky with some real nice bass caught on PJ's Bass Extractor jigs and ZMan finesse worms fished Shakey Head style. Congratulations to both as Connor caught his first bass ever and Will boated his biggest bass ever. (Photo R) Greg Thompson and Bill Nix with some nice bass caught on Steel Shad blade baits.

At this time main Lake points are prime staging areas. Large females are heading out the ledges while others are heading to the spawning flats. The best lure for catching these fish has been the PJ's Bass extractor jig and ZMan finesse worm. Best colors are "New Money" in clearing water and sunlight and "Coppertruese" in dingy water and cloud cover. Also some huge post-spawn females are on the flats in the backs of the bays feeding along with pre-spawn females that are heading to the nesting sites. So as you can see some very specific areas are holding good numbers of fish. We caught a lot of good fish casting Steel Shad blade 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 and action to mimic a baitfish which is what the bass are feeding on.

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

(Photo) Laura Blair, Ron & Kathy McCoy form Illinois with a bunch of white bass caught fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.

Randy I want to thank you and especially Capt. Rich for the great time we had on the pontoon. The ladies had never thrown a lure before and Capt. Rich was very patient with them and we caught a LOT of fish. I can't believe how much they talked about their trip and now they have a favorite guide of all time! Thanks again! They are already figuring out when to come back.

Ron McCoy - Illinois



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Sonar Tip of the Week ...



One of the really neat things about the new Touch screen units is, by adding a HDI Transducer to the trolling motor, it enables the angler to have Downscan at the bow unit. In this photo you can see the fish and their position on the shell bed and underwater point. We caught several really nice fish from this location. With only a regular Sonar unit, it would have been easy to miss this prime location.

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, What a killer class! It was well worth the time and Investment. I am no longer frustrated and have the confidence in my ability to use my system.

Bobby Clements - Indiana

Randy, I have to admit I didn't think I was going to ever be able to use my system. I watched the videos and read the owner's manual and the more I got into it the more confused and frustrated I became. Your one on one class has taught me what I couldn't tech myself. Thanks for a great class and for being so patient with an old man!

Jacob Dennis - Bucyrus, Oh.

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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