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May 31, 2013

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are 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 slightly stained in the back of the bays to the main lake dingy in spots but clearing. Barkley is dingy in the main lake but the bays look just right. Surface water temps are in the 72 degree range with the back of the bays warming to the mid 70's on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday... Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night... Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday... Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday Night... Showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Sunday... Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. **Sunday Night...** Mostly clear. Lows around 60.

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

Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 5/31/13	H: 85° L: 69°	Rise: 5:35 AM Set: 8:06 PM	Rise: 12:47 AM Set: 12:42 PM Overhead: 6:42 AM Underfoot: 7:06 PM	50% Last Quarter	6:42 AM - 8:42 AM 7:06 PM - 9:06 PM	12:47 AM - 1:47 AM 12:42 PM - 1:42 PM	Average
Saturday 6/1/13	H: 81° L: 71°	Rise: 5:35 AM Set: 8:06 PM	Rise: 1:21 AM Set: 1:44 PM Overhead: 7:30 AM Underfoot: 7:53 PM	40% Waning Crescent	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM 7:53 PM - 9:53 PM	1:21 AM - 2:21 AM 1:44 PM - 2:44 PM	Average
Sunday 6/2/13	H: 79° L: 68°	Rise: 5:34 AM Set: 8:07 PM	Rise: 1:53 AM Set: 2:44 PM	30%	8:16 AM - 10:16 AM 8:39 PM - 10:39 PM	1:53 AM - 2:53 AM 2:44 PM - 3:44 PM	Average+

			Overhead: 8:16 AM Underfoot: 8:39 PM	Waning Crescent			
Monday 6/3/13	H: 75° L: 60°	Rise: 5:34 AM Set: 8:08 PM	Rise: 2:25 AM Set: 3:43 PM Overhead: 9:02 AM Underfoot: 9:25 PM	21% Waning Crescent	9:02 AM - 11:02 AM 9:25 PM - 11:25 PM	2:25 AM - 3:25 AM 3:43 PM - 4:43 PM	Average

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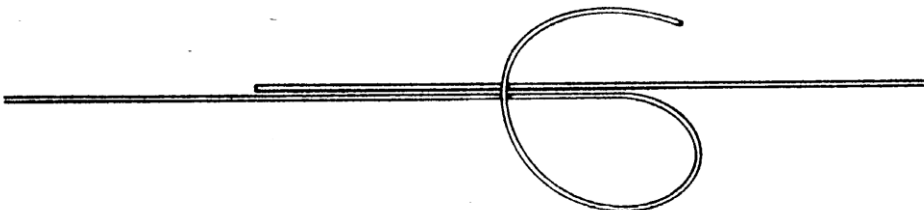
Talk about dream come true baits for the fisherman ... when you can spend more time fishing and catching and less time changing baits you know it's right!

Z-Man, the fastest growing lure brand in the U.S. and maker of the Original Chatterbait, has created a broad selection of ElaZtech soft plastics. **What is ElaZtech?** ElaZtech is a remarkable material that is as much as 10X Tougher than

other soft plastic baits. It resists nicks, cuts, and tears better than traditional soft baits. The durability of ElaZtech means you'll get more mileage from every one of these soft plastics. ElaZtech baits not only remain fishable, but with their realistic appearance, they consistently out fish ordinary plastics by a wide margin. My experience has been that baits made with this material are extremely durable yet soft enough to get a good hook set. Kinda like have the best of both worlds.

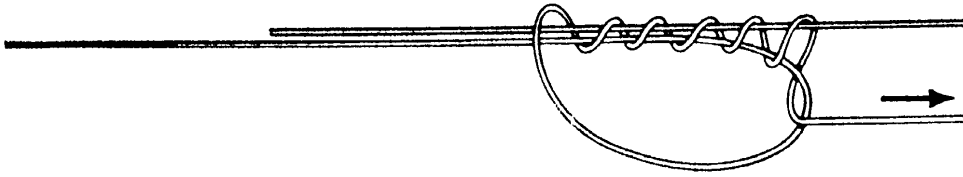
Z-Man offers so many types of plastic baits its mind boggling. In other words, if they don't have it stop looking. ElaZtech baits by Z-Man boast one of the highest Fish Per Bait ratings in the industry making them a very economical bait to use. You'll catch more fish on the same bait which means you'll spend more times fishing and less time re-rigging. I love them all especially the Finnesse worm for Shakey Head fishing. When you combine the Finnesse worm with a **PJ's Bass Extractor jig** you have one fish catching machine. Whatever your preference in baits, you can fish with confidence knowing that Z-Man ElaZtech baits will continue to outperform, fish after fish after fish! Visit the lakes area tackle shops they all have a good selection of ZMan products.

The Double Uni-Knot – My Favorite knot to join Braid and a Fluorocarbon Leader. Here's a step by step diagram of how to join the lines.

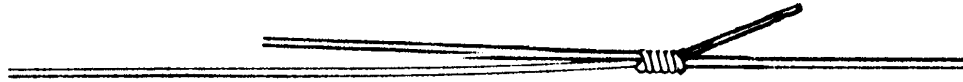


1. Overlap ends of two lines of about the same diameter for about 6".

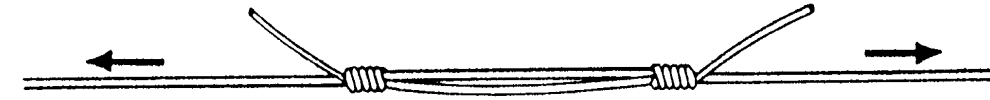
Take one end, and form the Uni-Knot circle, crossing the two lines about midway of the overlapped distance.



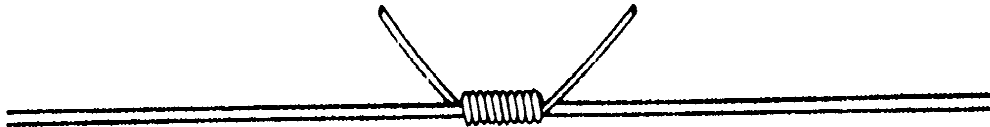
2. Tie the Uni-Knot, making six turns around the two lines (leaving the loop free).



3. Pull the tag end to form a snug knot tight around the line.



4. Tie another Uni-Knot in the opposite direction. Use the loose end of the overlapped line to as shown above and pull snug.



5. Wet the lines and pull the two standing lines in opposite directions to slide the knots together. Pull as tightly as possible and snip ends as close as possible.

Fishing Report



Bass Fishing ... at times it's about as good as it can get. Yes there are some fish on the beds but overall the bass are aggressively feeding and willing to be caught. From the back of the bays to the Ledges and in between fish are being caught. Here's a breakdown of several productive patterns ...

(Photo) Kick'n Bass with a monster post spawn female caught on a ZMan / PJ's Shakey Head combo.

Back Bay Pattern ... schools of fish are feeding on shad and these are primarily 14-15 inch fish with an occasional big female. We caught a lot of 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. If you want a lot of action this is the way to go but a 3 pounder is considered a good fish.

Secondary Points located mid-way in the larger bays are holding some bigger fish as the bass are working their way back out to offshore ledges and humps. Crankbaits and Steel Shad blade baits are your best bet. We caught several 3-4 pound fish on this pattern. Best points are those that have deeper water within a cast of the bank. Chunk rock banks with coffee can sized rocks seem to be the most productive. **Points at the mouth of the bays** are holding some really good fish. We've done several TV shows lately and we found that the submerged points at the mouth of the bays to have a good number of post-spawn females on them. The better areas were those where current was readily apparent. 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.

Ledge Pattern ... This pattern is good and getting better. *(See Sonar Tip of the Week Photo)* When we've found schools of fish on the main lake ledges 18-22 feet deep they have been cooperative.

However not all ledges have these schools. My observation is that the fish are just beginning to school up in these areas. Ledges along the secondary channels closest to the mouth of the bays are holding more fish at times but these areas are basically transition areas and the fish are there today and gone tomorrow. Best methods have been dragging a Shakey Head or a football jig with a ZMan Flappin Craw along the bottom. Our biggest fish of the week have come from the ledges with clients catching several fish between 6-7 pounds. These are post spawn females.

Boat Dock Pattern ... The boat dock pattern is a much overlooked way to fish right now. Boat docks are holding fish especially the older docks with spud poles. Spud poles are the big metal poles on the corners of the dock that allows the dock to raise up and down with the water levels. There is a lot of fry milling around the docks and baitfish and bluegills are feeding which is attracting the bass. Almost any lure will catch fish providing it is used in a finesse presentation. A ZMan Zinkerz, which is a Senko look alike, fish weightless is a very good technique for this type of fishing. Our biggest fish of the week come from a main lake dock using this method.



Bluegill & Redear ... Although the mad rush seems to be subsiding we still caught enough Redear to keep things interesting. 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.

(Photo) Kick'n Bass with a 1 lb 14oz. and 2lb 2 oz. Redear caught on a Shelton's Bluegill bug tipped with a live cricket

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 ... Ditto from last week. Basically crappie fishing is 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.

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(Photo) Tommy & Clifton Cox with Keith and John O



Donnie Beasley and his Brothers-in-law



Kari Waters & sons Justin and Dalton

Sonar Tip of the Week ...



These fish are positioned on a secondary ledge at the mouth of a bay on a shell bed. Note the absence of baitfish. These fish were in a non-feeding mode. Once we figured that out, we drug a Shakey Head thru the school and we finally got them to bite. We caught several nice fish from the school before they got wise and moved on. 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 and really see what's down there. Using only a regular Sonar unit, it would have been easy to miss the fact that there were no baitfish present and we may have used a more aggressive method to fish thus missing out on a good fishing catching opportunity. Sometimes it's the little things that can make a difference in angling success.

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, the class was well worth the time and Investment. I feel very confident that I'll be able to put my electronics to good use going forward.

Nate Williams – Indiana

Randy, I watched the videos and read the owner's manual and the more I got into it the more confused and frustrated I got. Your one on one class answered a lot of questions for me. Thanks for a great class!

Don James – Cincinnati, 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.*

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Kick'n Bass' 7 Essential Steps to Simplify Using Your HDS System.

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- 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.
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