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**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

## Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** Both lakes are approximately 2 feet above summer pool and projected to be at 3 feet over pool by Saturday. Both Dams are spilling creating significant current in the upper lakes. 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 ...** The water color varies and conditions in both lakes are changing daily. Some minor floating debris are present on both lakes. Main Lake surface water temps are in the 82 degree range with temps in the bays rising in the afternoons on sunny days.

## Weather Outlook

**Friday...**Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night...**Clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds 5 mph.

**Saturday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 5 mph.

**Sunday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

**Sunday Night...**Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

**Monday...**Partly sunny with a chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

## Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 7/11/13	H: 84° L: 72°	Rise: 5:43 AM Set: 8:13 PM	Rise: 8:55 AM Set: 10:00 PM Overhead: 3:32 PM Underfoot: 3:10 AM	10% Waxing Crescent	3:10 AM - 5:10 AM 3:32 PM - 5:32 PM	8:55 AM - 9:55 AM 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Average
Friday 7/12/13	H: 83° L: 63°	Rise: 5:43 AM Set: 8:13 PM	Rise: 9:52 AM Set: 10:31 PM Overhead: 4:16 PM Underfoot: 3:54 AM	17% Waxing Crescent	3:54 AM - 5:54 AM 4:16 PM - 6:16 PM	9:52 AM - 10:52 AM 10:31 PM - 11:31 PM	Average
Saturday 7/13/13	H: 87° L: 63°	Rise: 5:44 AM Set: 8:12 PM	Rise: 10:50 AM Set: 11:02 PM Overhead: 5:01 PM	26% Waxing	4:38 AM - 6:38 AM 5:01 PM - 7:01 PM	10:50 AM - 11:50 AM 11:02 PM - 12:02 AM	Average

			Underfoot: 4:38 AM	Crescent			
Sunday 7/14/13	H: 88° L: 67°	Rise: 5:45 AM Set: 8:12 PM	Rise: 11:50 AM Set: 11:35 PM Overhead: 5:46 PM Underfoot: 5:23 AM	35% Waxing Crescent	5:23 AM - 7:23 AM 5:46 PM - 7:46 PM	11:50 AM - 12:50 PM 11:35 PM - 12:35 AM	Average
Monday 7/15/13	H: 91° L: 70°	Rise: 5:45 AM Set: 8:11 PM	Rise: 12:51 PM Set: --:-- Overhead: 6:35 PM Underfoot: 6:10 AM	50% First Quarter	6:10 AM - 8:10 AM 6:35 PM - 8:35 PM	--:-- - --:-- 12:51 PM - 1:51 PM	Avera

## **Go Shallow or Stay Deep? How a Guide Deals With Rising Water levels and Strong Lake Current**

Unusual for July for sure but right now us anglers are being faced with rapidly rising lake levels and strong lake current on the sister lakes. Has your ledge bite changed? Mine sure has! Changing water conditions have become a key factor in a matter of hours. The major problem in fishing fast rising water is locating the fish. Rising water scatters the fish, and often it moves them quickly. Fishing patterns you may have been using previously can basically go out the window overnight. Rising water and strong current is a double whammy. Fish scatter because the food is being scattered too while new cover becomes available.

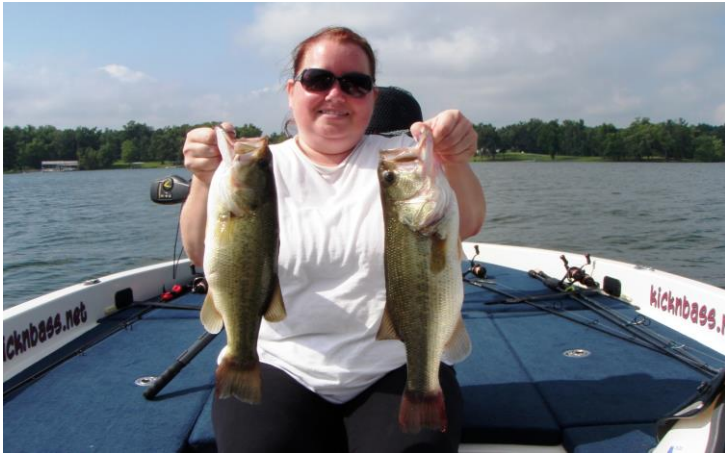
Forage is more abundant right now. In addition to our healthy shad populations we currently have an abundance of spawn fry that is now reaching the 1½ to 2 inch size here on Kentucky & Barkley creating a smorgasbord for all game fish but it is also now much more widespread. Even though fish may become more aggressive during rapidly rising water and high current conditions, the fish are moving, and that in itself makes them more difficult to pattern.

Because fish are moving shallow, the first thing I do is concentrate on the main lake shoreline. However simply casting randomly at the bank doesn't automatically mean you'll find bass. There will be areas that hold bass but the majority of the "look good" areas won't. Remember our lakes are basically river run systems and current is a big factor. Steeper bluff banks, major shoreline points, and rock banks on the main lake really come into play now especially when the form a current break or eddy. Man-made structures or cover come into play now too. One of our most productive areas this week was fishing current breaks and eddies around main lake docks. Using our *Lowrance Touch Screen 12* in Sidescan mode helped identify these productive areas. We caught some very healthy bass that were chasing fry and in fact we had several instances whereby the fish regurgitated the fry as we released them.

Go deep, again? Another pattern, although not quite as effective as our shallow water pattern, was to look for deeper isolated cover or structure that offered a current break (*See Sonar Tip of the Week Photo*). Fish will stage in front and behind the current break and even suspend 3 to 4 feet above this cover and they'll definitely hit a Steel Shad blade bait, jig and Shakey Head.

I'm sure that some of you have patterns that are working but this I know for sure taking the above approach saved my rear end this week and worked well for my clients and me. I hope this little bit of insight helps you too!

## Fishing Report



**(Photo) Congratulations to Marcy Padgett of Clarksville, TN. who caught her first KY Lake Largemouth bass and then some fishing shallow current eddies with Kick'n Bass.**

**Bass Fishing ...** Once we got over the rising water & extreme current hangover it was business as usual catching good numbers and better than average size. A couple of patterns developed and both are relating to current ... in some areas baitfish are schooling shallow and anywhere an eddy is present. This means main lake points with current breaks. Steel Shad blade baits are hot as well as your favorite

plastic. Don't be surprised to see largemouth in the "jumps" mauling baitfish. This morning we had three schools working and we took our time and worked the areas over rather than chase the schools.

**Ledge Bite ...** Finding the ledges with stumps or rock piles is the key. The Largemouth are using whatever kind of current break they can find; stumps, rock piles, man-made cover, etc. and are ambushing baitfish as they swim by. We found a couple of ledges with rock piles that were especially productive. The free-style football head type Shakey Heads worked well for us with 5/8 being a good choice. ZMan Flappin Craws and 7" finesse worms worked good on the football heads but the Steel Shad was the best bait. The Steel Shad profile mimics a shad to a "T". Ripping it off the bottom seemed to work best. Smallmouth are mixed in with the Largemouth too.



**White Bass ...** Fishing is Phenomenal and it seems we can't do any wrong at times. I probably just jinxed myself by saying this but the fact is the white bass fishing is great and the Yellow Bass are running better than average. 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. **(Photo) Steve & Nolan Johnson and Jeff Hash from Louisville with a killer catch of Whites and Yellows.**

**Bluegill & Redear ...** The mayfly hatch is on again off again but if you find a hatch stop and fish that location. With the water up the overhanging tree limbs are real close to the surface. Cast to the tree shake the limb and watch the Mayflies hit the water and it's game on. Take a Shelton's Bluegill bug or a Ken's cricket tipped with a piece of red worm, wax worm or cricket and get busy!

**Catfish ...** While we didn't fish for cats specifically one couldn't notice how many we caught this week on the Steel Shad blade bait.

**Crappie ...** I've seen some anglers cleaning crappie at the cleaning stations so I know they're being caught but with the great Stripe and Bass fishing we didn't get to fish for crappie this week therefore there is no report on this species.

**Remember we only report what happens in our boats and do not use outside sources for information.**

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



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## Sonar Tip of the Week ...



Very few things disorient fish more than a rapid rise and a strong release at the Dam. That's exactly what happened this week when the lake rose 2 feet in about 36 hours and TVA opened the gates at the Dam. These conditions can initially confuse the fish. However, the fish will soon re-acclimate and begin feeding again, seeking areas that are best suited for this purpose. Feeding patterns, fish holding locations and even lure selection are now basically current related. Finding current breaks where game fish can rest and feed is essential to successful angling. During one of our guide trips this week we found these isolated rock piles which created an eddy and a haven for bass, stripes, catfish and even sauger. We ripped a Steel Shad blade bait off the bottom to catch a couple hours' worth of fish and a mixed bag at that. The areas directly down current from the rock piles and especially the saddle area were quite productive. Recognizing the challenge and being faced with these conditions before certainly helps when it comes to knowing WHAT to look for but let's face it, without our Lowrance HDS system no way would we have found WHERE the fish were holding. If you want to get more out of your HDS system contact [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) for your personal "On the water Sonar Class"

**Read the owner's manual or watched a DVD and still baffled? Let's clear up your Sonar confusion. Have your unit(s) programmed and optimized**

**by someone who depends on the HDS technology daily. Together we can make your system more user friendly and you'll get more out of your system.**

**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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