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New TV Show Featuring Kentucky Lake ...



Feel-n-Reel TV

Feel-n-Reel is a new show dedicated to showcasing Kentucky Lake and all it has to offer.

Feel-n-Reel TV is fun to watch and offers something for everyone. If you're new to the game of fishing then this show will get you hooked. If you're an old hand it'll get your juices flowing. You'll even gain a little knowledge and become a better angler by checking out the Feel-n-Reel weekly Fishing Tips and Tech Tips on things like High Definition Electronics and Trolling Motor repairs.

Feel-n-Reel TV keeps it real. The show is fun to watch, yet realistic. Experience firsthand what it is like to spend a day on the water in search of those fishing hot spots.

Feel-n-Reel is produced by Time Warner Sports and available on your local Time Warner affiliate so check your local guide for times and showings. Also if your local affiliate doesn't carry the show it is available weekly on Youtube TV.

Here's link to our website where you can view this week's episode ... <http://feel-n-reel.com/index.htm>

***** Fishing Report *****

Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... Both lakes are about 2 feet below 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 ... The water clarity in both lakes is ideal for fishing. Some areas are clearer than others but overall water quality is looking real good. Surface water temp is 78-80 degrees depending on where you're fishing.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. West winds 5 mph. Highest heat index readings around 102. **Friday Night**...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 5 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Highest heat index readings around 100. **Saturday Night**...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. **Sunday Night**...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Labor Day...Partly sunny. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 80s. **Monday Night**...Clear. Lows around 60. Highs in the mid 80s.

Crappie ...



We filmed Episode #5 of our TV show **Feel-n-Reel** this week on Tuesday. Our special guest was Doug Wynn of Benton, KY. Many of you know Doug as an award winning Taxidermist and waterfowl guide. Let me tell you, he's no slouch when it comes to Long Line Trolling crank baits for Crappie. Eric and I had a blast with Doug and we caught a real nice mess of crappie and a smorgasbord of other fish too. Be sure and watch for the show featuring Doug to be on in a couple of weeks.

Kentucky Lake, a Crank Baiters Paradise ... for Crappie too!

If you haven't trolled crank baits for crappie then you don't know what you're missing! This week we got a chance to put this technique to action when we filmed a segment for **Feel-n-Reel TV**. In August here on KY Lake crappie are hanging out along secondary ledges and deeper flats feeding up on shad. Trolling crank baits is a great way to catch good numbers of fish and some big ones too. This method allows you to work the flats and channel ledges and cover a lot of ground quickly and put a lot of fish in the boat.

It all starts with having the right set up. Some folks troll with their big motor but I'm convinced that the big motor spooks the fish. We powered the *Kick'n Bass Pontoon* with our 36 volt 101 pound thrust Minn Kota Terrova I-Pilot trolling motor. The thing is a beast. We trolled for three hours non-stop at 1.8 mph and still had plenty left. We're talking searching for suspended fish and looking for crappie relating to schools of shad so our Lowrance HDS Electronics with Structurescan played a real important part in finding the fish. Running the unit in split screen mode; Chart on the left and Downscan on the right, we used the Electronic Topo map to position the boat near the ledges. The



Downscan screen identified where the fish were and at what depth they were holding. At times we could almost call our shot when we were going to get bit. Turning on the Trails feature laid down a track that we could revisit and we did so on more than one occasion and caught fish.

Speaking of non-stop, that's exactly what it means. To be successful it is imperative that you keep the crank baits moving at all times even when you're making a turn or in the event one gets hung up. If the lure gets hung you unceremoniously break it off. This is on the go, non-stop fishing and being on the



move keeps the lines from getting tangled too. We used *Troll Max* rod holders and positioned one each on the rear corners and another near the console and one on the side rail directly across from the console. The corner holders had two 7' medium action Shimano bait cast rods with Shimano line counter reels loaded with 10lb. Vicious hi-vis monofilament line run out to about 125 feet. The side holders each had a 14 foot rod and a dropper rod. The 14 footers with a 300 series crank were lined out to about 100 feet and the dropper rod, which had a 3' leader with a 5 ounce weight on it and a 100 series Bandit crank bait, was lined out so it ran in the 7-8 foot range. The corner rods ran both a 200 and a 300 series crank bait lined out to 125 feet. Between the two sizes we covered the 12-18 feet strike zone which is where the fish were holding. The bass rods were long handles and trigger type which kept them securely in the rod holders. The hi-vis line was especially effective in locating where the lines were running. (Photo) Doug Wynn with a couple of good ones caught trolling crank baits.

I mentioned earlier that this is non-stop fishing and when you got a fish on the movement of the boat would force the fish to the surface where you could see it. One of the keys to landing the fish was to reel in slowly and basically plane the fish on top. Cranking the fish in too fast could cause the fish to roll end over end and pull off. The hi-vis line aided in guiding the fish between the lines and into the net. Actually landing the fish was pretty easy despite the number of lines that were out. Speaking of the net, we used a *Cummings* expandable handle net that extended out to 12 feet and really aided in landing the fish. Lure Color and size didn't seem to make a big difference either, we caught fish on a variety of colors and at several different depths.

This method catches big fish too! We didn't catch a fish that wasn't a keeper. I guess it takes a pretty big fish with a little attitude to tussle with a crank.

This is about every detail you need to know except one ... where to fish. You'll have to figure that one out on your own or go with us ...

Bass Fishing ... This has been a good week to fish. My clients and I, especially later in the week, have gotten on some pretty good fish. The top water bite has been good, Boat dock fishing has been consistent and the Ledge bite has gotten better each day. We've basically used a 1,2,3 punch with going with top water early, transitioning to the main lake boat docks mid-morning and finishing up by working the ledges. Here is our recipe for success this week ...

Top Water Bite ... Best areas are towards the back of the bays and any top water with a prop on the back seems to out produce one without. Our best fish and numbers came on a Tiny Torpedo in Shad color or the small Sammy fished slow and with a long pause. Good numbers including one 6.6 pounder.

Boat Dock Pattern ... Cast a ZMan ZinkerZ *Flick Shake* style and gently shaking the worm around the spud poles can enticed even the most stubborn fish. This technique takes a lot of patience but it works. The spawn fry are now large enough for the bluegill and there is tons of shad around the docks and the bass are making life miserable for all of them. The best docks are ones that have spud poles on the corners and very close to deeper water. Remember this is a finesse presentation.

Ledge Fishing ...The best ledges for us have been main lake ledges during times of slack current. When the generation starts, both main and secondary ledges produce. Look for shell beds with stumps. Zman Shakey Heads and football head jigs dragged on the bottom were the best lures. Best depth was 18-22 feet.

Stripe Bass Fishing ... We've caught a fair amount of fish in the jumps at the mouths of the creeks and bays and on the main lake flats adjoining the Tennessee River Channel. These jumps are fast and furious and sometimes don't last very long but have produced some very nice fish. Remember when the surface action subsides to let the **Steel Shad blade bait or Ken's Hybrid Spinner** drop below the feeding school ... you'll be surprised how many you can catch that way. Also stripes are schooling along main lake ledges. We used our Lowrance HDS System to find these schools and when we did we really caught them

Catfish ... We didn't fish specifically for cats this week but boy did we catch a lot of them. Every day we were out we caught several on Steel Shad blade baits when we were fishing for bass. I can't imagine what it would be like if we concentrated our efforts on just cat fishing.

Bluegill & Redear ... No Report

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Sonar Tip of the Week ...

Ledge Fishing with the Latest Technology



Kick'n Bass Guide Service Photo

A ledge fisherman's dream comes true ... We found this ledge chock full of bass while fishing from the Pontoon. We caught a bunch of them on Shakey Heads before the school got wise and moved on. Without the use of our Lowrance HDS System finding a hot spot like this would not have been possible. Participate in Kick'n Bass "On the Water" sonar class and you'll learn how to use technology to find fishing hotspots like this. For your own personal "On the water Sonar Class" Contact rk@kicknbass.net you'll be glad you did!

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

Randy, I really enjoyed my Sonar Class. It is a First Class, Class, no pun intended. Getting my units programed and getting my Pilot-1 calibrated was worth the price alone. You showed me more today than I would probably figured out on my own in 2 years. These Lowrance units are Awesome. The programed screens really add a lot to the features that these units have. You did a great job, and I will recommend your class highly. In fact I already did today. Thanks again !

George Kristoff - Bloomington, IN.

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.

