



FISH KENTUCKY & BARKLEY LAKES  
WITH GUIDE RANDY KUHENS



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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 this week's episode ...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzP1o7N5Ebk&feature=youtu.be>

## \*\*\* 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](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...**Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 5 mph in the morning shifting to the north around 5 mph in the afternoon.

**Friday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 5 mph.

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

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

**Sunday...**Mostly sunny. Highs around 90.

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

**Monday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

**Monday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

### Prime Feeding Times – Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 8/22/13	H: 89° L: 68°	Rise: 6:15 AM Set: 7:35 PM	Rise: 8:23 PM Set: 8:01 AM Overhead: 1:51 AM Underfoot: 2:17 PM	96% Waning Gibbous	1:51 AM - 3:51 AM 2:17 PM - 4:17 PM	8:01 AM - 9:01 AM 8:23 PM - 9:23 PM	Better++
Friday 8/23/13	H: 87° L: 70°	Rise: 6:16 AM Set: 7:33 PM	Rise: 8:59 PM Set: 9:06 AM Overhead: 2:42 AM Underfoot: 3:07 PM	91% Waning Gibbous	2:42 AM - 4:42 AM 3:07 PM - 5:07 PM	9:06 AM - 10:06 AM 8:59 PM - 9:59 PM	Good
Saturday 8/24/13	H: 88° L: 69°	Rise: 6:17 AM Set: 7:32 PM	Rise: 9:34 PM Set: 10:10 AM Overhead: 3:32 AM Underfoot: 3:56 PM	84% Waning Gibbous	3:32 AM - 5:32 AM 3:56 PM - 5:56 PM	10:10 AM - 11:10 AM 9:34 PM - 10:34 PM	Average
Sunday 8/25/13	H: 89° L: 66°	Rise: 6:18 AM Set: 7:31 PM	Rise: 10:11 PM Set: 11:11 AM Overhead: 4:20 AM	75% Waning	4:20 AM - 6:20 AM 4:44 PM - 6:44 PM	11:11 AM - 12:11 PM 10:11 PM - 11:11 PM	Average

			Underfoot: 4:44 PM	Gibbous			
Monday	H: 89°	Rise: 6:18 AM	Rise: 10:50 PM				
8/26/13	L: 69°	Set: 7:29 PM	Set: 12:10 PM	66%	5:09 AM - 7:09 AM	12:10 PM - 1:10 PM	
			Overhead: 5:09 AM	Waning	5:33 PM - 7:33 PM	10:50 PM - 11:50 PM	
			Underfoot: 5:33 PM	Gibbous			

**Bass Fishing ...** I know this must sound like a broken record but this has been another tough week for us and when I say that I don't necessarily mean that we didn't catch fish it's just that we had to really work very hard for them and at times it was a long time between bites. No one pattern stood out. We caught some on the ledges on crank baits and soft plastics and some in the back of the creeks and bays on Steel Shad blade baits and lipless crank baits. There is still a ton of shad in the back of the bays and around boat docks! The one bright spot was the TOP WATER BITE ...

**Top Water Bite ...** This has been great for numbers and pretty good for size. Anytime you can catch bass on top it's a good thing. 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 on Shad color and fished with a slow retrieve and long pause.

**Boat Dock Pattern ...** this had been a VERY consistent way to catch some pretty good bass for several weeks now but has seemed to wane a bit but none the less we did catch some fish using this technique. 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 are near the secondary channel and especially those with wood on them. 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

**Bluegill & Redear ...** while we didn't fish for these specifically I did see some pretty nice fish at the cleaning station this week and with the on again off again mayfly hatches no doubt they were caught underneath overhanging tree limbs and around boat docks casting bug baits tipped with a cricket or wax worm.

**Catfish & Crappie ...** No Report

**Catch Fish & Have Fun on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon**  
**October is Fall Break So Book Your Trip NOW**

If family fishing is your thing or just getting a group together to fellowship then the Kick'n Bass Pontoon is for you! If you want to have a Kick'n Good Time and catch some fish then you ought to book a trip on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. Pictures tell the story. Check out the smiling faces. These folks had a BLAST!

***Get Your Family or Friends Together and Book Your Trip Now!  
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## ***Blade Baits For Schooling Bass!***



### ***Bade Baits and Shell Beds ... an unbeatable combination!***

Blade baits come in many forms but a personal favorite and the choice of many Kick'n Bass client's is the Steel Shad. Over the past several seasons the Steel Shad has been the #1 selling blade bait in our area and probably yours too. The Steel Shad has the action and look that most mimics the size of the baitfish this time of year plus it's easy to fish. Bass are chasing shad and schooling on shell beds at the mouth of the many bays on Kentucky Lake. Bass are notorious for roaming and following schools of baitfish. Look for shell beds in the 10- 13 ft. range near a ledge. This is a great place to start. I especially like these areas if they're located close to the mouths of main lake bays. Using your

Lowrance High Definition Electronics to find these likely spots will offer you a better chance at finding bass this time of year. Shell Beds + Shad + Blade Bait = Bass in the boat. Choosing the right size lure and fishing equipment for this type of fishing is easy. The Steel Shad comes in only one size and your favorite spinning combo or bait casting outfit will work; just remember that the rod needs to about 7', can handle the weight of the lure and has an extra fast tip to get the distance on your cast. The line choice is much more important for a lot of reasons. Since there is a possibility that you could be making extra long casts, you'll want a line that will launch the bait a great distance and doesn't have any line stretch. A combination of a braided main line and a fluorocarbon leader is just what the doctor ordered. The braid and fluorocarbon leader allows one to feel the bait vibrating and, with no line stretch, the hook sets are true. This line set up has proven to be far superior to just mono or fluorocarbon. My personal choice is a 10 lb Power Pro braid and a P-Line 100% 10 lb fluorocarbon leader. The two lines are joined using a double uni-knot. Experience has shown that more fish will be hooked and landed on the braid combo because of the sure hook-sets and lack of line stretch. Catching fish on this bait is not as difficult as you might think. Actually working the lure is pretty simple. There are several ways to use this bait but it's most important that you match the retrieve to the mood of the fish. Two of the most effective methods are the yoyo retrieve, which works well on aggressive fish, or a slow steady retrieve for those fish that are not so aggressive. Start by casting the lure and let it fall to the bottom. You'll know it's on the bottom when you get some slack in your line. Using the yoyo retrieve you'll want pull the lure off the bottom about a foot ever so gently but still feel the vibration of the lure. Let it fall to the bottom on a semi-tight line. Drop your rod tip, take out the slack and repeat the process all the way back to the

boat. A lot of the strikes will come as the bait is falling. The reasoning behind this retrieve is; bass are mauling baitfish and if they don't swallow it head first they have to spit it out to swallow it correctly. Some of the stunned baitfish fall to the bottom and the bass has to go get it. Other times when I feel a strike but no hook up I immediately drop the bait to the bottom and then steadily bring it back to the boat. This mimics a stunned baitfish coming back to life and trying to get out of harms way. On active

fish a steady retrieve works well and it's just what it says it is. Make a long cast let the lure drop to the bottom. Then take up the slack, give the lure a little jerk to get it started and reel in at a slow pace, just enough to keep the bait off the bottom and vibrating. You'll know it when you get a fish on ... the braided line will transmit those strikes and you'll have a better than average chance at landing the fish. Blade Baits are fun, productive and easy to use. Don't be surprised when you catch a mixed bag either. Crappie and White bass love these baits too. (Photo) Tom Norvell and my good friend Eddie Caldwell from Danville, Kentucky with some nice bass



caught on Steel Shad blade baits.

## Sonar Tip of the Week ...



Plain and simple ... If your screen doesn't look like this we need to talk! To learn how to use the important functions of your HDS system contact [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) for your own personal "On the water Sonar Class". 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,  
*This past weekend my brother in-law Tom and I went to Truman Lake and located schools of crappie submerged over deep brush and guess what? We limited out both days! To be honest we had fished the area before with minimal success. No doubt what we learned in your sonar class made the difference. I know I still have a lot to learn but I really feel like I've made significant progress and I feel much better about my investment. Thanks for teaching an old dog some new tricks!*

Frank Foley – St. Louis, Mo.

**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.**

## Ranger Boat for Sale

This boat has been well taken care of and maintained. Always garage kept. Used but never abused. The boat handles and runs flawlessly.

My reason for selling the boat is, as a co-host on Feel-n-Reel TV it's in the best interest of our sponsors to have a current model boat on display. Therefore, a commitment has been made on a new boat and this one has to go at the Discounted Price.

Here are the particulars ...

2008 Ranger Z520

**2010** Evinrude Etec 250 HO.

BRP Extended Warranty until **March 2016**

Pro-Series Power Pole (1)

Fury Prop

Bob's Hydraulic Jack Plate

Led lighting in compartments and deck

(2) Lowrance Touch Screen 12's w/ HDI Transducer on Trolling Motor for Downscan on Bow. External 4000 antenna on rear deck.

Kick'n Bass Bow Mount Sonar Bracket for Touch Screen 12 on bow.

DuraSafe eLocks on both Touch Screen 12's & Round lock on Console RAM Mount

MinnKota Fortrex 24v 80lb trolling Motor (New in 2012)

3 Bank Battery Charger

3 Series 31 batteries (New in 2013)

New skins on seats (New in 2013)

Fish Guardian live well additive dispenser

Oxygenator in Live well



Tilt Wheel w/ Trim and Jack Plate controls on steering column

Foot Throttle

Remote Oil fill

Lock-R-Bar

Rangertrail Trailer - local miles only with less than 2000 miles on it. Tires in like new condition.

Boat Engine has 533 hours on it as of 8-7-13. Approximately 71% of the hours on the engine are between 750 – 1600 RPM. I idle a lot scanning for fish in my guide business and do not run a motor hard when I do run it. As I mentioned earlier, this motor has NOT been abused and runs flawlessly. Lower Unit lube changed monthly during Guide season. **Extended Warranty until March 2016.**

This is a super sharp rig and the boat and engine are a perfect match. **Please Note that the carpet is Navy Blue** which was a special option when I ordered the boat but well worth the cost as it ties the interior and exterior colors together.

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Due to the difficulty of color reproduction, some colors shown may vary. See your authorized Ranger boat dealer for actual color samples.  
Certain gel or flake colors, such as black gel, may have limitations to the specific areas in which they can be applied.  
Z100 Series models do not have a water line stripe or a separate console color.

COMANCHE STRIPE 2



Color Selections:

<b>Deck:</b> Performance White G-46	<b>Console:</b> Performance White G-46	<b>Bottom:</b> Performance White G-46
<b>Hull:</b> Midnight Fox Mist D-8-68	<b>Carpet:</b> Storm Grey 9142	<b>Trailer Frame:</b> Twilight Metallic
<b>Stripes 1 &amp; 3:</b> Red Mist D-8-78	<b>Water Line:</b> Performance White G-46	<b>Fenders:</b> Midnight Fox Mist D-8-68
<b>Stripe 2:</b> Performance White G-46	<b>Seat Outer:</b> Gunmetal Blue - Z	<b>Fender Trim:</b> Red Mist D-8-78
<b>Pinstripes:</b> Platinum Mist D-8-87	<b>Seat Center:</b> Pearl White - X	<b>Fender Pinstripes:</b> Platinum Mist D-8-87
	<b>Seat Trim:</b> Pearl White - X	

2012 Package Color Options A B C D E F G H

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