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*(Photo) Tom Day, Jerry Kirk & Tom Fuqua  
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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 a link to our latest episode <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqIu4P58Reg>

**Check out these Fishing Tips that will help you become a better fisherman** <http://www.kicknbass.net/video.htm>

## \*\*\* FISHING REPORT \*\*\*

### Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** Both lakes are about 3.5 feet below summer pool and on a slow drawdown. 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 degrees.

### Weather Outlook

**Tuesday...** Mostly cloudy. Patchy fog in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 5 mph. **Tuesday Night...** Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 5 mph in the evening becoming calm after midnight.

**Wednesday...** Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 5 mph. **Wednesday Night...** Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

**Thursday...** Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. **Thursday Night...** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

**Friday...** Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. **Friday Night...** Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 70s.

**Saturday...** Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 70s.

## \*\*\* Fishing Report \*\*\*



**Bass Fishing ...** For us bass fishing has been very inconsistent and we've had to use multiple techniques to stay on fish. However, offshore fishing seems to be improving with some bigger fish showing up. We're still catching some good fish shallow especially around wood cover and in the back of the bays that are holding baitfish on spinner baits, lipless crank baits and steel shade blade baits. Fishing Boat Docks and using a Drop Shot has come into play also. *(Photo) Johnny Evans with a couple of nice Bass caught on a Steel Shad blade bait.*

**Boat Dock Pattern ...** skipping a weightless tube under the docks has produced some decent fish. Anything resembling a shad color is your best bet. We used spinning gear for this application and 6 lb. line. This made for easier casting and allowed the lure to fall naturally in the water. A twitch or two would usually entice a strike if bass were present. Best docks, hands down, are the ones with spud poles on the corners or have a boat lift which provides cover for baitfish and fry.

**Offshore Fishing ...** This pattern is definitely improving.

We've caught decent numbers on the ledges on a Steel Shad blade bait, a Shakey Head and a Drop Shot. Best depth was 10-15 feet on the break. Something we tried this week that worked well was to **Drop Shot** offshore humps, 18-25 feet, using a double bait rig. By placing two plastic baits about 24" apart, with one about a foot off the bottom and the other about 3 feet off the bottom allowed us to keep the baits in the strike zone and catch a number of fish. Once we found the fish on our HDS System we hovered over them and kept the lures in their face. A lot of fish were caught suspended off the bottom about 3 feet deep.

**Shallow Water Pattern ...** Some of the best action has come from the back of the bays. Baitfish are roaming in huge schools and if you can see the clouds of baitfish just under the surface make a cast in their direction. One thing we did this week was to cast several different baits until we determined what the bass liked best. One client would cast a Steel Shad blade bait, Silver on clear days and Gold on cloudy. Another client would cast a lipless crank bait. Something we noticed is the Yellows and White bass would hit the blade bait as well as the bass but the lipless crank bait seemed to catch mostly bass with an occasional stripe. We determined that the bass would home in on the rattle.

**Stripe Bass Fishing ...** We've caught a fair amount of fish at the mouths of the creeks and bays and on the main lake flats adjoining the Tennessee River Channel. A pretty good indication that fish are in the area is the presence of white gulls. These birds like to take advantage of feeding on wounded shad left behind by the schools of whites. A **Steel Shad blade bait or Ken's Hybrid Spinner** are the best lures for this type of fishing. 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 sweeping the lures sideways off the bottom.

**Catfish ...** We didn't fish specifically for cats this week but we did catch more than we should have. 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.

**Crappie ...** fishing has been good and each day we've managed to catch a nice mess of fish. Best method has been trolling crank baits from the *Kick'n Bass Pontoon*. ***If you haven't tried this type of fishing you don't know what you're missing! Book a trip NOW!***

***Kick'n Bass Sonar Tip of the Week ...***

## Using Technology to Become a Better Fisherman!



Using our HDS we located this drainage ditch that meandered thru a mid-bay flat. We followed the ditch until it intersected with the creek channel. It was here we found several big bass on top of a shallow edge. These fish were in a very inactive mood after a major frontal system had moved thru the area and it took a very subtle approach using a Shakey head to entice a strike. While we were only able to catch one fish from the group, it was a good quality fish. A waypoint was assigned to this location for future reference and you can bet we'll fish this spot again. Without the use of our Lowrance HDS System, featuring an electronic topo map and structurescan, finding a high percentage location like this would not have been possible.

Participate in Kick'n Bass "On the Water" sonar class and you'll learn how to use modern technology to find fishing hotspots like this. Having your system professionally programmed by a member of Lowrance's Pro Staff assures you that it's done right the first time. For your "On the water Sonar Class" contact Lowrance Pro Staffer Randy Kuhens at [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto: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, Thanks for a great class. I learned a lot and had a lot of fun doing it!

Richard Mitchell – Kuttawa, Ky.

Randy, your class was exactly what I was looking for. Not only did I learn how to use my system you pointed out what NOT to do. This is the kind of help everyone needs that owns electronics.

Clay Paulson – Athens, AL.

**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.**

