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Fall Crappie Fishing is **HOT** on the ***Kick'n Bass Pontoon***.  
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*(Photo Top) Now there's one happy lady, Betty Rigsby, with some big 'ole crappie caught from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.*

*(Top R) Jim Dixon and his group had a great time on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon and caught some big ones too!*

*(Left) Check out Mason Co. Judge Executive Buddy Gallenstein and his grandson Carson with some big 'ole KY Lake crappie. Way to go Carson!*

*P.S. Hey Judge ... please get that young man some UK gear.*

If family fishing is your thing or just getting a group together to fellowship then the Kick'n Bass Pontoon is for you! Have a Kick'n Good Time and catch some fish. Pictures tell the story.

***Get Your Family or Friends Together. Corporate or Company Trip Packages Available Too!  
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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 **Cranking for Crappie** ... <http://youtu.be/itdTVSgSnKk>

## **Lake Conditions**

**Lake Levels** ... Both lakes are right at winter pool which. Avoid shallow areas and use the channel markers wisely. 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 temps fluctuate during the day starting in the high 60's after a cool night and warming to the low 70's by the afternoon.

## **Weather Outlook**

**Friday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 5 mph.

**Friday Night**...Partly cloudy in the evening...Then mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 5 mph.

**Saturday**...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers in the morning...Then mostly sunny in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

**Sunday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Sunday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

**Monday**...Mostly sunny. Highs around 70.

**Monday Night**...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Tuesday**...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Tuesday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 50s.

**Wednesday**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 50s.

## Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 10/18/13	H: 70° L: 43°	Rise: 7:03 AM Set: 6:11 PM	Rise: 6:02 PM Set: 6:39 AM Overhead: 12:00 AM Underfoot: 12:24 PM	100% FULL MOON	12:00 AM - 2:00 AM 12:24 PM - 2:24 PM	6:39 AM - 7:39 AM 6:02 PM - 7:02 PM	Best
Saturday 10/19/13	H: 63° L: 47°	<b>Rise: 7:04 AM</b> Set: 6:10 PM	Rise: 6:40 PM <b>Set: 7:41 AM</b> Overhead: 12:49 AM Underfoot: 1:14 PM	99% Waning Gibbous	12:49 AM - 2:49 AM 1:14 PM - 3:14 PM	<b>7:41 AM - 8:41 AM</b> 6:40 PM - 7:40 PM	<b>Best++</b>
Sunday 10/20/13	H: 65° L: 42°	Rise: 7:05 AM Set: 6:09 PM	Rise: 7:20 PM Set: 8:40 AM Overhead: 1:38 AM Underfoot: 2:03 PM	97% Waning Gibbous	1:38 AM - 3:38 AM 2:03 PM - 4:03 PM	8:40 AM - 9:40 AM 7:20 PM - 8:20 PM	Better
Monday 10/21/13	H: 71° L: 44°	Rise: 7:06 AM Set: 6:07 PM	Rise: 8:04 PM Set: 9:37 AM Overhead: 2:28 AM Underfoot: 2:53 PM	92% Waning Gibbous	2:28 AM - 4:28 AM 2:53 PM - 4:53 PM	9:37 AM - 10:37 AM 8:04 PM - 9:04 PM	Good
Tuesday 10/22/13	H: 67° L: 49°	Rise: 7:07 AM Set: 6:06 PM	Rise: 8:50 PM Set: 10:31 AM Overhead: 3:17 AM Underfoot: 3:42 PM	86% Waning Gibbous	3:17 AM - 5:17 AM 3:42 PM - 5:42 PM	10:31 AM - 11:31 AM 8:50 PM - 9:50 PM	Average
Wednesday 10/23/13	H: 59° L: 43°	Rise: 7:08 AM Set: 6:05 PM	Rise: 9:40 PM Set: 11:21 AM Overhead: 4:06 AM Underfoot: 4:31 PM	79% Waning Gibbous	4:06 AM - 6:06 AM 4:31 PM - 6:31 PM	11:21 AM - 12:21 PM 9:40 PM - 10:40 PM	Average

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

### Bass Fishing ...

**Fish the Mini-Flats ...** This pattern is working for us and has allowed my clients and I to make the very best of sometime difficult fishing conditions. A couple of days this week we had 40-50 fish trips, and as many of you know those multiple fish days have been pretty hard to come by lately. A **mini-flat** is an area where a creek channel swings back and forth from the bank forming an underwater flat. Specifically we're looking for these areas mid-bay or even further back. Bass are feeding up on shad and the shad are roaming the creek channels and flats adjacent to the creeks. Find an area like this, scan it with your electronics and you'll see what I'm talking about. Duplicate the pattern in other bays. Some big fish are showing up too!



**Shallow Water Pattern ...** Baitfish are roaming in huge schools and the bass aren't far behind. A Steel Shad or SPRO lipless crank bait is your best bet on locating schooling fish. Once the school gets wary or the bite wanes, try a weightless ZMan StreakZ which is a Fluke type bait but a lot more buoyant and durable. Twitching it twice and letting it sink resembles a dying shad and an easy meal. It's been a good choice especially when the fish are ultra-shallow. We've caught fish so shallow at times that the trolling motor is churning up mud. Shallow running crank baits and a moderate retrieve caught a few fish along gravel banks mid-way in the bays but was the least productive method this week. *(Photo) Bobby Dorton from Louisville, KY with his 10 lb. 3 oz. monster.*

**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. A good back up plan is to cast 2" curly tails on a 1/16 or 3/32 oz. jig head and work them slowly. Ken's Blue Pearl is your best color for this application.

**Offshore Fishing ...** This pattern is feast or famine. We've caught some fish 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 again this week was to **Drop Shot** offshore humps in 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.

**Stripe Bass Fishing ...** We've caught a fair amount of fish at the mouths of the creeks and bays and trolling 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 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. Over the last two weeks at the cleaning stations, I've seen more folks cleaning catfish than any other species. We've caught them shallow fishing for bass, on crank baits trolling for crappie and when bass fishing the ledges. It must be a cat fish world right now. Kind of wished I had a few more folks that wanted to catfish.

**Crappie ...** fishing has been a real bright spot for us this week 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*. One thing I will mention is that we've managed to catch a few Black Crappie shallow, 6 feet is a good number. These fish were caught primarily when we were bass fishing with small grubs. Maybe we should have crappie fished and hoped to catch a bass instead of the other way around !!!

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



### **Using Technology to Become a Better Fisherman!**

The screen shows what I would consider to be an excellent early staging area for fall crappie. This location was found during one of our sonar classes this week. A waypoint was assigned to this location for future reference and you can bet we'll fish this spot in the very near future. Without the use of our Lowrance HDS System 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. Now I have a very good understanding of what my system can do. I appreciate you taking time to look my system over and have it set to factory specs.

Thanks!

Tom Borders – Salem, IN.

*Randy, I found out about your sonar class from a friend of mine but the main reason why I went fishing with you was to actually see HDS electronics in action and to see if they are really all they're cracked up to be. These things cost a lot of money and I just didn't want to invest in new electronics if I didn't feel it would help make me a better fisherman. Not only did I have a good time catching fish but I'll be asking for new Lowrance electronics for Christmas.*

*Jim Finebaum – Birmingham, 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.**