



FISH KENTUCKY & BARKLEY LAKES  
WITH GUIDE RANDY KUHENS

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Friday November 8, 2013

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**Fall Crappie Fishing is HOT on the *Kick'n Bass* Pontoon.**



*(Photo L) Randy Hagan, Greg Greenwell and Ashley Wedding from Kentucky with some nice white crappie. (Photo R) Joe Compton, Danny Zoeller & Butch Compton from Louisville with some nice crappie caught Long Line Trolling from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.*

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## **Lake Conditions**

**Lake Levels ...** Both lakes are at 354.5. Summer pool level is 359 which makes the current lake level 4.5 below summer pool. Use caution in shallow areas and pay special attention to the channel markers. They are there for a reason and use them 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 with the back of the bays showing some color but overall water quality is looking real good. Surface water temps fluctuate during the day starting around 60 degrees after a cool night and warming several degrees by the afternoon.

## Weather Outlook

**Friday...**Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. East winds 5 mph in the morning shifting to the southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

**Friday Night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds around 5 mph.

**Saturday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night...**Clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

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

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**Veterans Day...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

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

**Tuesday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

**Tuesday Night...**Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 30s.

**Wednesday...**Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Highs in the upper 40s.

## Prime Feeding Times for Kentucky & Barkley Lakes

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 11/8/13	H: 55° L: 33°	Rise: 6:24 AM Set: 4:48 PM	Rise: 11:20 AM Set: 10:08 PM Overhead: 4:43 PM Underfoot: 4:14 AM	33% Waxing Crescent	4:14 AM - 6:14 AM 4:43 PM - 6:43 PM	11:20 AM - 12:20 PM 10:08 PM - 11:08 PM	Average
Saturday 11/9/13	H: 61° L: 39°	Rise: 6:25 AM <b>Set: 4:47 PM</b>	Rise: 12:03 PM Set: 11:15 PM Overhead: 5:37 PM Underfoot: 5:10 AM	44% Waxing Crescent	5:10 AM - 7:10 AM <b>5:37 PM - 7:37 PM</b>	12:03 PM - 1:03 PM 11:15 PM - 12:15 AM	<b>Average+</b>
Sunday 11/10/13	H: 61° L: 41°	Rise: 6:26 AM Set: 4:46 PM	Rise: 12:42 PM Set: --:-- Overhead: 6:29 PM Underfoot: 6:03 AM	50% First Quarter	6:03 AM - 8:03 AM 6:29 PM - 8:29 PM	--:-- - --:-- 12:42 PM - 1:42 PM	Average
Monday 11/11/13	H: 61° L: 41°	Rise: 6:27 AM Set: 4:45 PM	Rise: 1:18 PM Set: 12:20 AM Overhead: 7:19 PM Underfoot: 6:54 AM	67% Waxing Gibbous	6:54 AM - 8:54 AM 7:19 PM - 9:19 PM	12:20 AM - 1:20 AM 1:18 PM - 2:18 PM	Average
Tuesday 11/12/13	H: 61° L: 44°	Rise: 6:28 AM Set: 4:45 PM	Rise: 1:52 PM Set: 1:24 AM Overhead: 8:07 PM Underfoot: 7:43 AM	76% Waxing Gibbous	7:43 AM - 9:43 AM 8:07 PM - 10:07 PM	1:24 AM - 2:24 AM 1:52 PM - 2:52 PM	Average
Wednesday 11/13/13	H: 50° L: 43°	Rise: 6:29 AM Set: 4:44 PM	Rise: 2:26 PM Set: 2:27 AM Overhead: 8:55 PM Underfoot: 8:31 AM	85% Waxing Gibbous	8:31 AM - 10:31 AM 8:55 PM - 10:55 PM	2:27 AM - 3:27 AM 2:26 PM - 3:26 PM	Average

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

## "Modified Spook Can Help You Net More Bass" ...



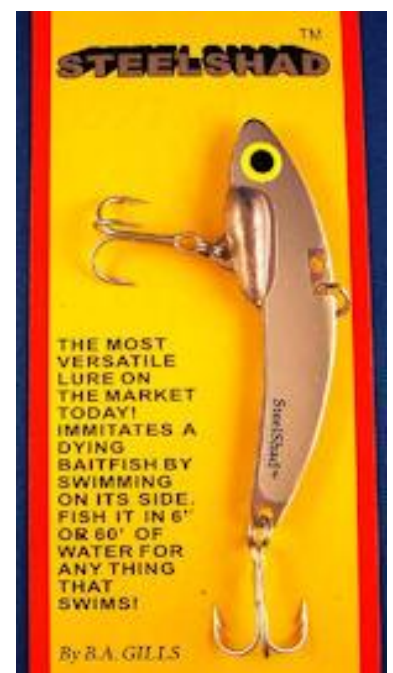
Listening to many of the tournament anglers around the bait shops this week a lot of them were complaining about the short strikers or good fish that they just didn't get a good solid hookset on. Think of fall top water bass'in and "Spook Type" baits immediately come to mind. No doubt one of the best ways to catch fall bass is throwing this type of bait since it's just the right size to match a lot of shad that are migrating to the shallows. However, the key to catching fish on this bait is knowing the proper way to fish it ... and ... knowing when and how to set the hook. At times you can be driven crazy fishing these type baits. Since they have it in their DNA to strike at wounded prey, sometimes bass will slash at the bait even if they're not hungry. More times than

not, it's just plain hard to get a hook into them. Knowing how to work the bait is critical. Some modifications can be made to the retrieve or even the lure itself to increase your odds of success. Here are some suggestions ...

**How to work the lure:** The most important thing to remember when fishing with this bait is you must keep a tight line. Once the cast has been made with the lure resting on the top of the surface give the lure a pull with the rod, not the reel, of about 10-12 inches and the lure will dart to one side or the other. After it has darted to one side, reel in the slack and then give it another pull with the rod tip and the lure will dart off to the other side. Repeat the process and the lure will zig-zag on the surface. Make sure to work the bait all the way back to the boat. I've caught some of my best fish close to the boat. You'll have to experiment with the speed of the retrieve to entice a strike. Sometimes a pause between pulls or a very methodical steady retrieve will work. Often a burning or fast retrieve will create vicious strikes. Try these variations one of them usually matches the mood of the fish. One thing I have noticed is on very calm days a very slow presentation seems to work best. **How to get the hook in 'em ...** Often times a fish will strike this lure so hard that they actually miss it and will come back for a second try. When this happens the angler's natural reaction is to go for the hook set which often results in a missed opportunity. The best way to assure a good hook up is to give it a second before setting the hook. In other words, once you see the strike reel until you feel the fish or see the lure disappear and then set the hook. More times than not this is a sure set. If you jerk the lure out of the strike zone then the chances of catching that fish diminishes greatly.

One modification that will increase the odds in your favor is to **add a stinger hook to the rear treble on the Spook** (Photo). A 4 inch 12 lb mono leader with a treble with a feather should help take care of those short strikers. It's best to either size the stinger hook with what's on the bait itself or go slightly smaller. When we experimented with this set up initially we found that any leader longer than 4 inches could get wrapped on the other hooks and hinder the action of the bait so be sure to keep the leader about that length. We caught several good fish this week on the spook and the stinger was responsible for several of the hook ups. Another benefit of using this set up is, when we had fish hooked up initially on the stinger hook, by the time we netted the fish we noticed we had a couple of other hooks in the fish too. So the stinger hook not only got things started but it helped keep the fish on. Try a stinger hook on your spook next time ... it'll help you land more fish!

### Fishing Patterns



Overall bass fishing this week has been pretty tough for Kick'n Bass this week. While we're still catching a fair number of fish we've really had to work hard for them, especially good ones.

The **Blade Bait Pattern** we've been on, while not as strong as it has been, is still producing fish and it'll probably get better as the water cools even further and the fish make their way to winter locations. The best lure hands down has been the Steel Shad. We're still finding schools of bass suspended among and feeding on baitfish. Mostly we're finding that these bass are unmolested and willing to bite once we can get on them. A technique that has worked for us when throwing the Blade Baits is the yoyo retrieve on a tight line. Bringing the lure off the bottom about a foot or less and let it fall on a-tight line. This allows the lure to drop slowly giving the bass a real good look at it. Sometimes the sheer weight of the lure on a free fall drops too fast and the fish can't catch up to it, especially if the bite is waning. Also, ripping it off the bottom is not necessarily the right thing to do. More strikes come on a gentle lift.

**Back Bay Pattern ...** Some bass are being caught shallow in the very backs of the bays on the flats on lipless crank baits and on wood cover with spinner baits. On some mornings there is a decent shallow water bite along gravel banks and in the back of the bays. A spinner bait slow-rolled shallow along gravel banks has accounted for several nice fish this week too.

**Ledge Fishing** has been either feast or famine but when we did catch bass on the ledges they were usually keepers. Best baits were the Steel Shad Blade Bait, a Shakey Head and a 1/2 oz. jig.

I wished I could tell you we've been loading the boat. However, that just isn't the case. With some pretty darn good fishermen in the boat this week we caught some fish and a few good ones too. However, the best way to describe bass fishing is, it's still unpredictable and no one pattern seems to be a sure thing. Remember don't be stubborn this time of year, be prepared to move around and try different lures and methods and you'll probably catch more fish.

### **Crappie Fishing ...**

Keeper fish has been the norm and that is not only a good sign now but an even better one for this upcoming spring crappie season. This week our numbers varied quite a bit. One day we'll catch them pretty good and other days we struggle. Deeper cover has yielded us our best success as these fish were less affected by the November frontal passages. The best depths for big fish have been 12-17 feet over submerged cover. The most productive means was to back off and cast 3/32 or 1/8 oz. KY Green or Blue Pearl curly tails, count them down and swim them slowly thru the brush. Plan "B" was to tight line minnows and let them soak around the submerged cover. The key of course was using High Definition electronics to find the places that were holding good numbers of fish (*See Sonar Tip of the Week*). Overall I'd say that Crappie fishing has been fair but unpredictable.

## **The Right Crappie Hook Can Make a BIG Difference!**

When the water on Kentucky Lake has had a lot more color to it spider rigging or vertically fishing over cover is a pretty good way to catch a nice mess of fall crappie. However, with the unusually clear water we've had this fall, getting up close and personal with crappie has been difficult at times for us anglers. In order to improve our catch we've adjusted our presentation in a couple of ways. This includes backing off the cover and casting curly tails mounted on lead heads with light wire hooks and using braided line with a fluorocarbon leader. Using the light wire hooks has allowed my clients and me to keep the lures in and around the cover where the big slabs have been hiding. The big advantage of light wire hooks is the angler can fish lures close to the cover without the fear of getting hung up. Having the right line is essential. We use 10 lb yellow Power Pro braid as a main line and add an 8 pound fluorocarbon leader on the business end. This set up offers several advantages to the angler; superior casting, unbelievable feel for those light biters, strength and durability. In the event one of us gets hung in the brush, all it takes is a gentle steady pull on the line and the Light Wire hook will bend and come free. Countless times we've done this and saved a retie and precious fishing time. Also when you get hung and get free it's one of the best times to get bit. Once the lure comes out, reel very slowly. Some of our best fish have been caught as the lure pops free from the submerged cover. No doubt Light Wire hooks are the way to go. Remember a S-L-O-W retrieve works best when fishing deep brush piles. By the way get you some of light wire lead heads from Ken McGregor at the **Fisherman's Friend in Lake City (270) 362-4323** and most local tackle shops. You'll get unhung and retie less when you're swimming those curly tails thru the submerged cover.

**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.

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



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

*Now this is what I call being at the right place at the right time. The screen shows a school of crappie setting up on cover and getting ready for dinner time. In fall when the water temps reach that 60 degree mark crappie move to submerged cover and feed aggressively. We marked the location and worked the school with grubs and minnows with slip bobbers and caught a nice mess of fish. No doubt, without our Lowrance HDS System no way would we have known that this opportunity even existed.*

*Get your system dialed in like this and by participating in Kick'n Bass "On the Water" sonar class. You'll learn how to use modern technology to find fishing hotspots like this and become a better fisherman. Get it 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) or call 270-703-6133*

## **\*\*\* November is Sonar Class Month! \*\*\***

**Last Year we did more classes in November than any month of the year. Now is the time to have your system tuned and programmed. Learn to use your system and practice while weather and fishing is still favorable.**

**Call and book Your Class NOW! 270-703-6133**

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

*Randy, Just wanted to say thanks again for the very informative, worthwhile class. It was a pleasure to work with such a professional and still feel at ease. I assure you that I will put it to good use. I will recommend your class to others. Thank you.*

*Dave Baty – Missouri*

*Randy, your class was recommended to me by Jason Wilkins who did your class back in the spring. He raved about it. I must admit I was skeptical because I felt he was going overboard talking about it but I decided to do it anyway because I really wanted to learn how to use my system. I enjoyed the class and I would recommend anyone wanting to get the most out of their system to do the class. They won't be disappointed.*

*Larry Ellis – 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.***