



**To Book a trip call 270-703-6133 or visit our website**

**[www.kicknbass.net](http://www.kicknbass.net)**

**Nov. 15th, 2013**

## Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are sitting at or very near winter pool which is approximately 5 feet lower than summer lake levels. **At these levels it is imperative that boaters stay in the channels when running. Pay special attention to the channel markers they are there for a reason.** 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 ...** on Kentucky Lake ranges from light stain in some of the creeks with the main lake clear. The lake is very fishable. Barkley is lightly stained and the lake is very fishable. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the mid 50's.

## Weather Outlook

**Friday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 5 mph.

**Friday Night...**Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 5 mph.

**Saturday...**Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night...**Partly cloudy with a chance of showers in the evening...Then mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

**Sunday...**Thunderstorms and showers likely. Some thunderstorms May be severe. Highs in the lower 70s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

**Sunday Night...**Partly cloudy. A chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

**Monday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

**Monday Night...**Clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Tuesday...**Mostly clear. Highs in the upper 40s. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Wednesday...**Mostly clear. Highs in the upper 40s. Lows in the lower 30s.

## Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 11/15/13	H: 59° L: 36°	Rise: 6:31 AM Set: 4:42 PM	Rise: 3:37 PM Set: 4:29 AM Overhead: 10:31 PM Underfoot: 10:07 AM	96% Waxing Gibbous	10:07 AM - 12:07 PM 10:31 PM - 12:31 AM	4:29 AM - 5:29 AM 3:37 PM - 4:37 PM	Better

Saturday 11/16/13	H: 66° L: 46°	Rise: 6:32 AM Set: 4:42 PM	Rise: 4:16 PM Set: 5:29 AM Overhead: 11:20 PM Underfoot: 10:56 AM	99% Waxing Gibbous	10:56 AM - 12:56 PM 11:20 PM - 1:20 AM	5:29 AM - 6:29 AM 4:16 PM - 5:16 PM	Best
Sunday 11/17/13	H: 71° L: 57°	Rise: 6:33 AM Set: 4:41 PM	Rise: 4:58 PM Set: 6:27 AM Overhead: --- Underfoot: 11:45 AM	100% FULL MOON	--- 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM	6:27 AM - 7:27 AM 4:58 PM - 5:58 PM	Best
Monday 11/18/13	H: 60° L: 54°	<b>Rise: 6:34 AM</b> Set: 4:41 PM	Rise: 5:43 PM <b>Set: 7:22 AM</b> Overhead: 12:10 AM Underfoot: 12:34 PM	99% Waning Gibbous	12:10 AM - 2:10 AM 12:34 PM - 2:34 PM	<b>7:22 AM - 8:22 AM</b> 5:43 PM - 6:43 PM	<b>Better++</b>
Tuesday 11/19/13	H: 41° L: 32°	Rise: 6:35 AM Set: 4:40 PM	Rise: 6:31 PM Set: 8:13 AM Overhead: 12:59 AM Underfoot: 1:23 PM	96% Waning Gibbous	12:59 AM - 2:59 AM 1:23 PM - 3:23 PM	8:13 AM - 9:13 AM 6:31 PM - 7:31 PM	Better
Wednesday 11/20/13	H: 42° L: 26°	Rise: 6:36 AM Set: 4:39 PM	Rise: 7:23 PM Set: 9:01 AM Overhead: 1:48 AM Underfoot: 2:12 PM	91% Waning Gibbous	1:48 AM - 3:48 AM 2:12 PM - 4:12 PM	9:01 AM - 10:01 AM 7:23 PM - 8:23 PM	Good

***"When the Water Temperature Drops in Late Fall, the Jerk Bait is "King" on Kentucky Lake"...***



During the late fall presence of baitfish and temperature are the two most motivating factors affecting bass behavior. When the surface water temps begin to slide into the 50's I grab my favorite jerk bait and get down to business. When it's jerk bait time I like to fish chunk rock and rip rap banks in the northwestern portions of Kentucky Lake. These locations will have some of

the warmest water available and bass will look for the warmer water to congregate and feed. These areas can be bass magnets and be pretty easy to fish too. The secret to catching late fall bass is finding them and jerk baits are great search baits too. No doubt about it, these baits catch their share of bass and some really big ones too. The seven pounder in the photo above was caught in about 8 feet of water on a shallow ledge very near a main lake point with deep water nearby. The lure was motionless when the fish hit.

**What is a Jerk Bait anyway?** Jerk baits are small lipped, minnow shaped diving baits that can be absolutely lethal on early spring bass. Virtually every hard bait manufacturer makes a version. They come in various sizes, shapes, and colors and while some float or suspend, others sink. The choices are practically endless. Your local tackle shop can help dial you in on the hot colors, etc. just make sure the bait has good quality hooks because you'll need them!

**What makes this lure so successful and how do I work it?** The bait's effectiveness lies in its ability to stay in the "strike zone" for an extended period of time. Therefore the bass catching ability of this lure depends a lot on the angler and how he or she works the lure. Generally speaking you have to work it with your rod tip and your reel, imparting the action with a jerk of the rod tip while gently taking up the slack line with a crank of the reel. Be careful not to over crank the reel as you want the lure to pause and remain still. The lure action calls for a series of stop and go jerks and when it stops and lies motionless, more often than not a bass can not resist the urge to take the bait. This is what makes it a great cold water bait. The aggressiveness of the bass determines the amount of time you "pause" the bait. The rule of thumb is the slower the bite the longer the pause. One of my favorite jerk bait retrieves is to jerk, jerk, then pause the bait for about 15 seconds or so and then jerk it again. Almost always a bass will hit the lure when it's motionless. Next to top water fishing, catching bass on a jerk bait is about as exciting a way there is to fish.

**Rod & Reel Combos.** Working a jerk bait for any length of time can wear your wrist out. That's why I prefer a spin cast outfit. A small profile spin casting reel like the Shimano Ci4 1000 series is lightweight, casts like a dream, has a great drag system and in general is just a pleasure to fish with. The reel is matched up with a 7' Shimano Crucial rod that has a very fast tip which allows you to fish the bait properly and has plenty of reserve power in the butt-section for getting fish headed your way. If you prefer bait casting reels, a Shimano Curado or a reel of similar small profile would be an excellent choice for this type of fishing. Match it up with a rod of similar power and you're ready to go. If I'm in the mood I'll use this type set up.

**Line Choice.** Braided line and a fluorocarbon leader ... Using braid with a fluorocarbon leader has improved not only my fishing but my client's results as well! For this application I use 10 lb Yellow Power Pro braid as the main line and the leader is 10 lb P-Line 100% fluorocarbon. The two lines are joined together using a double uni-knot. This set up not only allows me to make longer casts but it seems to take less effort to impart action to the lure. Also with the super sensitivity of braid and fluorocarbon, I feel the strike when the bait is motionless and on a semi-slack line and I rarely lose a fish once I get a hook up. The small diameter of the 10 lb braid (equivalent to 2lb mono) and 10 lb. fluorocarbon leader (which sinks), doesn't lay on top the water which helps the bait to get down where the fish can see it. With this set up durability is not an issue either. Just remember that this line combo has virtually no stretch and when you get a fish on use a moderate retrieve to reel the fish in. Let the rod do its work and you'll put more fish in the boat.

**Setting the Hook and landing the fish.** I use jerk baits with three sets of treble hooks as opposed to the two hook version, for a couple of reasons. The three set version is usually a longer bait that has a wider wobble which seems to catch the attention of the bass a little better during a slow bite and cooler water. Also the three hook version gives you a better chance at a hook-up since some fish might slash at the bait instead of trying to eat it. These hooks are



razor sharp too, so there is no reason to do a T.V. hook set. Usually the fish hook themselves anyway. Don't horse the fish, instead play the fish out and you won't be complaining about the one that got away. One word of caution; be careful when removing the lure from the fish since you'll be staring at an unhappy critter with a mouth full of steel. Use a pair of pliers instead of your fingers to remove the hooks. I've doctored my share of folks who were careless and got stuck a time or two.

Remember in late fall, the jerk bait is "King". So if you're not using this technique you're missing out on one of the most exciting and successful ways to catch bass ... and maybe a good one at that!

## Fishing Report

### Bass Fishing ...

Overall Bass Fishing is unpredictable but not impossible, although at times it may seem that way. LOL! Bass are being caught on crank baits on gravel banks and rocky points. Ledge fishing is slow but a few nice fish have been taken on Shaky Heads with ZMan 4" finesse worms on 3/16 oz. PJ's Bass Extractor jig being the best combo. Dragging the lure seems to work best. An occasional smallmouth has been caught casting grubs along the main lake points on the east side. We've caught a few schooling fish shallow late in the afternoon along gravel bars and in the back of the bays on a Steel Shad blade bait but this action has been either feast or famine. The most consistent pattern has been the jerk bait bite. While this is slow fishing it has yielded us our best results. The best lure has been the SPRO McStick in the three hook version. Best locations are chunk rock banks with deep water close by.

I wished I could tell you we've been loading the boat. 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 and ... fish S-L-O-W.



**Crappie Fishing ...** find the right brush pile and you can catch a mess. Fishing vertically in submerged cover with live bait produced a fair amount of fish especially during the passing of the fronts that rolled thru our area. Best depth seemed to be 10-13 feet.

Finding submerged cover in deeper water, 17 feet or so, held a lot of fish too. These areas yielded us our best success as these deeper fish were less affected by the frontal passages. The most productive means was either to back off and cast 1/8 oz KY Green curly tails, count them down and swim them slowly thru the brush or better at times, was to vertically fish jigs with minnows around

submerged cover. Alternating between these two methods produced some good fish. 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.

**Long Line Trolling on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon ...** has netted some pretty good fish along with some stripes and Yellows. Best areas are the secondary channels and at the mouth of the bays. Most productive depths have been 12-22 feet deep.



## Crappie Fishing is Fun on the *Kick'n Bass* Pontoon.

If family fishing is your thing or just getting a group together to fellowship then the Kick'n Bass Pontoon is for you!

**Get Your Family or Friends Together. Corporate or Company Trip Packages Available Too!  
Book Your Trip Now!**

Contact [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) or Call 270-703-6133

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





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

*This screen shot was taken during one of our recent guide trips. With a cold front passing thru the area, the water temps had dropped significantly overnite. As you can see, the fish were relating to cover but not necessarily in the cover. The image quality on our Lowrance Structurescan helped us identify the location of the fish. Once we could see how they were positioned we adjusted our presentation accordingly and caught several really nice fish. Without the help of our Lowrance HDS System no way would we have been able to make the most of this opportunity.*

*Your system can produce images like this too. Participate in Kick'n Bass "On the Water" sonar class and you'll learn to use modern technology to find fishing hotspots like this. You've made a Significant Investment in Electronics. Be the best angler you can be by learning to use your electronics to their full potential. For your "On the water Sonar Class" contact Lowrance Pro Staffer Randy Kuhens at [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)*

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

*Randy, since taking your class I was able to find drop offs and submerged cover that held fish on my home lake in Tennessee. I'll admit fishing was slow but I did catch a few nice bass in spots I'd never fished before. No doubt, the more I use my electronics the better fisherman I will become. Your class was just what I needed.*

*Marshall Murphy – Cookeville, TN.*

*Randy, like most folks I was pretty frustrated with my electronics. After spending a great deal of money on top notch equipment I just didn't feel I was using them to their full potential. Your sonar class changed all of that. Now I not only can use them I feel much better about my investment. There are a lot of folks out there like me and I highly recommend if someone wants to learn to use their electronics to become a better fisherman they take your class.*

*Josh Williams – Springfield, IL.*

**Kick'n Bass offers a one on one, hands on, in your boat using your electronics class that will take your understanding and know-how to another level!  
IF YOU'RE **CONFUSED, FRUSTRATED, AND NEED ANSWERS** then Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class" is for YOU!**

**Here's just some of what Kick'n Bass can do for YOU!**

- **Make sure your HDS unit(s) has the correct settings for the type of fishing you do.**

- Program the individual screens and install the overlay data on the screen that you want. Example: Depth, Water Temp, Time, etc.
- Arrange the screens so they display what you want them to show and make going from page to page orderly and non-confusing.
- Eliminate unwanted, non-practical on screen data that clutters your screen and gets in the way of using your unit to its maximum potential.
- Learn the art of waypoint management. No more cluttered maps with useless or unproductive waypoints. You'll learn how to identify which locations are waypoint worthy and how to go back to those locations without ever assigning a waypoint. You'll learn to only assign a waypoint once you are satisfied the location is worth saving.
- Demo the unit for you to help you be familiar with the screens and commands, so you'll have a good understanding of how to use the unit and take advantage of its fish finding capabilities.

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.

## ***Gift Certificates Available!***

*Whether it's a birthday surprise, Christmas Gift or just doing something nice for that special someone ... Kick'n Bass Gift Certificates are the perfect gift.*

*Use the Gift Certificate for a Guided Fishing Trip, Pontoon Fishing Adventure, Sonar Class or purchasing Sonar Accessories. Let us know how we can help!*

Call 270-703-6133 or email [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)

**\*\*\*\*\***

***WOW! Check Out the **Sonar Accessory Page** On [www.kicknbass.net/sonar-brackets.htm](http://www.kicknbass.net/sonar-brackets.htm)***

***Lots of new and innovative products***