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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. **Currently Kentucky Dam is spilling and there is increased current in the lake.** For additional info, including generation schedule for Kentucky Lake, visit the TVA website: 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 very clear. The lake is very fishable. Barkley is lightly stained and the main lake is very fishable. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the low to mid 40's.

Weather Outlook

Today...Partly sunny in the morning...Then cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain...Snow and sleet in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight...Rain and snow. No snow accumulation. Lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 90 percent.

Saturday...Cloudy. Rain likely in the morning...Then a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 5 mph in the morning shifting to the northwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday Night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds around 10 mph.

Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s.

Monday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

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

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

Wednesday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 50s.

Thursday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 50s.

Fishing the Shad Kill ...



You may or not have noticed but there is a significant event happening on our lakes right now. If you walk the banks or look into the bays you'll see a number of things; a thin skim of ice in a lot of bays, gulls circling wildly and dead shad floating everywhere.

The highlight of the winter fishing season is the shad kill. It's been a couple of winters since we've had water cold enough on Kentucky &

Barkley lakes to have a Shad Kill but we're in the midst of one now. Currently our water temps are hovering in the very low 40's and when the temps reach 42 degrees or lower shad die off. Some float to the surface and are easy prey for game fish and gulls. Others end up near the bottom where they are sucked thru the turbines during generation creating a chum effect. When huge amounts of food are driven through the generators at the Dam it makes for a significant feeding event and at times more like a feeding frenzy. All game fish have one thing in mind when this happens and that's to feed.

It's winter time and been bitterly cold and these conditions tend to turn anglers off. I know, it seems like spring time couldn't be any further way but fishing during a shad kill can be one of the best times to fish, period! Folks, were talking about fishing below the Dams so wear your PFD at all times, be sure to dress appropriately and advise others of your plans.

One of the best ways to fish is to motor up to the Dam and fish as you drift downstream. My favorite technique is to cast either a Steel Shad Blade bait or a Dixie Jet spoon and work the lure back using a moderate retrieve. Also



at times like this a Ken's Barbrella rig can't be beat; it's just something about those umbrella rigs that the fish find irresistible. Fishing during a shad kill can be a pretty good cure for Cabin Fever.

Be sure and check the generation and Prime feeding times as well as the dam releases before venturing out. Remember a safe trip is a good trip!

Fishing Report

I wish I had a glowing report for you but the fact is other than fishing below Kentucky Dam it's been pretty slow. The cold weather and shad kill on the upper lake has slowed the fishing considerably for all species. Currently the Dams are spilling and the amount of water and current makes fishing in those areas not advisable. However, once the gates are closed fishing should be very, very good.

Don't forget to wear your PFD, dress warmly and advise other of your plans if you do venture out to fish.

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Kick'n Bass Sonar Tip of the Week



Get Your System Dialed-in Like Never Before

The screen shows a school of Crappie waiting to ambush baitfish. We marked the location and worked the location but didn't get bit. Later we came back and relocated the school and caught 3 fish with the biggest being 2.25 pounds. Sometimes you just have to back off, be patient but persistent. 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 or call 270-703-6133

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- 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.
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