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**March 7, 2014**

### **Lake Conditions**

Several of the gates are open at Kentucky Dam creating significant current in the lake.

**Boat Ramp Conditions ...** The ramps at Jonathan Creek and Fenton are usable. The Big Bear public ramp was iced over this morning but clearing. Not sure about the other ramps but my guess is with the 50 degree temps forecasted for this weekend, most ramps should be usable.

### **Water Clarity and Temperature ...**

Kentucky Lake ranges from quite dingy in some of the creeks with the main lake clearing slightly. The water at Barkley has quite a bit of color in it. Surface water temps on both lakes are around 40 degrees and warming slightly in the afternoons on sunny days.

**Remember it's the base water temps that move the fish not always the surface temps. Dropping a thermometer down 5 feet I'm still finding 36 degree water. Use this little bit of info to your advantage when working your baits.**

### **Weather Outlook**

**Friday**...Sunny. Highs around 50. Southwest winds 5 mph.

**Friday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 5 mph.

**Saturday**...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain showers in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 50s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night**...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

**Sunday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

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

**Monday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

**Tuesday**...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 60s.

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

**Wednesday**...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s.

**Wednesday Night**...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and snow. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Thursday**...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

# ***Catch Fish and Have Fun on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon!***

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## **Fishing Report**

Well winter just won't release its ugly grip on the lakes area and like most of the mid-west we got hit with cold rain, sleet and snow that has hampered fishing somewhat but like the old man said "you're not going to catch them if you don't go".

**Bass Fishing ...** is either feast or famine but some really big fish are showing up. (Photo) Cole Williams, grandson of Bob and Marilyn Williams owners of Whispering Oaks resort, with a monster largemouth.

No one pattern or technique seems to be dominant but for us the Steel Shad blade bait fished on secondary ledges has caught the most fish and better size too. Use your High definition Lowrance electronics to scan these ledges and look for schools of fish working bait balls. Fish the Steel Shad slowly like you would a plastic worm with a very slow up and down retrieve and keep the lure as close to the bottom as possible. Bass are feeding but not exerting much effort to do so.

**Crappie ...** Some anglers are having real good catches. Our efforts have been tempered by the inclement weather but you can just tell that Crappie fishing is just ready to bust wide open. Most crappie are being caught drifting minnows or jigs over brush 10-15 feet deep and at the mouth of the bays in deeper water 18 -20 feet around the old creek stumps. Spider rigging and drifting during windy days with drift socks has been pretty effective. The water is cold so a slow presentation is in order. I know ... I said this last week but really good fishing and weather will be here soon.



***SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK ...***





*I get asked quite often "How much time do you spend using Sidescan"? The answer is "A Lot"! I find this screen to be a very useful especially when I'm in "search mode" and one that I program in touch screen units during our "On the Water" sonar class. Note that without sidescan the operator would have completely missed the fact that a rather large foundation existed. As you can see by the image in the bottom pane, Downscan or Sonar would have shown just a "Foundation Wall".*

*This page offers the user both side scan and down scan capability to view a large area. The electronic topo map shows boat position and its heading and distance to that destination. With the ability to pinpoint the user's Boat Position (arrow) and the ability to use the Heading Extension (blue line) as a guide to steer the boat, the angler can systematically scan an area or go directly to the destination. Another option would be to turn on the Trails Function to mark the areas that have previously been scanned. Finding submerged structures like the old building foundation is one of the highlights of the class and more times than not they make dandy fishing spots too!*

*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 personalized "On the water Sonar Class" contact Lowrance Pro Staffer Randy Kuhens at [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)*

***Here's what one of our clients had to say about his "On the Water" class ...***

*Randy, I have to say that I'm pleasantly surprised! I had no doubt about your ability to teach the class, my concern was my ability to actually learn something from the class. The class was the best thing I have done to help my fishing in the last 10 years. I can't wait until we get rid of our "Hard Water" up here on Erie and work those big walleyes over.*

Phillip Wilson – Port Clinton, OH.

Randy, thanks for making sure my system was set up properly. I had no idea I had so many issues. My system works great and the class was just what I needed. The entire experience has helped me more than you'll ever know.

Clarence Cunningham – Effingham,

**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.**

# Installation Photos of Smart Bracket Console Mounting System and Bow Mount Sonar Bracket on a Ranger Z521



**The Smart Bracket Mounting System is available on other makes & models of boats.**

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