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Lake Conditions

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 52 degrees and warming to around 55 degrees in the afternoons on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening shifting to the west 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Sunday Night...Mostly clear. Lows around 30.

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

Monday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain and light snow. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Tuesday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the upper 40s.

Wednesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the upper 40s.

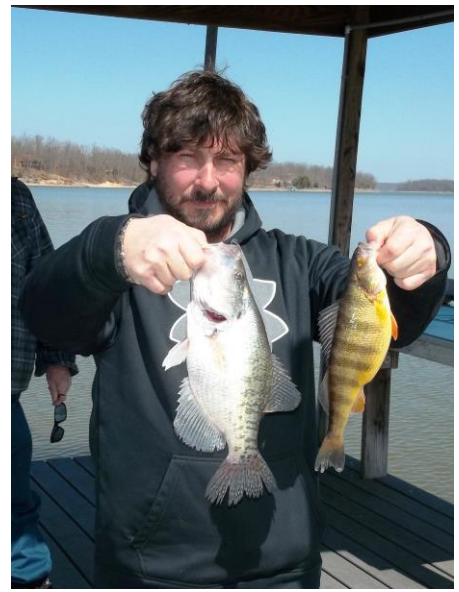
Wednesday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

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

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

Don't be disappointed Book NOW and get the dates you want!

Check out our TV Show "Crank'in For Crappie" <http://feel-n-reel.com/past-shows.htm>



(Photo) Paul, Dave & Bob Philipps from Madison WI. with some slab crappie caught while fishing on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. Bob caught a real nice yellow perch too!

Fishing Report

Crappie ... Our efforts have been hampered somewhat by the high winds but you can just tell that Crappie fishing is just ready to bust wide open. None the less some anglers are having real good catches. Capt. Rich has been making a real good account of himself this week in the *Kick'n Bass Pontoon* with some big fish being caught. 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. The black crappie are just beginning to show up on the banks and are being caught in 4-6 feet deep and in some cases deeper. The best bite seems to be in the afternoon on sunny days. Crappie fishing is starting to my attention ...



Bass Fishing ... No one pattern or technique seems to be dominant. Bass are feeding but not exerting much effort to do so. We've caught some fish on SPRO medium diving crank baits fished along deeper chunk rock banks. The best retrieve has been to cast the bait shallow crank it several turns until you feel bottom and then work the bait back to the boat using a stop and go retrieve. Actually I would consider the retrieve to be more like working a deep diving jerk bait with a jerk, jerk, pause and then jerk retrieve. This scenario has been most productive in the late afternoons after the sun has warmed the Northwest banks. Late this week we did see a movement whereby the largemouth are beginning to show up on the flats adjacent to the feeder creeks. Several nice fish were caught on lipless crank baits, square bill cranks and Steel Shad blade baits. As better weather becomes more consistent so will the fishing and the shallow water bite.

(Photo) John Dismag from Indiana with a couple of nice bass caught on a Steel Shad blade bait while fishing with Kick'n Bass.

SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK ...



Kick'n Bass "On the Water " Sonar Class Photo

Now this is what you call a way point worthy Location! In our "On the Water Sonar" class we emphasize only marking a location when it meets the right criteria and this location meets those requirements. This location is waypoint worth because ...

- The location currently holds fish and has permanent fish holding cover or structure. It's a safe bet this location would hold fish consistently and the angler could return time and time again and catch fish.

Maybe you have a lot of useless waypoints that are cluttering your map. Learn how to find productive fishing locations and when and how to save them in your system. Also learn how to delete those waypoints that you know aren't useful.

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.

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

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

Randy, what a great day! The class was better than I had hoped. It's nice when something is better than advertised. I really feel good about the investment I made in my HDS 8's and look forward to using them. Book me in May for the ledge trip too!

James Kellogg – Portage, IN.

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 the Smart Bracket Console Mounting System on a Skeeter FX 20



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

Be sure and Check out our webpage for more photos and other Sonar Accessories.

<http://kicknbass.net/sonar-accessories.php>