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Tune in Friday morning at 10:05 am to the Joe B. & Denny show for a live chat and an on the water fishing report by Kick'n Bass
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Lake Conditions

Water Clarity and Temperature ...

Both lakes range from dingy in some of the creeks with the main lake and larger bays clearing. Surface water temps on both lakes are around 58 degrees and warming to the low 60's in the afternoons on sunny days. With the amount of rainfall we had Wednesday and Thursday expect the lakes to rise some and the water to have some color to it, especially in the back of the bays where the banks are exposed from the drawdown.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds around 5 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday Night...Showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows around 60. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Monday...Showers and thunderstorms likely in the morning...Then showers likely and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Monday Night...Partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain showers in the evening. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly clear. Highs in the upper 50s. Lows in the mid 30s.

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

Great Fishing Adventures From the Kick'n Bass Pontoon



(Photo L) The Gary Jolley Group from Louisville with a real nice catch of crappie and yellows. (R) Ralph Rice and Tom LaBruyere from Louisville caught this nice mess of crappie fishing from the pontoon.



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The Mike Keller Group from Sikeston, Mo. With some nice ones trolling crank baits from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.

(Photo) Andrew and John Maston from Columbus, OH. with a few of the slab crappie they caught this week fishing from the Kick'n Bass Ranger boat.



Fishing Report

Crappie Fishing is going strong on the lakes this week as the Black Crappie began their pre-spawn ritual transitioning to the spawning flats. With the full moon on the 15th expect a major spawn to take place. **Bass Fishing** is red hot for smaller male bass, which is indicative of pre-spawn action. The big females are staging on the drops along the secondary channels and creek arms in preparation of the full moon. Fishing for both

species is good and expect it to get red hot as the full moon approaches.

Crappie ... Black Crappie are being caught in big numbers. Our best fish this week was a 15" 2 ¾ pound Black caught on a KY Green curly tail. Our best method is casting 3/32 oz Ken's light wire lead head with a 2.5 - 3 inch KY Green curly tail and then switching off and casting a small feather and hair jig on a weighted bobber and working it back slowly to pick off another fish or two. Also we're catching a few using a slip bobber and minnow fishing over and around shallow submerged cover. Chunk rock banks were the prime target areas with 4-6' depths being best. White crappie are being taken by spider rigging jig and jig and minnow combinations over submerged cover. The depth varies but 8-10 is a pretty safe bet.



(Photo) Capt'n Rich Bay with a big 'ole smallmouth caught fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.

Bass Fishing ... Tons of 1 -2 pound bass are shallow and cruising the banks and the points at the mouth of the bays. On sunny days a Steel Shad blade bait cast on a medium retrieve or SPRO little John crank bait is the way to go. On windy overcast or not so favorable days weather-wise fishing a 7 inch ZMan Shakey Head on a 3/16 oz PJ's bass extractor jig has worked wonders for my clients and I. Wind blown banks on the main lake are holding the better fish. While we're catching some fish up to 3.5 pounds, so far this week the bigger fish have alluded us. Smallmouth Bass are showing up on the main lake gravel flats as they are in pre-spawn mode.

Catfishing ... While we're not specifically fishing for cats we've caught a fair number in shallow water while fishing for bass & Crappie. One can only wonder how good cat fishing could be if that was your primary purpose.

SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK ...



We've been following the crappie migration for several weeks now. One thing that has been readily apparent is they've been using underwater ledges that tie into pea gravel flats as a conduit to make their way to prime spawning areas. Once we found the crappie staging on the ledges we used a Steel Shad blade bait, which emulated a baitfish nicely and stayed in the strike zone, to catch some really nice fish. Without our Lowrance HDS system no way would we have ever found schools like this. Your system can get images like this too! 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

Randy, I wanted to take a few minutes and sincerely express my thanks again for the training session we completed this morning and you showing me what I was missing regarding my HDS units - primarily the HDS 8 that has been on my boat for almost 2 years with very little use. In fact I had become extremely frustrated, as I was not able to obtain the results I heard it would produce. In many cases I would not

even turn it on when fishing. Yes me nearing 65 years of age had some influence on the level of frustration I had along with not being able to decipher the pages of manuals that came with the unit. I even tried on-line videos to no avail. My son took your class last month and even though he was familiar with his HDS units and systems on his boat learned a lot of how everything works, and what functions are available. He's the one that recommended that I contact you.

I would like to share my experience with others so feel free to post this ...

First of all Randy made arrangements with the folks at Bass & Gas so they could look over my boat and setup. Doing this discovered that my system was missing some key interface and cabling requirements. We discussed what was found and explained to me what needed to be done and it was agreed to make the changes to ensure the proper operation. Once the shortcomings were corrected and the software requirements updated, we went to the lake for real-time hands on training.

Once on the water my Pointe 1 antenna was calibrated, the graphics on the sonar and structurescan was dialed in, the training started. Randy reviewed the pre-loaded screens, showed me how the features worked, how to get from function to function and in general how using the units would help me become a more efficient fisherman. There were no dumb questions. Everyone was answered to my satisfaction. Then, it was my turn behind the wheel. Once in control of the boat Randy walked me through what he previously demonstrated so I would get the much-needed hands on experience with the unit and how everything worked. It was a double dose of info, which really helped me understand how to properly use the system. Simply put I was amazed at how I was able to retain what I was learning ... what it would show, how to identify objects, structure, fish and other features. It was fun too!

I can say without reservation, I should have done this much sooner. Without this time and assistance, I would not have been able to get my systems to work properly nor use everything to its full capability. Now with the system corrections performed and what I learned in the "on the Water Sonar Class" I have the confidence in my system and I feel good about the investment I made in my electronics.

I am looking forward to using everything now that it works properly and I understand what to do.

Larry Martin - Tennessee

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.

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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!

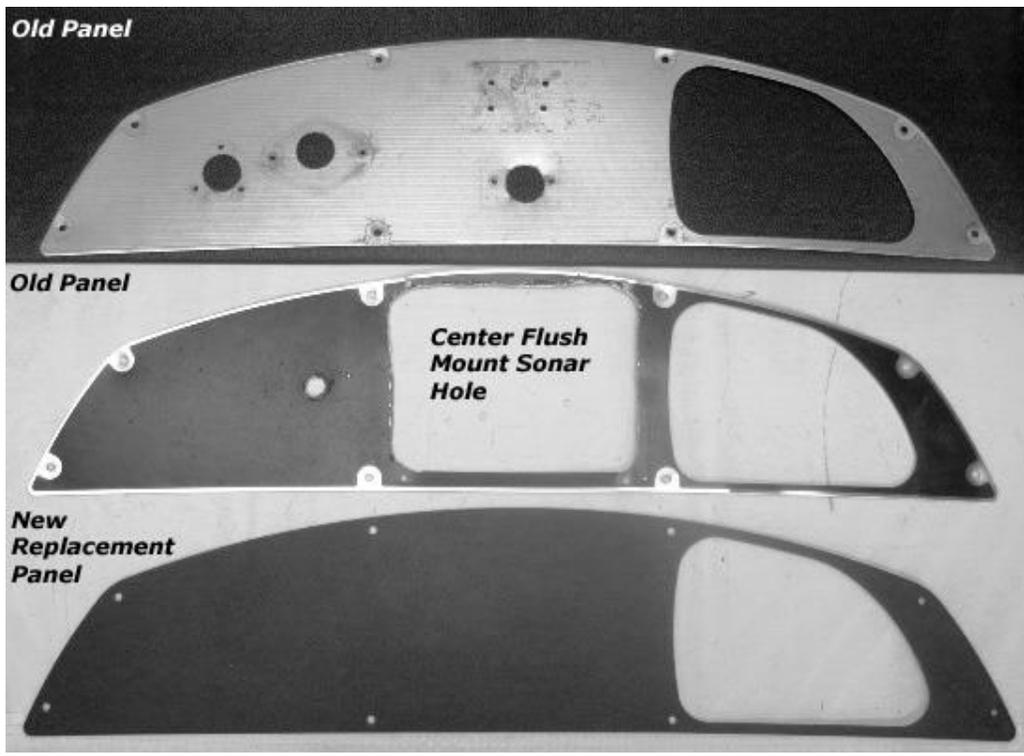
Kick'n Bass' 7 Essential Steps to Simplify Using Your HDS System.

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.

Ranger Z Series Replacement Panels available



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