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Lake Conditions

Both lakes are about a foot below summer pool for more information including a generation schedule visit the TVA website at http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm

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 60 degrees and warming to the low to mid 60's in the afternoons on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny. A 20 percent chance of showers in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s. East winds 5 mph in the morning shifting to the northeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 5 mph in the evening becoming calm after midnight.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. East winds 5 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows around 50.

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

Sunday Night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday Night...Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening...Then a slight chance of showers after midnight. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

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

Tuesday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the upper 70s.

***Great Fishing Adventures From the
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(Photo L) The Pete Johnson group from Owensboro, KY with some nice crappie trolling crank baits from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. (R) Jacob Spernek with a nice bass caught from the pontoon that was photographed and released.

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

Fishing Report - Overview

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 this past few days spawning has occurred on some portions of the lake. The farther south on the lake you go you go the more spawning activity is occurring. Spider riggers fishing over brush are catching fair numbers and those drifting the flats are doing fair also.

Bass Fishing is very good 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 the bays in preparation for the transition to the spawning flats.

High winds have hampered fishing for both species but when anglers can fish the results have been good. Fishing for both species is good and expect it to get better as the water continues to warm.



Crappie ... Black Crappie are being caught in good numbers. Our best fish this week was a 16" 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. *(Photo L) Heidi and Gary Yates from Harrodsburg, KY with a few of the slab crappie they caught this week fishing from the Kick'n Bass Ranger boat.* 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 R) Tom LaBruyere and Ralph Rice from Louisville with some big crappie caught while fishing from the Kick'n Bass Ranger Boat.*



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 and I thought I'd repeat this photo again this week because this is exactly what one should look for right now if you want to be successful in locating and catching crappie. 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.

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Barrett and Porter Lead Marshall County Fishing Teams In Qualifying for the State Finals.

Congratulations to Shane Barrett and Peyton Porter from Marshall County for their top five finish at the KHSAA High School Regional Tournament. Shane and Peyton will lead a contingent of Marshall County teams that advanced to the State Tournament held here on KY Lake on April 25-26 out of KY Dam Marina.

The Marshall County teams of Adam Fitch and Bailey Napier with their seventh place finish as well as the team of Austin Wade and Barrett Washburn with their eighth place finish also qualified for the finals.

Congratulations men, let's bring the hardware home to Marshall County!!!

