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Lake Conditions

Both lakes are about a foot over summer pool. Kentucky Dam will be spilling until further notice. 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 cloudy in some of the creeks with the main lake and larger bays clearing. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the 64-66 degree range and trending higher in the afternoons on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

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(Photo Top) The Howards & Damron's from Kentucky enjoyed a some good fishing with some nice crappie caught trolling crank aboard the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. (R) Del Hamilton and his group from Illinois caught some monster crappie fishing from the Kick'n Bass pontoon.

Fishing Report



Bass Fishing is fair to good which is indicative of pre-spawn action. Some females are on the beds while others are staging on the drops along the secondary channels and creek arms in the bays in preparation for transitioning to the spawning flats. With the full moon on the 14th expect the bas that haven't spawned to do so. With the additional water we have on the lakes some big ones are being caught flipping and pitching the bushes in the back of the bays. Find some bushes close to a drain or creek and it's game on. One of the best baits this week has been the ZMan 7" finesse worm pegged Texas style in June Bug and New Money. The slender profile works it's way thru the bush where the big ones can get to it. 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, a ZMan Chatter Bait cast on a medium retrieve or SPRO little John crank bait is picking off aggressive biters. On windy overcast or not so favorable days

weather-wise, fishing a 7 inch ZMan finsee worm a 3/16 oz PJ's Bass Extractor jig Shakey Head style has worked wonders for my clients and I when we dragged the lure thru the shell beds and gravel points at the mouth of the bays. Smallmouth Bass are showing up on gravel flats and lead-in banks as they are in full post-spawn mode. Lots of male smallmouth in the 14-15 inch range are being caught.

Crappie ... The majority of the Black Crappie we're catching have spawned. A lot of whites have spawned also and those that haven't will certainly do so by the full moon on the 14th. Capt. Rich has been trolling SPRO cranks deep 16-19 feet and catching some big females that for the most part have spawned. Our best method from the Kick'n Bass Ranger boat has been 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. 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. This method will improve as more spawned out fish return to the brush piles.

Bluegill & Redear ... While our bookings this week didn't allow us much time to fish for these species when we did we got pretty lucky. With the water up almost any backwater area near a run in has some fish on it. A Shelton's Bluegill Bug or Ken's cricket tipped with a live cricket cast around flooded cover was pretty darn good. We'll have more on these species next week as they move into shallower water to begin the spawning ritual.

SONAR TIP OF THE WEEK ...



We've been following the crappie migration for several weeks now and 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 and from prime spawning areas. 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

I basically had \$6K worth of equipment that was installed improperly and worked about 10% of the time. Randy and the folks at Bass & Gas reinstalled my Lowrance units and I added his Smart Bracket Console Mounting system and Bow Mount Sonar Bracket to my Ranger RT 188 and now my electronics

not only look fantastic but are fully functional as well. My Sonar transducer would only read up to 15 mph and once it was reinstalled I'm happy to say that I now have sonar depth at all speeds. The best part however was Randy's on the water sonar class; it was a real eye opener! After spending several hours with Randy I have a firm understanding of how to find, mark, identify and hopefully catch more fish. Thank You Randy!

Andy King - Missouri

I recently purchased and had two Lowrance HDS touch-screen units installed on my boat. I felt that I could read the manual and figure out how to get the units to perform to my satisfaction. But after much frustration and inability to get my units to operate properly, I decided to take Randy's On The Water Sonar Class. Randy updated and calibrated my units and antenna before we launched the boat. Once on the water, Randy quickly determined that my system was not operating properly and contacted the technician at Bass n Gas to arrange immediate corrections. After a short time, we were back on the water where Randy demonstrated total mastery of the HDS units. He broke down the unique features of the units into simple and easy to understand concepts that anyone can understand. Locating and identifying structure, fish, cover, and areas likely to hold fish at any given time is now straightforward and painless. Entering waypoints and coordinates became virtually effortless and makes returning to any area highly accurate and precise. Randy's knowledge of the HDS systems and his relationship with the installation technician at Bass n Gas makes his class a must for anyone just acquiring one of the units as well as those who think they have them mastered. Randy is an accomplished professional and I highly recommend and endorse his class.

Colonel David Bowman USA (Ret)

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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