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**July 11, 2014**

## **Lake Conditions**

This week both lakes are at summer pool. For more information including a generation schedule visit the TVA website at [http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh\\_r.htm](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 generally clear. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the 80 degree range and trending higher in the afternoons on sunny days.

## **Weather Outlook**

**Friday**...Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds 5 mph in the morning becoming calm in the afternoon.

**Friday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 5 mph in the evening shifting to the southeast after midnight.

**Saturday**...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 5 mph.

**Saturday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

**Sunday**...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

**Sunday Night**...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

**Monday**...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

**Monday Night**...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

**Tuesday**...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Lows in the mid 60s.

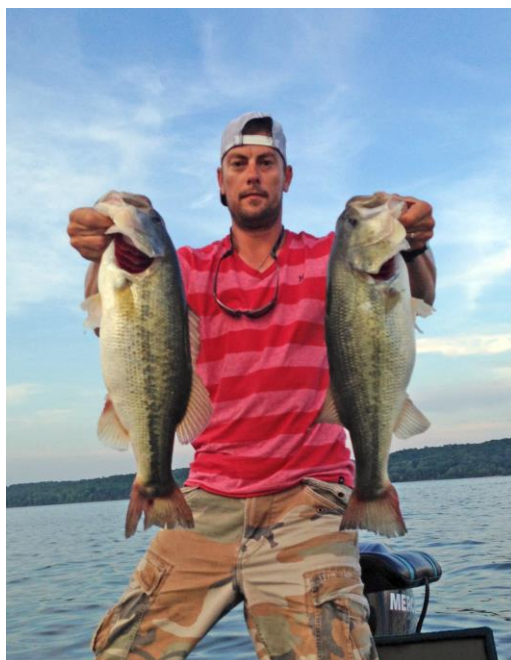
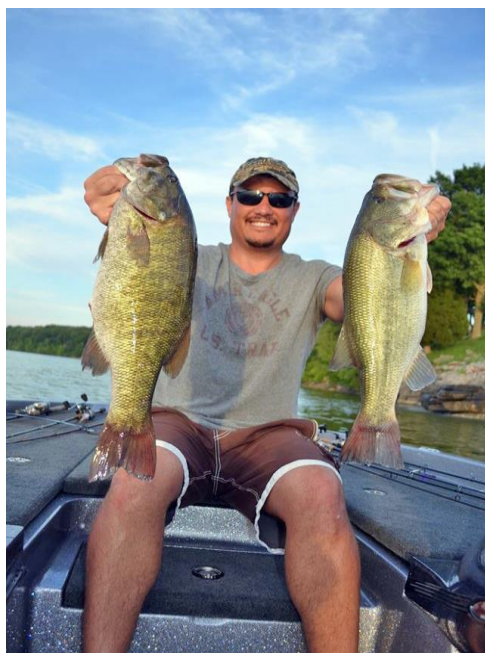
**Tuesday Night**...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Lows in the mid 60s.

**Wednesday**...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

## Prime Feeding Times for Kentucky & Barkley Lakes

Date	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Activity Times	Minor Activity Times	Prediction
Friday 7/11/2014	Rises: 5:42 am Sets: 8:13 pm	Rises: 7:25 pm Sets: 4:53 am Over: --:-- Under: 12:11 pm	99% Waxing Gibbous	--:----- 12:11 pm-2:11 pm	4:53 am-5:53 am 7:25 pm-8:25 pm	★★★★ Best
Saturday 7/12/2014	Rises: 5:43 am Sets: 8:13 pm	Rises: 8:17 pm Sets: 6:00 am Over: 12:42 am Under: 1:12 pm	100% FULL MOON	12:42 am-2:42 am 1:12 pm-3:12 pm	6:00 am-7:00 am 8:17 pm-9:17 pm	★★★★ Best
Sunday 7/13/2014	Rises: 5:44 am Sets: 8:12 pm	Rises: 9:05 pm Sets: 7:10 am Over: 1:42 am Under: 2:12 pm	98% Waning Gibbous	1:42 am-3:42 am 2:12 pm-4:12 pm	7:10 am-8:10 am 9:05 pm-10:05 pm	★★★ Better
Monday 7/14/2014	Rises: 5:44 am Sets: 8:12 pm	Rises: 9:48 pm Sets: 8:21 am Over: 2:41 am Under: 3:09 pm	93% Waning Gibbous	2:41 am-4:41 am 3:09 pm-5:09 pm	8:21 am-9:21 am 9:48 pm-10:48 pm	★★ Good
Tuesday 7/15/2014	Rises: 5:45 am Sets: 8:11 pm	Rises: 10:27 pm Sets: 9:32 am Over: 3:37 am Under: 4:05 pm	85% Waning Gibbous	3:37 am-5:37 am 4:05 pm-6:05 pm	9:32 am-10:32 am 10:27 pm-11:27 pm	★ Average
Wednesday 7/16/2014	Rises: 5:46 am Sets: 8:11 pm	Rises: 11:04 pm Sets: 10:41 am Over: 4:31 am Under: 4:57 pm	76% Waning Gibbous	4:31 am-6:31 am 4:57 pm-6:57 pm	10:41 am-11:41 am 11:04 pm-12:04 am	★ Average
Thursday 7/17/2014	Rises: 5:46 am Sets: 8:10 pm	Rises: 11:41 pm Sets: 11:48 am Over: 5:23 am Under: 5:49 pm	65% Waning Gibbous	5:23 am-7:23 am 5:49 pm-7:49 pm	11:48 am-12:48 pm 11:41 pm-12:41 pm	★ Average

## *Fishing Report from the Kick'n Bass Ranger Boat*



*(Photos) Outdoor Writer Travis Faulkner from Kentucky (R) and Richie Head from Tennessee (L) with some good reasons to fish the ledges. (Right) Willie Detweiler from KY with a monster Smallmouth caught fishing a Shakey Head on a main lake ledge.*

### **Bass Fishing ...**

The Ledge bite has been spotty this week but none the less some real good fish have been caught. Most of our fish over 5 pounds have come from the deeper ledges where the larger baitfish schools are more prevalent. Some of the more productive lures are Strike King magnum spoons, Steel Shad blade baits and 5.5" swim baits. A good back up plan, especially when there isn't any current or wind, is dragging a ZMan Turbo CrawZ on a PJ's Freestyle Football head jig or Shakey Head combo consisting of a PJ's Bass Extractor jig



and ZMan Finesse worm. There were days when the ZMan Turbo Crawz out produced all other baits combined with or without current or wind.

## ***ZMan Turbo CrawZ & PJ's Freestyle Football Head Jig ... a Great Combination!***



Prior to going to the lake we tested this combination in the fish tank at **Bass & Gas**, one of the local tackle shops in the area that sells ZMan products. We found that the slightest movement causes the ZMan Turbo CrawZ to thump and gyrate irresistibly. Also the buoyant nature of the ElaZtech material allows the claws to rise up and assume the defensive posture of a crayfish. Once on the lake we found that slowly dragging or at times deadsticking this combo would produce. Color didn't seem to matter much either, there was no doubt when you had a bite, the bass absolutely crushed the bait and basically set the hook for you. Don't discount using the Turbo CrawZ on a Carolina Rig either. I had one client this week caught a number of good bass using this method. The Turbo CrawZ is really effective be sure and try it. **Bass & Gas** in Benton and **The Cabin Bait and Tackle** in Kuttawa here in the Lakes area carry a good assortment of Zman products. [www.zmanfishing.com](http://www.zmanfishing.com)

**Dock Pattern ...** Using spinning gear with 6lb line and a Zman ZINKERZ (*Senko type lure*) casting WACKY style, we've had a blast this week and caught some good fish too. The ElaZtech construction makes this the most durable stickbait on the market and it's loaded with salt so it sinks at a controlled, slow rate when rigged weightless. The tough material allows you to wacky rig without the use of O-rings or other devices. With the young of the year fry approaching 1-2 inches the larger shad and bluegill are having a field day and the bass are taking advantage of the shad and bluegill. When things slow up or you can't fish where you want boat docks are a good way to go, especially the ones with spud poles on the corner.

**Top Water ...** early surface action has been good on both white bass and largemouth as the two species are schooling together and herding baitfish. Prime locations are around boat docks and gravel points at the mouth of the bays. A two-hook version of the **SPRO McStick** is a good choice using a jerk, jerk, pause and the jerk retrieve.

## ***Fishing Report from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon***

***Contact Us Right Away To Get In On the Action !!!***

(Photo L) The Bob Adelsberger Group from St. Louis with a good mixed bag of white and yellow bass and catfish. (Photo R) Jill Sawyer from Michigan with her big largemouth bass caught fishing from the Pontoon.



**Crappie ...** Trolling cranks for crappie has been very consistent for us this week. Capt. Rich has been trolling SPRO cranks deep 16-19 feet and catching some big blacks and whites. The numbers have been good each day.

**White bass ...** fishing has been very, very good for those clients fishing from the

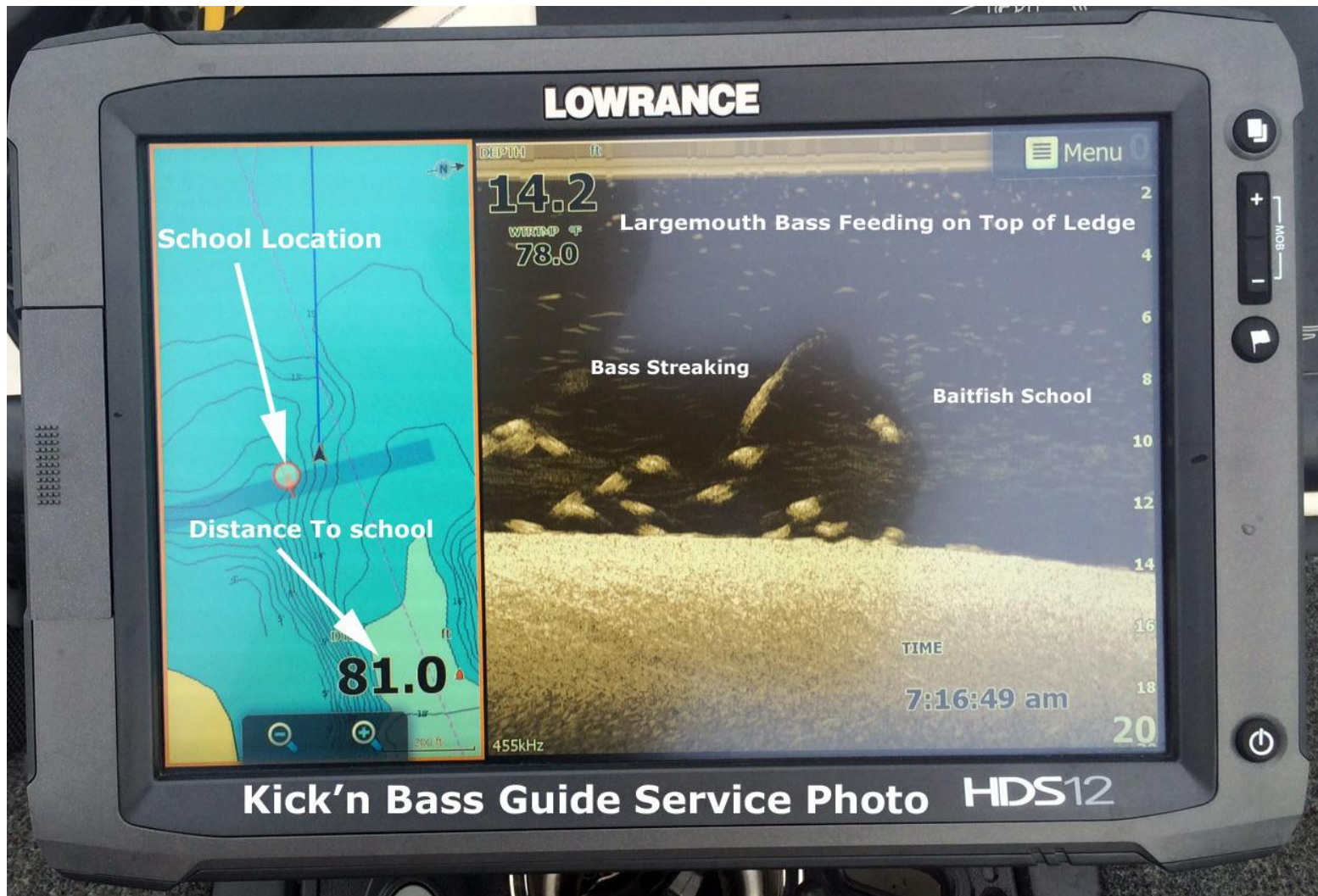
pontoon. We're catching some big fish on the ledges and the mouth of the bays on a Steel Shad blade bait and Ken's Hybrid Spinner. The fish are just now beginning to school up nicely and good number of big fish are being caught.

**Bluegill ...** Slowing considerably but still good numbers being caught by our clients this week using a Shelton's Bluegill bug and a Ken's cricket with and without a live cricket. Fishing a cricket under an ESB slip bobber was a strong second.

**Catfish ...** good all over the lake on the ledges 20-25 deep a Steel Shad blade bait.

***Sonar Tip Of The Week Featuring  
Lowrance High Definition Sonar Systems***





The screen shows a school of big bass feeding on baitfish on a deep flat located next to an underwater ledge. The ledge tapered to about 18 feet before it dropped into the Tennessee River channel.

The Chart screen shows the location of the school as well as the distance and direction the boat is positioned from the school. Using our HDS 12 Bow unit with the HDI Transducer we relocated the school and situated the boat within easy casting distance. A Steel Shad blade bait was counted down to 10 feet, using a side sweep motion my clients and I worked the school over pretty good catching some very nice bass. Gold was the best color.

Locating this school would not have been possible without our Lowrance Touch Screen HDS 12. 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).

**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](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)

## ***Here's what one Tournament Pro had to say about his "On the Water" class experience ...***



*After years fishing professionally with FLW, Central Pro Am and the OMTT one would think they know how to use their electronics. For years I thought I was pretty good with my Lowrance Electronics.....well guess what? As the old saying goes, "You Don't Know What You Don't Know" hit me right between the eyes within a few minutes while being on the water and in my boat with Randy Kuhens on Kentucky Lake. If you truly want an eye opening experience and increase your fish locating skill, you must take his "on the water" sonar class. He will reprogram your Lowrance electronics to ensure you have the latest software version and prepare your system so it will perform at an optimum level so you'll get the most out of your system and time on the water. The class is done in your boat using your electronics on Kentucky Lake where you learn by doing. Find spawning beds for bass, red ear, and bluegill and know*

*how to tell them apart. Locate game fish and submerged structure on ledges and have fun doing it!*

*Tom Murphy – Tournament Pro & Owner of Bass Wishes Tackle Co.*

***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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