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#### **Lake Conditions**

This week both lakes are about a half a foot below summer pool and falling slightly as TVA begins it's seasonal drawdown. For more information including a generation schedule visit the TVA website at <a href="http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyhr.htm">http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyhr.htm</a>

## **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**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Calm winds in the morning becoming southeast 5 mph in the afternoon.

**Friday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 5 mph.

**Saturday**...Partly sunny. Highs around 90. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night**...Partly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

**Sunday**...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. **Sunday Night**...Mostly clear. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s.

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

**Monday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 80s.

**Tuesday**...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Wednesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 80s.

**Thursday**...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

## **Prime Feeding Times for Kentucky & Barkley Lakes**

Date	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Activity Times	Minor Activity Times	Prediction
Friday	Rises: 5:52 am	Rises: 4:51 am Sets: 7:03 pm	1%	12:00 pm-2:00 pm	4:51 am-5:51 am	OOO
7/25/2014	Sets: 8:05 pm	Over: 12:00 pm Under::	Waning Crescent	::	7:03 pm-8:03 pm	Better
Saturday	Rises: 5:53 am	Rises: 5:44 am Sets: 7:42 pm	0%	12:23 am-2:23 am	5:44 am-6:44 am	OOOO
7/26/2014	Sets: 8:04 pm	Over: 12:46 pm Under: 12:23 am	NEW MOON	12:46 pm-2:46 pm	7:42 pm-8:42 pm	Best
Sunday	Rises: 5:54 am	Rises: 6:38 am Sets: 8:16 pm	1%	1:09 am-3:09 am	6:38 am-7:38 am	OOOO
7/27/2014	Sets: 8:04 pm	Over: 1:31 pm Under: 1:09 am	Waxing Crescent	1:31 pm-3:31 pm	8:16 pm-9:16 pm	Best
Monday	Rises: 5:55 am	Rises: 7:33 am Sets: 8:49 pm	3%	1:53 am-3:53 am	7:33 am-8:33 am	OOO
7/28/2014	Sets: 8:03 pm	Over: 2:15 pm Under: 1:53 am	Waxing Crescent	2:15 pm-4:15 pm	8:49 pm-9:49 pm	Better
Tuesday	Rises: 5:55 am	Rises: 8:27 am Sets: 9:20 pm	7%	2:36 am-4:36 am	8:27 am-9:27 am	Good
7/29/2014	Sets: 8:02 pm	Over: 2:57 pm Under: 2:36 am	Waxing Crescent	2:57 pm-4:57 pm	9:20 pm-10:20 pm	
Wednesday	Rises: 5:56 am	Rises: 9:22 am Sets: 9:50 pm	12%	3:19 am-5:19 am	9:22 am-10:22 am	O
7/30/2014	Sets: 8:01 pm	Over: 3:40 pm Under: 3:19 am	Waxing Crescent	3:40 pm-5:40 pm	9:50 pm-10:50 pm	Average
Thursday	Rises: 5:57 am	Rises: 10:16 am Sets: 10:21 pm	19%	4:01 am-6:01 am	10:16 am-11:16 am	O
7/31/2014	Sets: 8:00 pm	Over: 4:23 pm Under: 4:01 am	Waxing Crescent	4:23 pm-6:23 pm	10:21 pm-11:21 pm	Average

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

### Bass Fishing ...



The Ledge bite has been real spotty this week and we've gone thru some periods of tough fishing. None the less, some real good fish have been caught like the one Scotty Hill from Northern KY (photos) caught this week. Most of our fish over 5 pounds have come from the deeper ledges where the larger baitfish schools are more prevalent. Shakey Head combos consisting of a ¼ oz.PJ's Bass Extractor jig and ZMan Finesse worm has been the best liure ... basically dead sticking it.

**Dock Pattern** ... With the water being drawn down this pattern has waned a little but is still good enough to talk about it. Using spinning gear with 6lb line and a Zman ZINKERZ (Senko type lure) casting WACKY style, we caught some fish around boat docks especially those on the main lake and with spud poles. 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 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. **Top Water** ... early and late surface action has been only fair 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

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**Crappie** ... Trolling cranks for crappie has been consistent for our clients

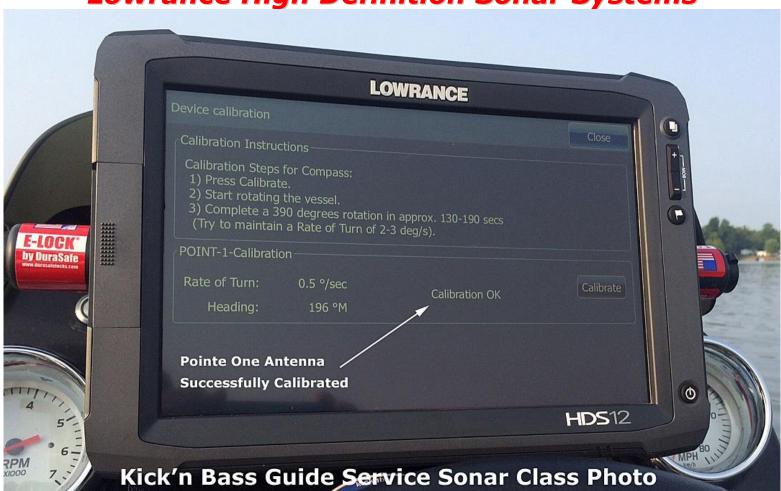
this week. Capt. Rich has been trolling SPRO cranks deep 16-19 feet and catching some big blacks and whites. The numbers have been respectable each day.

**White bass** ... fishing has been 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** ... fair on the top of the ledges next to deeper water 20 plus on a Steel Shad blade bait.

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



The Lowrance Point-1 is the ideal position and heading device. The Point-1 provides extremely accurate and rapid boat position and speed updates. In addition – unlike other position-only antennas – the Point-1 provides heading for accurate boat direction at any speed and for radar/chart overlay.

There are many differences between the built-in internal antenna and the Pointe 1's predecessor the puck-style LCG 4000. The benefits are; a download rate of 10x per second, which is twice as fast as both the standard internal antenna and the LCG 4000 making high speed operation accurate while providing true chart stabilization. Also the Pointe 1 provides accurate course over ground indication even at low speeds helping the angler direct his boat effortlessly to a desired location. All of this is done while keeping track of the bow orientation (Gen 2 units only) and no longer will your Vessel icon (arrow on chart) lose it's direction.

Once installed the Pointe 1 will need to be calibrated. Calibrating your Pointe 1 is just one of the many benefits you'll receive in our "ON the Water" Sonar Class.

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 <a href="mailto:rk@kicknbass.net">rk@kicknbass.net</a>.

**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 <a href="mailto:rk@kicknbass.net">rk@kicknbass.net</a>

## Here's what some of our clients had to say about their "On the Water Sonar Class"

Randy, I can't say enough good about your class. It has made a huge difference in my fishing but it's got me in trouble too! Since our class I sold my boat, bought another and then upgraded to two HDS 12 touch screens. See what you started!

Bub Johnson - Joplin, Mo.

Randy, I thought about doing you class last year but didn't. My wife got wind of my desire to learn how to use my depth finders again and at my  $60^{th}$  birthday party she presented me with a Kick'n Bass Gift Certificate to do the class. Been married to that woman for 40 years and I guess I'll keep her. No kidding, I really got a lot out of the class, it was real good. Thanks for everything!

Peter Wilson - St. Louis, Mo. (USAF Ret.)

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 Pallette 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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