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Sept. 12, 2014

Lake Conditions

This week both lakes are getting close to 3 feet below summer pool and falling during the seasonal drawdown. For more information including a generation schedule visit the TVA website at http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm

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 82 degree range and trending higher in the afternoons on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 60s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs around 70. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. North winds 5 mph.

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

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

Monday...Partly sunny. Highs around 80.

Monday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows around 60.

Prime Feeding Times for Kentucky & Barkley Lakes

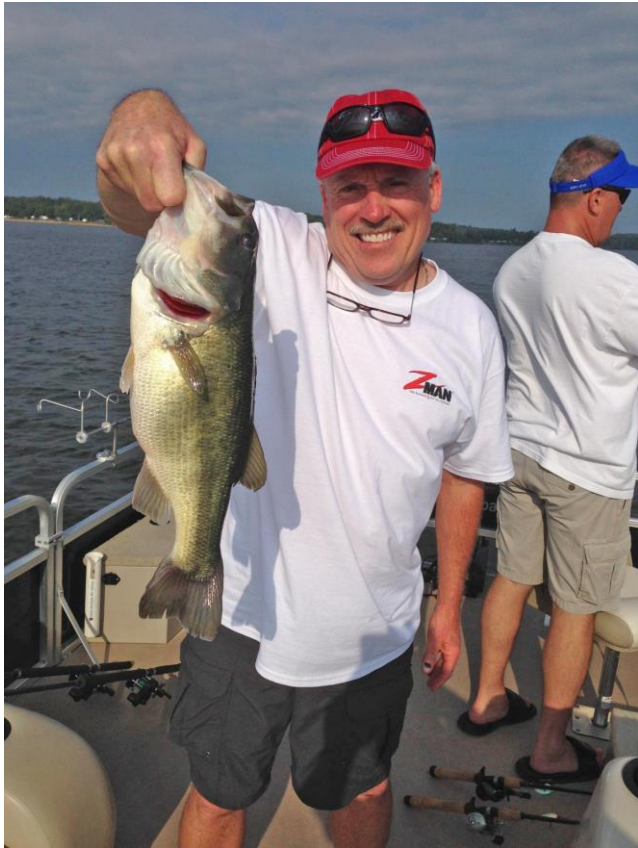
Date	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Activity Times	Minor Activity Times	Prediction
Friday 9/12/2014	Rises: 6:32 am Sets: 7:05 pm	Rises: 9:33 pm Sets: 10:30 am Over: 3:38 am Under: 4:05 pm	83% Waning Gibbous	3:38 am-5:38 am 4:05 pm-6:05 pm	10:30 am-11:30 am 9:33 pm-10:33 pm	⬆ Average
Saturday 9/13/2014	Rises: 6:33 am Sets: 7:03 pm	Rises: 10:16 pm Sets: 11:33 am Over: 4:31 am Under: 4:57 pm	74% Waning Gibbous	4:31 am-6:31 am 4:57 pm-6:57 pm	11:33 am-12:33 pm 10:16 pm-11:16 pm	⬆ Average
Sunday 9/14/2014	Rises: 6:34 am Sets: 7:01 pm	Rises: 11:03 pm Sets: 12:31 pm Over: 5:23 am Under: 5:49 pm	64% Waning Gibbous	5:23 am-7:23 am 5:49 pm-7:49 pm	12:31 pm-1:31 pm 11:03 pm-12:03 am	⬆ Average
Monday 9/15/2014	Rises: 6:34 am Sets: 7:00 pm	Rises: 11:52 pm Sets: 1:26 pm Over: 6:15 am Under: 6:40 pm	50% Last Quarter	6:15 am-8:15 am 6:40 pm-8:40 pm	1:26 pm-2:26 pm 11:52 pm-12:52 am	⬆ Average
Tuesday 9/16/2014	Rises: 6:35 am Sets: 6:58 pm	Rises: --- Sets: 2:15 pm Over: 7:05 am Under: 7:29 pm	44% Waning Crescent	7:05 am-9:05 am 7:29 pm-9:29 pm	--- Sets: 2:15 pm-3:15 pm	⬆ Average
Wednesday 9/17/2014	Rises: 6:36 am Sets: 6:57 pm	Rises: 12:42 am Sets: 3:00 pm Over: 7:53 am Under: 8:17 pm	34% Waning Crescent	7:53 am-9:53 am 8:17 pm-10:17 pm	12:42 am-1:42 am 3:00 pm-4:00 pm	⬆ Average
Thursday 9/18/2014	Rises: 6:37 am Sets: 6:55 pm	Rises: 1:35 am Sets: 3:41 pm Over: 8:41 am Under: 9:04 pm	26% Waning Crescent	8:41 am-10:41 am 9:04 pm-11:04 pm	1:35 am-2:35 am 3:41 pm-4:41 pm	⬆ Average

Catch Fish & Have Fun on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon

Have we got a deal for you! We furnish the rods & reels and lures, clean and package your catch, pick you up and bring you back. It's the BEST VALUE on the lake!

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Steve Sacra and Tim Bullock kicked back with us this week and had a great trip fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. They caught some huge Crappie and Bass and some White Bass too!

Check out our video on Illinois Outdoors TV on Trolling Crank Baits for Crappie from the PONTOON ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVGnbN5tvSw&list=UUUAXuK-wS4XHVYy6Bo4GnaQ>

Heavy Metal Bass Fishing ...

Big Lures equal Big Fish and with the craziness surrounding fishing big spoons for bass here on Kentucky Lake the search is on for that one lure that has just the right combination of size and action. Casting a spoon as big as a license plate requires specialized equipment & line and demands the angler to do all the work to impart action in the lure. So finding a spoon that imitates a big shad and has just the right action can be a pretty big challenge.

I've tried those enormous spoons. While I'll admit I've caught fish on them, I've also lost a bunch of fish on them too. Also I've found them very difficult to cast in the wind and with and without little or no built in action, in just a short time I was worn out using them and a lot of my clients struggled with using them too.

Master lure designer and maker Ken McGregor, owner of Fisherman's Friend in Lake City, Ky. has made numerous handcrafted baits that anglers swear by and when I need a little something extra for my clients and me I go see Ken.

Ken's Demon and Ledge Spoons ...

Ken's Demon and Ledge Spoons are not your ordinary lures and a lot of unique elements and attention to detail goes into each one. As an example, Ken varies the thickness of the surface area of the spoon to get the right amount of drop and flutter to imitate a dying baitfish. The more surface area the slower drop and flutter.

To keep a fish hooked up, Ken adds a SpinTech treble hook on the larger spoons, which reduces the chances of losing fish that spit out the hook. When hooked, bass are known to fight aggressively, subjecting the lure and hook through a lot of stress. Lesser hooks lock and the fish use the weight of the spoon as leverage and torque to dislodge the lure. SpinTech's ability to rotate in either direction eliminates the locking problem completely and the hooks reposition themselves with the changing momentum of struggling fish. Now that's attention to detail!

On some models a Scorpik Treble made by VMC is used. This design combines a wide-gap single hook with a double hook for maximum hooking rates. Ken adds a double split ring to the bottom of the spoon, which allows the larger hook to ride up for reduced torque and better hookups.

The best news is not only do these Spoons catch the devil out of bass and other species too ... they're about half the cost of those license plate sized spoons. Sizes vary from 2 oz. on down.

You can find the Ken's Hybrid Spinner at area tackle shops or call the Fisherman's Friend at (270-362-4323). Tell 'em Kick'n Bass told you to call.



Bass Fishing ... Bass Fishing has been picked up considerably with the favorable feeding times coinciding with the full moon. Largemouth bass are relating to offshore shell beds where schools of baitfish are congregating. The best shell beds are located along the river ledges and at the mouths of the bays. **Night Fishing** has been nothing short of Phenomenal for numbers of bass. The best lure hands down has been the Big Spoons made locally by Ken McGregor at the Fisherman's Friend with the larger sizes being best. A good back up plan is a Steel Shad fished closely to the bottom. The Bass are schooled up tight and when you catch one you can catch several but they're not bunched up in the larger schools like they were earlier in the year. This is one of those times when knowing how to use your Lowrance electronics really comes into play to locate these smaller schools. As a bonus large white

Bass are mixed in with the Largemouth. To extend the bite your best bet is to have a back up plan when fishing slows like dragging a ZMan Shakey Head or a PJ's jig & Craw. If the bite wanes and then quits its time to move on so don't stay too long. The key is finding the less pressured fish. In the latter part of the week we found a lot of good fish SHALLOW also, 3 feet or less in the back of the bays and along chunk rock banks. SPRO shallow runners and square bill crank baits are best in shad patterns. A steel shad fished using a lipless crank bait style retrieve was a killer at times. Silver on sunny and gold on cloudy days. One pattern emerging is a strong spinner bait bite along the shallow ledges mid-bay. The bite was really good at times but I suspect this will improve as the baitfish work there way back.

White Bass fishing is really good as big numbers and size are the norm. Some of the bigger fish have been suspended 20 feet deep with big schools of baitfish over much deeper water. **Ken's Hybrid Spinner**, made locally by Master Lure Designer Ken McGregor, has been absolutely the hottest lure bar none. Make a long cast and let the lure settle on the bottom and then rip it off the bottom and continue with a steady retrieve. As always a Steel Shad blade bait is a good backup plan.

Catfish ... We've managed to catch a bunch everyday on either a Ken's Hybrid spinner or a Steel Shad whether we're bass fishing from the Ranger boat or the Pontoon. So if Catfish is your thing you should be a happy angler for sure. They're on the ledges 15-20 feet deep next to deeper water. For best results keep your bait on or near the bottom using a slow yo-yo retrieve.

Crappie ... Capt. Rich is catching some big fish trolling cranks. The numbers are improving each day. Crappie overall is improving steadily.

*** ***FREE Installation September*** ***

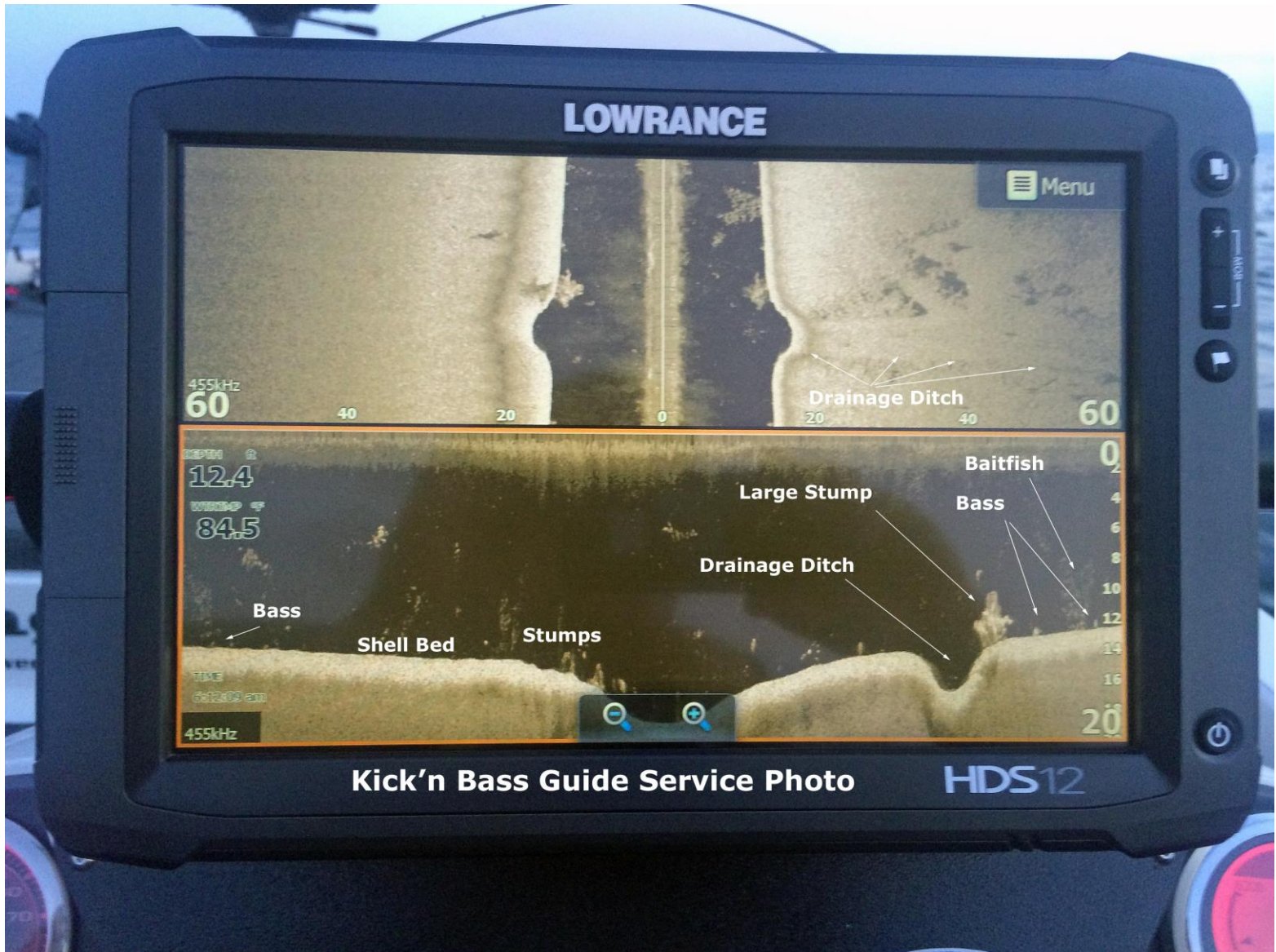
That's right ... **FREE Installation** at Bass & Gas in Benton, KY on all Lowrance, Humminbird, Minn Kota Talons and Trolling Motors purchased in the month of September. A \$450 value for FREE!!!!



Don't miss out on a professional installation on the quality marine equipment you have been waiting for. (This offer is only good on marine electronics purchased from **Bass & Gas** during the month of September 2014). Call for details 270-527-1900

Sonar Tip Of The Week Featuring

Lowrance High Definition Sonar System



This is one of my favorite pages, it is so very efficient and easy to use. This set up allows the angler to scan both left and right and below the boat. The upper portion of the screen shows a side scan view of the area find stumps that might hold some good fish or a road bed or ditch or two. In this case I noticed a ditch that drained a rather large flat before it emptied into the Tennessee River. There were some nice fish gathering just a few feet from the ditch that we caught ripping spoons off the bottom

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 some of our clients had to say about *The Smart Bracket Console Mounting System* and their "On the Water Sonar Class"



I picked up my new 520C last week and it's a really great boat. I spent a lot of time researching the mounts to get the touch 12 and 9 out of factory flush mounting for better visibility and ease of operation. I decided on the Smart Bracket Console Mounting System and the Bow Mount Sonar Bracket. I went to Benton KY to have the mounts installed at Bass & Gas. The install was quick & simple, the average guy or gal could do it with no problem. I like the look, the mounts are rigid and at the perfect viewing angle. I am very happy with my purchase.

After the installation we did the on the water sonar class and I found the sonar class to be a high value and I learned a lot about my electronics. Randy and Matt Quinn, owner of Bass & Gas, are great guys to deal with, I highly recommend both of them.

Les Womble – Tusculumbia, Al.

I gotta give a special thanks to Randy Kuhens aka **Kick'n Bass**! Just got back from taking his Sonar Class on Kentucky Lake and I HIGHLY recommend it! The class makes understanding the Lowrance Units way easier than if I tried to learn it on my own! Even if you have been using your units for a while, you will get a lot out of the on the water class!

Also check out his Sonar Mounting Systems. Believe me, I looked at them all and decided to go with the Smart Bracket Console Mount and the Bow Mount Sonar Bracket. These Systems are ROCK SOLID and put your unit in the perfect viewing angle! Now my electronics are much easier to see and use than the standard flush mounting!!!!

Eric Kincaid – Cleveland, OH.

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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