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Oct 17, 2014

Lake Conditions

This week both lakes are about 3.5 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 67-degree range. The water temp can go higher or lower depending on the weather we'll have, as October is the month of change.

Weather Outlook

- Friday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.
- Friday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Northwest winds around 5 mph.
- Saturday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.
- Saturday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.
- Sunday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.
- Sunday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
- Monday**...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.
- Monday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.
- Tuesday**...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.
- Wednesday**...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Prime Feeding Times for Kentucky & Barkley Lakes

Date	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Activity Times	Minor Activity Times	Prediction
Friday 10/17/2014	Rises: 7:02 am Sets: 6:13 pm	Rises: 1:14 am Sets: 2:52 pm Over: 8:07 am Under: 8:29 pm	32% Waning Crescent	8:07 am-10:07 am 8:29 pm-10:29 pm	1:14 am-2:14 am 2:52 pm-3:52 pm	☉ Average
Saturday 10/18/2014	Rises: 7:03 am Sets: 6:12 pm	Rises: 2:08 am Sets: 3:25 pm Over: 8:50 am Under: 9:12 pm	24% Waning Crescent	8:50 am-10:50 am 9:12 pm-11:12 pm	2:08 am-3:08 am 3:25 pm-4:25 pm	☉ Average
Sunday 10/19/2014	Rises: 7:04 am Sets: 6:10 pm	Rises: 3:03 am Sets: 3:56 pm Over: 9:33 am Under: 9:55 pm	16% Waning Crescent	9:33 am-11:33 am 9:55 pm-11:55 pm	3:03 am-4:03 am 3:56 pm-4:56 pm	☉ Average
Monday 10/20/2014	Rises: 7:05 am Sets: 6:09 pm	Rises: 3:57 am Sets: 4:27 pm Over: 10:16 am Under: 10:38 pm	10% Waning Crescent	10:16 am-12:16 pm 10:38 pm-12:38 am	3:57 am-4:57 am 4:27 pm-5:27 pm	☉☉ Good
Tuesday 10/21/2014	Rises: 7:06 am Sets: 6:08 pm	Rises: 4:53 am Sets: 4:59 pm Over: 11:00 am Under: 11:22 pm	5% Waning Crescent	11:00 am-1:00 pm 11:22 pm-1:22 am	4:53 am-5:53 am 4:59 pm-5:59 pm	☉☉☉ Better
Wednesday 10/22/2014	Rises: 7:07 am Sets: 6:06 pm	Rises: 5:50 am Sets: 5:32 pm Over: 11:44 am Under: ---	1% Waning Crescent	11:44 am-1:44 pm ---:---:---	5:50 am-6:50 am 5:32 pm-6:32 pm	☉☉☉ Better
Thursday 10/23/2014	Rises: 7:08 am Sets: 6:05 pm	Rises: 6:47 am Sets: 6:06 pm Over: 12:31 pm Under: 12:07 am	0% NEW MOON	12:07 am-2:07 am 12:31 pm-2:31 pm	6:47 am-7:47 am 6:06 pm-7:06 pm	☉☉☉☉ Best

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Randy Kuhens

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(Photo L) The Jeff Brewer Group from Eastern Kentucky had a good time on the Kick'n bass Pontoon catching early fall crappie trolling crankbaits. So did Darin Halter and his group from Missouri (Photo R).

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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-wS4XHVVy6Bo4GnaQ>

It's That Time of Year Again ...

KY Lake looks a lot different than it did just a short time ago. The back of the bays are now exposed mud flats and many areas that we once fished are now high and dry. The lower lake level has exposed a good many stumps and rocky points too. Now is a good time to mark a map or enter waypoints on your HDS sonar as these places might be the next fishing "Hot Spot." We're in the midst of the annual TVA drawdown whereby the lake is lowered 5 feet from summer pool levels. To meet the schedule TVA will lower the lake to winter pool by Nov. 1st.

The drawdown affects fish location but it's by no means the only factor that alters fish behavior and it's no coincidence that fishing patterns change too. You may have noticed that the nights are getting a little longer and cooler. Even with warmer daytime temperatures, the longer, cooler nights have caused the water temps to drop. While this is a subtle change, it is significant and triggers movement in bass. The cooling effect and longer nights prompt bass to begin their annual fall migration towards the back of coves, bays and creeks. Shad, the main forage here on KY Lake, are making a similar move and the bass are taking notice. Early morning and late afternoon fishermen will see schools of shad working gravel banks and the back of the bays. So what does all this mean? Adjust your presentations and your thinking to coincide with this change.

Bass Fishing ... Up until the rain swamped us bass fishing had been pretty good on a variety of baits. Early and late during calm conditions my clients and I caught good numbers on Topwater working the long tapering points in 5-8 feet of water or along chunk rock banks mid way back in the bays. Spook type baits and the Excalibur Spitti'n image are two of the better baits right now. The SPRO McStick is doing some serious damage when the fish are aggressive. Best banks are those with coffee can size rocks and deeper water, 10 feet or so, that is a cast away from the bank. Later in the day some bass are being caught slow-rolling spinner baits or better yet a Chatterbait by paralleling these same areas. Very late in the afternoon the back of the bays where cover is present is the place to be to also use a SPRO square bill crank bait. This pattern has also been pretty good but we've had to work a lot of areas to find cooperating fish. The best Square bill bar none has been the SPRO Fat John 60 in any shad pattern. A slow retrieve and wide wobble worked real well on several trips.



Some Bass are also being caught on the ledges but with the shad migrating towards the bays the action on these areas are hard to figure out. If there's current present you can catch some fish but a lot of those are suspended among schools of baitfish and being caught on a STEEL SHAD blade bait. So there you have it *Scattered, Smothered and Covered*. Kinda like your Waffle House hash browns ... you know it's in there but you have a hard time figuring where.

Crappie Fishing ... Great weather, great fishing, good weather good fishing, not so good weather still pretty decent fishing. That's how it goes. The really good news is our clients are catching some of the biggest fish of the year. In the last two weeks we have had numerous fish between 14½ & 17½ inches. The big ones are feeding up for winter and now is the time to climb aboard the Kick'n Bass Pontoon and catch your biggest crappie ever!

(Photo L) The Terry Gardener family from Illinois caught some real nice crappie fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.

White Bass & Yellow Bass ... fishing is feast or famine. 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 few everyday on either a Ken's Hybrid spinner or a Steel Shad whether we're bass fishing from the Ranger boat or the Pontoon. 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.

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