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Lake Conditions

This week both lakes are about 4 feet below summer pool and falling during the seasonal drawdown. At this time both Kentucky and Barkley Dams have gates open creating significant current in the lakes. However, this could change at any time depending on the amount of inflow. For more information including a generation schedule visit the TVA website at <u>http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm</u>

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 58 degree range.

Weather Outlook

Today...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 5 mph in the morning shifting to the southwest in the afternoon.

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds around 5 mph in the morning shifting to the northwest in the afternoon.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Northwest winds around 5 mph.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds around 5 mph.

Sunday Night...Mostly clear. Lows around 40.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday Night...Mostly clear. A 20 percent chance of showers after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s. **Veterans Day**...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 50s. **Tuesday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Prime Feeding Times for Kentucky & Barkley Lakes

Date	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Activity Times	Minor Activity Times	Prediction
Friday	Rises: 6:22 am	Rises: 5:43 pm Sets: 6:58 am	99%	-::	6:58 am-7:58 am	OOOO
11/7/2014	Sets: 4:49 pm	Over:: Under: 12:23 pm	Waning Gibbous	12:23 pm-2:23 pm	5:43 pm-6:43 pm	Best
Saturday	Rises: 6:23 am	Rises: 6:30 pm Sets: 7:59 am	96%	12:50 am-2:50 am	7:59 am-8:59 am	Better
11/8/2014	Sets: 4:48 pm	Over: 12:50 am Under: 1:17 pm	Waning Gibbous	1:17 pm-3:17 pm	6:30 pm-7:30 pm	
Sunday	Rises: 6:24 am	Rises: 7:22 pm Sets: 8:55 am	91%	1:43 am-3:43 am	8:55 am-9:55 am	Good
11/9/2014	Sets: 4:47 pm	Over: 1:43 am Under: 2:10 pm	Waning Gibbous	2:10 pm-4:10 pm	7:22 pm-8:22 pm	
Monday	Rises: 6:25 am	Rises: 8:15 pm Sets: 9:47 am	84%	2:35 am-4:35 am	9:47 am-10:47 am	O
11/10/2014	Sets: 4:46 pm	Over: 2:35 am Under: 3:01 pm	Waning Gibbous	3:01 pm-5:01 pm	8:15 pm-9:15 pm	Average
Tuesday	Rises: 6:26 am	Rises: 9:09 pm Sets: 10:32 am	76%	3:26 am-5:26 am	10:32 am-11:32 am	O
11/11/2014	Sets: 4:46 pm	Over: 3:26 am Under: 3:50 pm	Waning Gibbous	3:50 pm-5:50 pm	9:09 pm-10:09 pm	Average
Wednesday	Rises: 6:27 am	Rises: 10:03 pm Sets: 11:13 am	68%	4:14 am-6:14 am	11:13 am-12:13 pm	O
11/12/2014	Sets: 4:45 pm	Over: 4:14 am Under: 4:38 pm	Waning Gibbous	4:38 pm-6:38 pm	10:03 pm-11:03 pm	Average
Thursday	Rises: 6:29 am	Rises: 10:58 pm Sets: 11:50 am	58%	5:00 am-7:00 am	11:50 am-12:50 pm	O
11/13/2014	Sets: 4:44 pm	Over: 5:00 am Under: 5:23 pm	Waning Gibbous	5:23 pm-7:23 pm	10:58 pm-11:58 pm	Average

Kick'n Bass Launches New Website



Kick'n Bass Guide Service Sonar Accessory business has grown by leaps and bounds. Folks appreciate our top of the line products and willingness to go the extra mile to help out ... that's been the cornerstone of our business and success. With that being said, we're not done yet! We're ready to take our Sonar Accessory business to another level. Effective immediately to better serve you our new sister company, Precision Sonar has been launched. Visit our website <u>http://precisionsonar.com/index.htm</u> to view the new products we have available, including our new **Side by Side Smart Bracket Console Mounting System**.

Your business is sincerely appreciated and we look forward to working with you!

Randy Kubens

Fishing Report

Overall fishing this week has been really tough for our clients and us and from what I gather listening to the other guides and the tournament fishermen coming into the store; it's not just us. I think that several factors have come into play here, extremely high winds, falling water conditions and constant changing weather conditions. Not a recipe for good fishing for sure. With the full moon approaching comes favorable feeding times and the weather looks fairly consistent so this weekend should be a very good time to fish. This is what I plan to do ...

Bass Fishing ... With the water temps in the mid 50's I'm going to throw a jerk bait until my arm falls off. Last year around this time we had some great catches doing this. My go to bait is a SPRO McStick in the three hook version. A good back up plan will be throwing a Spinner Bait and a Steel Shad. I'll be fishing chunk rock banks with deep water 10 feet under the boat and drainage ditches in the back of the bays concentrating on the deeper edges where I can find them. I'll look at my electronic map find the drainages and then scan them to find the bends and deeper edges.

Crappie ... We haven't spent as much time fishing for them as I'd like but when we have our catches have been slim. What we have caught has been over brush in 10-12 feet casting curly tails.

Some Things to Think About ...

A Good friend of mine, Bill Hurle from Louisville, spent a few days with me this week. Bill has been fishing tournaments for about 30 years and was the first angler to win 3 Red Man tournaments in a row back in the day and more recently was a Forrest Wood Cup qualifier on the co-angler side last year. I asked Bill, from a co-anglers perspective to share some things with me that he learned or observed sharing a boat with some of the biggest names in the business. So here goes ...

- 1. When fishing as a co-angler don't try and compete head to head with the pro. You are in a mop up position so tailor your fishing accordingly
- 2. Never give up on isolated cover. Isolated cover pulls fish in and at times can be a fish magnet. If it looks right it probably is, so fish it
- 3. Wind is your friend, especially in clear water. Fish windy banks don't avoid them.
- 4. When flipping or pitching heavy cover and you get a fish on rather than try and horse a fish from the cover go to the cover and get the fish. Also drop your Power Poles and thoroughly work an area before moving on.
- 5. To avoid break-offs on hook sets, especially when using fluorocarbon lines, avoid adrenalin hookset. Instead tighten up on the line and then do a quick set.
- 6. When fishing topwater baits more fish were caught using a subtle presentation than an aggressive one. Not always the case but try it.
- 7. One of the most overlooked places that hold good fish are undercut banks. A good time to find these is when the water is down during winter pool. Big Bass love undercut banks.
- 8. A ledge can be 3' or 33' and is relative to the area your are fishing.
- Pre-planning is good but change is for certain so don't be stubborn and get locked in to a mindset. Fish what Mother Nature and the fish give you.
- 10.Pay close attention to fish care. Don't over extend the jaws and release immediately. Keep live wells clean and free from harmful bacteria and working properly

Some pretty good observation, I think. Thanks Bill for sharing.

Sonar Tip Of The Week

	0 Prop Wash	
55.2	5 Crappie Relating to Cover Placed on an underwater Point at the Mouth of a Bay	
Rocky Bott	Crappie	EXIT ENTE MENU PAGE
	TIME 20	WPT LIGHT FIND POWER
800kHz	3:08 pm 25	

This location was discovered during one of our sonar classes this week. The image shows isolated stake beds on the edge of drop off. When you can find cover present in places like this you can bet game fish will set up there. During one of our guide trips later in the week we revisited this location to find that the better crappie were burrowed deep in the stake beds. While we only caught one keeper fish from this location, we marked it as a High Percentage area to scan on another day.

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 <u>rk@kicknbass.net</u>.

Here's what some of our clients had to say about their "On the Water" class experience ...

The day I took the on the water sonar class we started out at Bass n Gas with Randy and the guys from Bass n Gas going through my install. Luckily they only found a few things wrong with my work. After that Randy went through my software and programming, installing his setup he has perfected through his years of experience. Then we went through the different screens and when to use each in different applications. Once on the water we went through finding highly productive structure, scanning it, marking it, and interpreting what we were seeing on it. After the class was completed, I dropped Randy back off at the dock and went out on my own. I went out and after finding and marking structure with fish on it I caught a fish on my second cast. My confidence with my setup now was never imaginable before.

CW2 Brian P UH-60M Blackhawk Pilot in Command. US. Army – Ft Campbell, KY.

Randy is a fantastic instructor for the sonar class. Most everyone can learn something during that time. The information is very practical and your knowledge will definitely give you a huge edge choosing exact fishing locations so you do not waste time fishing at the wrong place or depth. This is the definite place to learn either the basics or advanced techniques utilizing your sonar equipment. Randy is VERY patient and puts it all into simple terms you can understand. He also may make other suggestions to improve the efficiency and convenience of utilizing your boat. I am far more confident using my systems than I was before. In fact I plan to return for more continuing education early spring.

Ronald E. Whitford, DVM Clarksville, Tn

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 <u>rk@kicknbass.net</u>

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 nonconfusing. 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.