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**Jan. 16, 2015**

## **Special Announcement**

**We'll be at the **Louisville Boat Show** Jan 21-15. Come Talk fish'n or Sonar and Book a Pontoon or Fishing Trip with Kick'n Bass.**

**This year is we'll be sharing a booth with our sister company **PRECISION SONAR**. We'll have a full display of sonar accessories including the Patent Pending *SmartBracket* console mounting systems.**

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## **Lake Conditions**

**Note: Ice around some of the boat ramps and bays.**

With the warming trend this weekend expect some of the ice to move out but use caution at all times and be sure to wear your PFD and advise others of your plans.

## **Lake Levels**

As of this morning both lakes are approximately one foot over winter pool. **Currently Kentucky Dam is spilling and there is increased current in the lake.** For additional info, including generation schedule for Kentucky Lake, visit the TVA website:  
[http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh\\_r.htm](http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm)

## **Water Clarity and Temperature**

On Kentucky Lake ranges from light stain in some of the creeks with the main lake very clear. The lake is very fishable. Barkley is lightly stained and the main lake is very fishable. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the low to mid 40's.

## Weather Outlook

**Friday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 5 mph.

**Friday Night**...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Saturday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

**Saturday Night**...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

**Sunday**...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Monday**...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Tuesday**...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

## Fishing the Shad Kill ...



You may or not have noticed but there is a significant event happening on our lakes right now. If you walk the banks or look into the bays you'll see a number of things; a thin skim of ice in a lot of bays, gulls circling wildly and dead shad floating everywhere.

The highlight of the winter fishing season is the shad kill. Currently our water temps are hovering in the very low 40's and when the

temps reach 42 degrees or lower shad die off. Some float to the surface and are easy prey for game fish and gulls. Others end up near the bottom where they are sucked thru the turbines during generation creating a chum effect. When huge amounts of food are driven through the generators at the Dam it makes for a significant feeding event and at times more like a feeding frenzy. All game fish have one thing in mind when this happens and that's to feed.

It's winter time and been bitterly cold and these conditions tend to turn anglers off. I know, it seems like spring time couldn't be any further way but fishing during a shad kill can be one of the best times to fish, period! Folks, were talking about fishing below the Dams so wear your PFD at all times, be sure to dress appropriately and advise others of your plans.

One of the best ways to fish is to motor up to the Dam and fish as you drift downstream.

My favorite technique is to cast either a Steel Shad Blade bait or a Dixie Jet spoon and work the lure back using a moderate retrieve. Also

at times like this a Ken's Barbrella rig can't be beat; it's just something about those umbrella rigs that the fish find irresistible. Fishing during a shad kill can be a pretty good cure for Cabin Fever.



Be sure and check the generation and Prime feeding times as well as the dam releases before venturing out. Remember always use good judgment and a safe trip is a good trip!

## Fishing Report

I wish I had a glowing report for you but the fact is other than fishing below Kentucky Dam it's been pretty slow. The cold weather and shad kill on the upper lake has slowed the fishing considerably for all species. Currently the Dams are spilling and the amount of water and

current makes fishing in those areas not advisable. However, once the gates are closed fishing should be very, very good. Don't forget to wear your PFD, dress warmly and advise other of your plans if you do venture out to fish.

## **Sonar Tip of the Week**

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*During one of our recent sonar classes we found this stake bed and nice school of smaller crappie. Notice how the stake bed was placed at just the right location ... right on the drop. Whoever placed the stake bed there knew exactly what they were doing. We marked this location for future reference and plan to fish it another day.*

*Get your system dialed in like this and by participating in Kick'n Bass "On the Water" sonar class. You'll learn how to use modern technology to find fishing hotspots like this and become a better fisherman. Get it right the first time. For your "On the water Sonar Class" contact Lowrance Pro Staffer Randy Kuhens at [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) or call **270-703-6133***

## ***Get Your System Dialed-in Like Never Before***

**Kick'n Bass offers a one on one, hands on, in your boat using your electronics class that will take your understanding and know-how to another level! IF YOU'RE **CONFUSED, FRUSTRATED, AND NEED ANSWERS** then Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class" is for YOU!**

**Here's just some of what Kick'n Bass can do for YOU!**

- **Make sure your HDS unit(s) has the correct settings for the type of fishing you do.**
- **Program the individual screens and install the overlay data on the screen that you want. Example: Depth, Water Temp, Time, etc.**
- **Arrange the screens so they display what you want them to show and make going from page to page orderly and non-confusing.**
- **Eliminate unwanted, non-practical on screen data that clutters your screen and gets in the way of using your unit to its maximum potential.**
- **Learn the art of waypoint management. No more cluttered maps with useless or unproductive waypoints. You'll learn how to identify which locations are waypoint worthy and how to go back to those locations without ever assigning a waypoint. You'll learn to only assign a waypoint once you are satisfied the location is worth saving.**
- **Demo the unit for you to help you be familiar with the screens and commands, so you'll have a good understanding of how to use the unit and take advantage of its fish finding capabilities.**

**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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