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## March 27,2015

Well it's great to be back on the water again ... fishing that is! For the last 3 weeks I've been doing double duty getting caught up on February's "on the Water" sonar classes that we cancelled due to all the snow and ice. Not Caught up just yet but I'm definitely working on it.

#### **Lake Conditions**

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes are a approximately one foot above winter pool. For additional info, including generation schedule for Kentucky Lake, visit the TVA website: <a href="http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyhr.htm">http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyhr.htm</a>

There are multiple number of gates open at the Dams creating significant current in the main lake and below the Dams. Proceed with caution.

**Water Clarity and Temperature** ... **Kentucky Lake** ranges from stain in some of the creeks with the main lake color varying from clear to murky. **Barkley Lake** ... the main lake is heavily stained with some floating debris and some creeks are beginning to clear Surface water temps on both lakes are around 55-57 degrees and warming steadily on sunny days. Remember it's the base water temps that move fish not necessarily surface water temps. In other words it takes several days of consistent warming to move fish that are deeper or suspended over deeper water so plan your fishing accordingly.

#### **Weather Outlook**

**Friday**...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday**...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows around 30.

**Sunday**...Mostly sunny. Highs around 60.

**Sunday Night**...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

**Monday**...Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

**Tuesday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

**Tuesday Night...**Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows around 50.

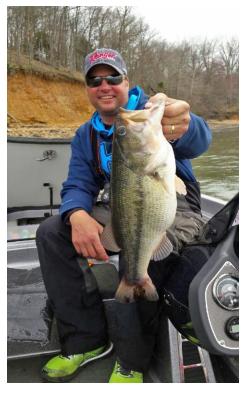
**Wednesday**...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70.

### Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Activity Times	Minor Activity Times	Prediction
Friday	Rises: 6:46 am	Rises: 12:26 pm Sets: 1:56 am	50%	7:11 am-9:11 am	1:56 am-2:56 am	O
3/27/2015	Sets: 7:10 pm	Over: 7:36 pm Under: 7:11 am	First Quarter	7:36 pm-9:36 pm	12:26 pm-1:26 pm	Average
Saturday	Rises: 6:44 am	Rises: 1:20 pm Sets: 2:41 am	64%	8:00 am-10:00 am	2:41 am-3:41 am	O
3/28/2015	Sets: 7:11 pm	Over: 8:24 pm Under: 8:00 am	Waxing Gibbous	8:24 pm-10:24 pm	1:20 pm-2:20 pm	Average
Sunday	Rises: 6:43 am	Rises: 2:14 pm Sets: 3:22 am	73%	8:47 am-10:47 am	3:22 am-4:22 am	O
3/29/2015	Sets: 7:12 pm	Over: 9:10 pm Under: 8:47 am	Waxing Gibbous	9:10 pm-11:10 pm	2:14 pm-3:14 pm	Average
Monday	Rises: 6:41 am	Rises: 3:08 pm Sets: 3:59 am	81%	9:33 am-11:33 am	3:59 am-4:59 am	O
3/30/2015	Sets: 7:13 pm	Over: 9:55 pm Under: 9:33 am	Waxing Gibbous	9:55 pm-11:55 pm	3:08 pm-4:08 pm	Average
Tuesday	Rises: 6:40 am	Rises: 4:02 pm Sets: 4:33 am	88%	10:17 am-12:17 pm	4:33 am-5:33 am	O
3/31/2015	Sets: 7:14 pm	Over: 10:38 pm Under: 10:17 am	Waxing Gibbous	10:38 pm-12:38 am	4:02 pm-5:02 pm	Average
Wednesday	Rises: 6:38 am	Rises: 4:57 pm Sets: 5:06 am	93%	10:59 am-12:59 pm	5:06 am-6:06 am	Good
4/1/2015	Sets: 7:15 pm	Over: 11:21 pm Under: 10:59 am	Waxing Gibbous	11:21 pm-1:21 am	4:57 pm-5:57 pm	
Thursday	Rises: 6:37 am	Rises: 5:51 pm Sets: 5:37 am	97%	::	5:37 am-6:37 am	000
4/2/2015	Sets: 7:16 pm	Over:: Under: 11:42 am	Waxing Gibbous	11:42 am-1:42 pm	5:51 pm-6:51 pm	Better

# Fishing Report

**Crappie ...** Our efforts have been hampered somewhat by the dirty and rising water but you can just tell that Crappie fishing is just ready to bust wide open. None the less some anglers are having real good catches. Capt. Rich has been making a real good account of himself this week in the *Kick'n Bass Pontoon* with some big fish being caught. Most crappie are being caught drifting minnows or jigs over brush 10-15 feet deep and at the mouth of the bays in deeper water 18 -20 feet around the old creek stumps. Spider rigging and drifting during windy days with drift socks has been pretty effective. The black crappie are just beginning to show up on the banks and are being caught in 4-6 feet deep and in some cases deeper. The best bite seems to be in the afternoon on sunny days. We're catching a few crappie casting the banks but this is still slow at best.



**Bass Fishing ...** No one pattern or technique seems to be dominant but some rewal good ones are being caught like the one Stu Smith form Wisconsin (Photo Left) caught this week. Bass are feeding but not often but when they do it can be great. We've caught some fish on SPRO medium diving crank baits fished along deeper chunk rock banks, Alabama Rigs and Strike King 6XD's when we find suspended fish. The best retrieve has been to cast the bait shallow crank it several turns until you feel bottom and then work the bait back to the boat using a stop and go retrieve. Actually I would consider the retrieve to be more like working a deep diving jerk bait with a jerk, jerk, pause and then jerk retrieve. This scenario has been most productive in the late afternoons after the sun has warmed the Northwest banks. Late this week we did see a movement whereby the largemouth are beginning to show up on the flats adjacent to the feeder creeks. Several nice fish were caught on lipless crank baits, square bill cranks and Steel Shad blade baits. As better weather becomes more consistent so will the fishing and the shallow water bite.

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The Mark Winland Group from Danville Illinois (Photo left) enjoyed a fun day on the Pontoon and caught some big ole slab crappie. Bian and Dillon Ruxer from Paducah (Photo right) with some big crappie caught from the pontoon

Be sure and check out our Sonar

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Precision Sonar Electronics Tip of the Week

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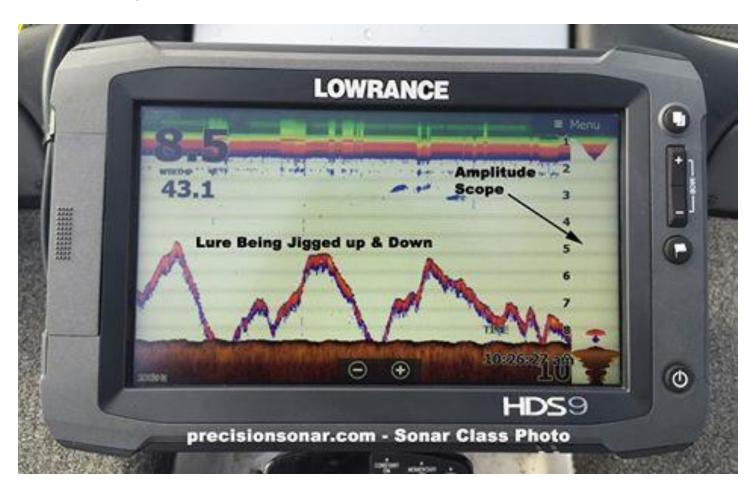
#### See the fish before it bites ...

An Amplitude Scope is a very useful tool that allows the angler to see in real time what is happening inside the sonar cone angle. This is a standard feature on all <u>Lowrance</u> HDS units and operates much like the flashers of old. The Amplitude Scope is located on the right side of your sonar screen.

There are times when I'm using a drop shot for bass that I use this feature on my bow sonar unit to look for fish and anticipate a strike once a fish appears in the Amplitude Scope. Once I identify the depth the fish are holding, I can observe my lure on the sonar screen and make the adjustments necessary to keep the lure in front of the fish. Once I see a fish enter the Amplitude Scope I can prepare myself for a good hook set.

Sometimes the anticipation of the strike will drive you nuts!

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@precisionsonar.com">rk@precisionsonar.com</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. We'll meet at our Installation and Repair facility and 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.

Here's what some of our clients are saying about Precision Sonar's "On the Water" Sonar Class ...

Randy, after your class I caught my biggest bass ever ... an 8 pounder! No way would I have caught that fish before taking the class. The "On the Water Sonar Class" has taken my fishing to another level. Thanks for being patient and attentive to my needs.

Ricky Davis - Chicago, Illinois

Randy, the class was better and advertised and now I'll be able to use my sonar unit for something else besides a depth finder. Especially liked the time we spent learning to read an electronic topo map. Don't need my old paper map anymore. Can't find it anyway! LOL!

Roger Fontenot - Lake Charles, La.

Randy, I am really excited about using my new sonar unit and all the great stuff I learned in your class. I could never have set the unit up properly without your help. The sonar class will take a lot of the guesswork out fishing places like Kentucky Lake. Thanks again.

Dave Gish - Indianapolis, In

Our service is not a seminar, watching a video on youtube, or looking at a depth finder in a classroom. It's 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 Precision Sonar's "On the Water Sonar Class" is for YOU!

# Here's just some of what Precision Sonar 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.
- Provide you with back up material to keep you on track once the class is over.

As a bonus you'll learn to read an electronic topo map and learn how to condense and area to a manageable level and identify those sweet spots that hold fish.

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