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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are approximately one foot above winter pool. The Lakes are entering the slow rise in accordance with the spring operating guide. For additional info, including generation schedule for Kentucky Lake, visit the TVA website:

http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm

Water Clarity and Temperature ... Kentucky Lake ranges from stain in some of the creeks with the main lake color clear to slightly murky. **Barkley Lake** ... the main lake is stained with some creeks beginning to clear. Surface water temps on both lakes are hovering around the 58 degree mark 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... Showers and thunderstorms in the morning...Then showers and thunderstorms likely in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms May be severe in the morning. Locally heavy rainfall possible in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts to around 30 mph. Chance of precipitation 90 percent.

Friday Night... Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers in the evening...Then mostly clear after midnight. Lows in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the evening.

Saturday... Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday Night...** Clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. **Sunday Night...** Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday... Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. **Monday Night...** Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

| Date | Sun Data | Moon Data | Moon Phase | Major Activity Times | Minor Activity Times | Prediction |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Friday 4/3/2015 | Rises: 6:35 am Sets: 7:17 pm | Rises: 6:45 pm Sets: 6:07 am Over: 12:03 am Under: 12:24 pm | 99% Waxing Gibbous | 12:03 am-2:03 am 12:24 pm-2:24 pm | 6:07 am-7:07 am 6:45 pm-7:45 pm | ★★★★ Best |
| Saturday 4/4/2015 | Rises: 6:34 am Sets: 7:17 pm | Rises: 7:41 pm Sets: 6:39 am Over: 12:46 am Under: 1:08 pm | 100% FULL MOON | 12:46 am-2:46 am 1:08 pm-3:08 pm | 6:39 am-7:39 am 7:41 pm-8:41 pm | ★★★★★ Best |
| Sunday 4/5/2015 | Rises: 6:32 am Sets: 7:18 pm | Rises: 8:36 pm Sets: 7:12 am Over: 1:30 am Under: 1:52 pm | 99% Waning Gibbous | 1:30 am-3:30 am 1:52 pm-3:52 pm | 7:12 am-8:12 am 8:36 pm-9:36 pm | ★★★★ Better |
| Monday 4/6/2015 | Rises: 6:31 am Sets: 7:19 pm | Rises: 9:33 pm Sets: 7:47 am Over: 2:15 am Under: 2:38 pm | 95% Waning Gibbous | 2:15 am-4:15 am 2:38 pm-4:38 pm | 7:47 am-8:47 am 9:33 pm-10:33 pm | ★★★★ Better |
| Tuesday 4/7/2015 | Rises: 6:30 am Sets: 7:20 pm | Rises: 10:30 pm Sets: 8:25 am Over: 3:02 am Under: 3:26 pm | 90% Waning Gibbous | 3:02 am-5:02 am 3:26 pm-5:26 pm | 8:25 am-9:25 am 10:30 pm-11:30 pm | ★★★ Good |
| Wednesday 4/8/2015 | Rises: 6:28 am Sets: 7:21 pm | Rises: 11:26 pm Sets: 9:07 am Over: 3:51 am Under: 4:16 pm | 84% Waning Gibbous | 3:51 am-5:51 am 4:16 pm-6:16 pm | 9:07 am-10:07 am 11:26 pm-12:26 am | ★ Average |
| Thursday 4/9/2015 | Rises: 6:27 am Sets: 7:22 pm | Rises: --- Sets: 9:55 am Over: 4:42 am Under: 5:08 pm | 75% Waning Gibbous | 4:42 am-6:42 am 5:08 pm-7:08 pm | ---:---:--- 9:55 am-10:55 am | ★ Average |

Fishing Report



Crappie ... This past week is one that I would call a week of transition with fish being caught shallow, deep over brush and in between and in just fair numbers. Therefore the report for Crappie fishing this week has been only fair ... but all the signs are telling me it's just ready to bust wide open. Look at it this way ... the water is rising and so are the water temps ... the full moon is Saturday and the black crappie we've caught are full of roe yet in a lot of cases not fully ripe. This kinda reminds me of last year when all the sudden crappie fishing got red hot real quick after it had been very spotty. *(Photo) Luke Wireman with some nice crappie caught from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon.*

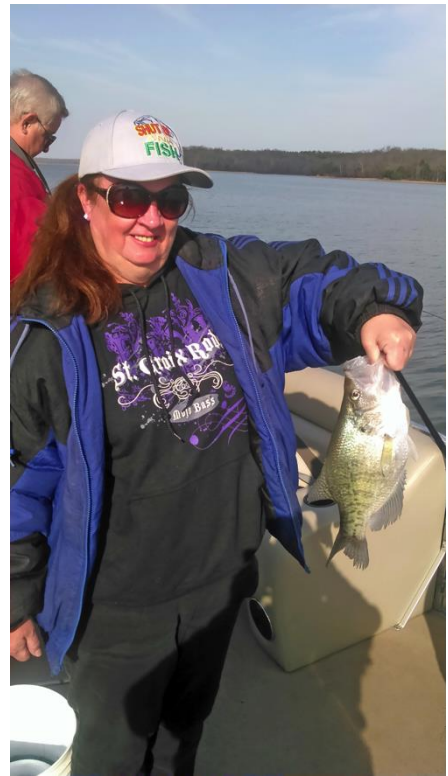
Capt. Rich has been making a real good account of himself this week in the *Kick'n Bass Pontoon* with some big fish being caught. Most crappie are being caught drifting minnows or jigs over brush 10-15 feet deep and at the mouth of the bays in deeper water 18 -20 feet around the old creek stumps. Spider 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.

Bass Fishing ... I'd rate bass fishing better than crappie fishing. A lot of fish are being caught shallow on crank baits both lipless and square bill but the best fish are coming on Alabama rigs, Jerk Baits and Strike King 6XD's on suspended fish. Something we've tried this week is to split shot a jerk bait. We did this last year under similar conditions with some decent results. Placing a 1/16 oz split shot 10" in front of the lure causes the lure to drop nose down in an a slow side to side fashion, this mimics a dying baitfish. In some cases the strikes have been viscous. A jerk bait like the SPRO McStick with a large, angled bill that displaces a fair amount of water as it sinks, seems to work best. The best retrieve has been to crank it several turns, let the bait fall for about 20 seconds or so and then work the bait back to the boat using a stop and go retrieve. It seems like a painstaking process at times but it works and usually the fish are good ones. This scenario has been most productive in the late afternoons after the sun has warmed the chunk rock banks. Late this week we did see a movement whereby the smaller male

largemouth are beginning to show up on the shallow flats adjacent to the feeder creeks. Several fish were caught on lipless crank baits and Steel Shad blade baits. As the water rises and warms so will the fishing and the shallow water bite.

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Laura Royce with her brother Jonathan with some slab crappie caught from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon

Precision Sonar

Electronics Tip of the Week

Sonar Accessory website: <http://precisionsonar.com/index.htm>

How Important is Downscan below your Trolling Motor?

I get asked often "How important is Downscan on the front of the boat?" The best way for me to answer that question is to visualize it. As you can see the 2D image on the left side of the screen leaves a lot open to interpretation.

Here's a pretty good exercise ... If you cover the right side of the screen and only focus on the left side it's hard to decipher what the image is. Is it a brush pile? Is it a school of fish over cover? Now covering the left side of the screen, examine the right side. The downscan image clearly identifies the image as a bucket with stakes in it.



Adding a HDI Skimmer transducer with a Low Profile Adapter to your trolling motor and plugging it into any Lowrance Gen 2 Touch and Gen 3 Sonar units will get you downscan at the Bow.

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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.*

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Randy, the "On the Water Sonar Class" has taken my fishing to another level. It was well worth the time and investment

Elton Pulliam – Chicago, Illinois

Randy, the sonar class has changed the way I look at tournament preparation. I especially liked the map presentation. It really made me think of how I could eliminate water.

Rory Tatman – Slidell, La.

Wow! The class was better than advertised. Thanks a lot for getting my boat squared away too. I didn't realize I had so many issues. The minute I saw the screens after you worked on them I knew I had come to the right place!

Charlie Freeman – Louisville, KY

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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.**

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