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Lake Conditions – Note: Kentucky Dam will be spilling until further notice.

Lake Levels ... Looking at the indicators at my dock here on Malcolm creek it appears that we are right at summer pool. The rise has been aided by the torrential rains we had Wednesday night which has added some color to the back of the bays and creeks. Additionally we have a significant amount of water entering the reservoir from the south so expect the gates at the Dam to be open for a period of time to adjust for the influx of water. This will increase the amount of current in the lake. There is some floating debris on the lake to boat with caution. 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 dingy due to the run off from recent rains. There is some floating debris on the lake to boat with caution. The Lowrance temperature probe on my Ranger showed water temps ranging from 62 degrees on the main lake and 65 in the bays.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds 5 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. East winds 5 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night...Showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday Night...Showers likely and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Activity Times	Minor Activity Times	Prediction
Friday 4/17/2015	Rises: 6:16 am Sets: 7:29 pm	Rises: 5:33 am Sets: 6:28 pm Over: 11:57 am Under: --:--	2% Waning Crescent	11:57 am-1:57 pm --:--:--:--	5:33 am-6:33 am 6:28 pm-7:28 pm	☆☆☆ Better
Saturday 4/18/2015	Rises: 6:14 am Sets: 7:30 pm	Rises: 6:13 am Sets: 7:38 pm Over: 12:53 pm Under: 12:25 am	0% NEW MOON	12:25 am-2:25 am 12:53 pm-2:53 pm	6:13 am-7:13 am 7:38 pm-8:38 pm	☆☆☆☆ Best
Sunday 4/19/2015	Rises: 6:13 am Sets: 7:31 pm	Rises: 6:56 am Sets: 8:45 pm Over: 1:49 pm Under: 1:21 am	1% Waxing Crescent	1:21 am-3:21 am 1:49 pm-3:49 pm	6:56 am-7:56 am 8:45 pm-9:45 pm	☆☆☆ Better
Monday 4/20/2015	Rises: 6:12 am Sets: 7:32 pm	Rises: 7:42 am Sets: 9:51 pm Over: 2:45 pm Under: 2:17 am	5% Waxing Crescent	2:17 am-4:17 am 2:45 pm-4:45 pm	7:42 am-8:42 am 9:51 pm-10:51 pm	☆☆☆ Better
Tuesday 4/21/2015	Rises: 6:10 am Sets: 7:33 pm	Rises: 8:30 am Sets: 10:51 pm Over: 3:41 pm Under: 3:13 am	11% Waxing Crescent	3:13 am-5:13 am 3:41 pm-5:41 pm	8:30 am-9:30 am 10:51 pm-11:51 pm	☆☆ Average
Wednesday 4/22/2015	Rises: 6:09 am Sets: 7:33 pm	Rises: 9:22 am Sets: 11:46 pm Over: 4:35 pm Under: 4:08 am	19% Waxing Crescent	4:08 am-6:08 am 4:35 pm-6:35 pm	9:22 am-10:22 am 11:46 pm-12:46 am	☆☆ Average
Thursday 4/23/2015	Rises: 6:08 am Sets: 7:34 pm	Rises: 10:15 am Sets: --:-- Over: 5:27 pm Under: 5:02 am	28% Waxing Crescent	5:02 am-7:02 am 5:27 pm-7:27 pm	10:15 am-11:15 am --:--:--:--	☆☆ Average

Fishing Report



Crappie ... We've had mixed results on crappie this week but what I can tell you is while at times the numbers have been down we have caught some monster fish. *(Photo) Rick Paris from Louisville with a monster white and black crappie caught from the Kick'n Bass Ranger boat.* Our best results have come by abandoning the deeper brush piles and concentrating on sandy gravel banks in search of shallow fish. Best depths have been 4-6 feet. Basically we're using a two-pronged approach: using a **ESB slip bobber** and minnow for suspended fish when we find them near the drop on our Lowrance sidescan or casting the banks using a KY Green Curly tail on a 3/32 Ken's light wire leadhead. We use a crappie nibble if the bite is slow.

Pontoon Fishing ... The results have been about the same from the pontoon. Mixed results number wise but really big fish. Some 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. Trolling cranks is beginning to be a factor on the ledges where some big whites and blacks are being caught. The best bite seems to be in the afternoon on sunny days. *If you haven't fished from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon you ought to try it ... it's an easy, fun way to fish!*

Bass Fishing ... I'd rate bass fishing better than crappie fishing and improving. Lots of fish are staging on main lake and secondary points near the spawning flats. We caught several nice smallmouth this week. Smallmouth bass are spawning as we observed several beds with fish on them using our LOWRANCE STRUCTURESCAN SIDEVIEW. A lot of pre-spawn Largemouth are being caught shallow on crank baits both lipless and square bill but the best fish are coming on Jerk Baits and Strike King 6XD's. We've caught some nice fish, both largemouth and small mouth on Curly Tail grubs and Steel Shad Blade baits working gravel bars and chunk rock banks. There are tons of 12-15 inch male smallmouth bass prowling the spawning flats in preparation for the spawn. Main Lake chunk rock banks with deeper water nearby have been good areas to

drag a PJ's bass extractor shakey head and ZMan 7" finesse worm. Some fish are being caught in the back of the bays near areas that drain a ridge or bank. Our best pattern since the water has come up is to a Steel Shad Blade Bait on a medium to slow retrieve. Best colors are Silver on sunny days and Gold on cloudy days. The Steel Shad has just fish the right profile to mimic a shad, which is what the bass are feeding on. Think no rattle, just good vibration on a medium slow retrieve.

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Fishing from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon this week, the Randy Anderson Group from Lexington (photo left) and the Pete Johnson Group from Owensboro caught some huge pre-spawn crappie. You could be next so call and get in on the action!

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Everlasting Slip Bobbers ... not just your ordinary slip bobber!

Choosing the right slip bobber is just as important as having the right rod & reel and line. **ESB** bobbers have several advantages that will help you catch more fish and keep rigging time to a minimum. As an example every **ESB** bobber comes with a highly polished glass bead that is

molded into the top of the tube. No more loose beads to deal with! The high polished bead *won't* cut fishing line and reduced line friction allows the line to flow smoothly increasing casting distance and accuracy, plus the bait gets to the fish much faster than an ordinary slip float. The bottom end of the tube is protected by a brass guard so the tube itself won't become worn and fray your line. The tube is made of a clear synthetic material that won't swell, split or rot plus you can see your line coming thru the tube when you're rigging up. **ESB** bobbers come in assorted sizes for bluegill to big catfish and in an array of colors, plus each bobber comes *with a slip knot*. What could be better! No more frayed lines and loose beads rolling around on the floor, they cast like a dream and everything you need to rig up comes in one neat little package. ESB Bobbers are the only slip bobbers Kick'n Bass uses. (*ESB bobbers are available at the tackle shops around the Kentucky Lake area or you can order them online at <http://www.hloutdoors.com>)*

Precision Sonar

Electronics Tip of the Week

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

A Screen that has a Map, Sonar and Downscan can keep you on the fish

I get asked often "What screen do you use on the front of the boat?" This photo shows one of my most useful screens and one I recommend to my clients. As you can see the 2D image on the top left side of the screen has both 2D Sonar and an Amplitude Scope.

I find this part of the screen useful because the Amplitude Scope acts as a "real time" flasher, which shows an object as it immediately enters the sonar cone below. The remainder of the 2D Sonar gives me an idea of what is there. The Downscan portion of the screen projects in High Definition, the object and defines what it is ... cover, fish or both. Using the "Track Back " feature I can then mark the location and use the Map on the left to revisit the area for a better look or if it looks promising fish it.



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 rk@precisionsonar.com

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, the class was better than advertised! Now I feel a lot better about the investment I've made in my electronics.

Bobby Williams – Cape Girardeau, Mo.

I have to be honest with you, taking your class was a last ditch effort on my part to learn how to use my sonar equipment. I was so frustrated that I couldn't see straight and I really didn't think that I'd get anything out of the class but I had over \$4000 invested so what the heck. To say that I was pleasantly surprised is an understatement. Your class was the best thing I've done to help my fishing and now my wife doesn't have to listen to me complain about my electronics.

Bill Bishop – Effingham, Il.

Randy, what a fun time I had in your class and thanks for being so patient with me. I learned a lot.

Paul Preston – St. Charles – Mo.

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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