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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 about 2 ½ feet over summer pool. The rise, has been aided by the torrential rain we had which added some color to the back of the bays and creeks. Additionally we're having 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 lakes so boat with caution. 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 ... Kentucky Lake** ranges from stain in some of the creeks and bays with the main lake color clear to slightly murky. **Barkley Lake ...** the main lake is stained and the creeks and bays stained to muddy due to the run off from recent rains. There is some floating debris on the lake so boat with caution. The Lowrance temperature probe on my Ranger showed water temps ranging from 66 degrees on the main lake and 68 in the bays.

### **Weather Outlook**

**Friday...**Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night...**Showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

**Saturday...**Showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms in the morning...Then showers and thunderstorms likely in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 70s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

**Saturday Night...**Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 50s.

**Sunday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Sunday Night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

**Monday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. .

## Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Activity Times	Minor Activity Times	Prediction
Friday 4/24/2015	Rises: 6:07 am Sets: 7:35 pm	Rises: 11:10 am Sets: 12:35 am Over: 6:18 pm Under: 5:53 am	37% Waxing Crescent	5:53 am-7:53 am 6:18 pm-8:18 pm	12:35 am-1:35 am 11:10 am-12:10 pm	★ Average
Saturday 4/25/2015	Rises: 6:05 am Sets: 7:36 pm	Rises: 12:05 pm Sets: 1:19 am Over: 7:05 pm Under: 6:42 am	50% First Quarter	6:42 am-8:42 am 7:05 pm-9:05 pm	1:19 am-2:19 am 12:05 pm-1:05 pm	★ Average
Sunday 4/26/2015	Rises: 6:04 am Sets: 7:37 pm	Rises: 1:00 pm Sets: 1:58 am Over: 7:51 pm Under: 7:28 am	57% Waxing Gibbous	7:28 am-9:28 am 7:51 pm-9:51 pm	1:58 am-2:58 am 1:00 pm-2:00 pm	★ Average
Monday 4/27/2015	Rises: 6:03 am Sets: 7:38 pm	Rises: 1:55 pm Sets: 2:34 am Over: 8:35 pm Under: 8:13 am	66% Waxing Gibbous	8:13 am-10:13 am 8:35 pm-10:35 pm	2:34 am-3:34 am 1:55 pm-2:55 pm	★ Average
Tuesday 4/28/2015	Rises: 6:02 am Sets: 7:39 pm	Rises: 2:49 pm Sets: 3:07 am Over: 9:18 pm Under: 8:56 am	75% Waxing Gibbous	8:56 am-10:56 am 9:18 pm-11:18 pm	3:07 am-4:07 am 2:49 pm-3:49 pm	★ Average
Wednesday 4/29/2015	Rises: 6:01 am Sets: 7:40 pm	Rises: 3:44 pm Sets: 3:38 am Over: 10:00 pm Under: 9:39 am	83% Waxing Gibbous	9:39 am-11:39 am 10:00 pm-12:00 am	3:38 am-4:38 am 3:44 pm-4:44 pm	★ Average
Thursday 4/30/2015	Rises: 6:00 am Sets: 7:41 pm	Rises: 4:38 pm Sets: 4:09 am Over: 10:43 pm Under: 10:21 am	89% Waxing Gibbous	10:21 am-12:21 pm 10:43 pm-12:43 am	4:09 am-5:09 am 4:38 pm-5:38 pm	★ Average

## Fishing Report



**Bass Fishing ...** bass are in basically three phases right now ... pre-spawn, spawn and post spawn depending on which section of the lake you're fishing. Here on the North end, while a lot of smaller males are being caught shallow on crank baits both lipless and square bill, some anglers are catching big females fish like the ones *Gene Huber (left) and Matt Quinn (right)* caught. With the rising water levels a good number of fish are in the bushes setting up for the spawn. Others are staging

on main lake and secondary points near the spawning flats. The best method seems to be working a weightless senko type bait or crawling a 7 – 9" plastic worm in the back of the bays until you feel submerged cover and either let the lure sit or shake it ever so lightly to entice a strike. Another hot spot is any drainage near a ridge or bank, try working your favorite plastic there ... using a lighter weight and a slow fall seems to entice more strikes. Post spawners, bloody tails and all, that haven't made it out to the ledges yet are beginning to show up out on the main lake points. **Main Lake ...** With the water up and lots of current on the main lake, baitfish are eddying up on main lake points and a Steel Shad Blade Bait on a medium to slow retrieve is a real good choice. We're catching both Largemouth and Smallmouth with some white bass mixed in. 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 post spawn bass are feeding on. Think no rattle and good vibration on a medium slow retrieve



**Crappie ...** We've had mixed results on crappie this week again but what I can tell you is while at times the numbers have been down we have caught some monster fish. With the water on



the rise the black crappie have scattered but the whites that haven't spawned are suspending off the points in the bays. On cloudy days our best results have come by abandoning the suspended fish and concentrating on sandy gravel banks in search of shallow fish. Basically we're 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. Fair numbers but really big fish

**Kick'n Bass Pontoon Fishing ...** The results have been about the same from the pontoon. Mixed results number wise but really big fish. Trolling cranks is beginning to be a factor of the points and ledges where some big whites and blacks are being caught. This best bite seems to be best on sunny days. This is a really cool way to fish and have fun!

***Have a Blast on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. We furnish the rods & reels and lures, clean and package your catch. It's the BEST VALUE on the lake!***



Keith and Paul Burkman (left) and the Filburn family (right) caught some monster crappie fishing this week from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. You could be next so call **NOW** to get in on the action!

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## ***Electronics Tip of the Week***

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

***Finding a pot of gold at the end of a Rainbow ain't gonna happen but the next best thing might be finding "Crappie Heaven"***

No doubt Crappie fishing has been hit or miss this spring but every now and then we hit things just right. Using our Lowrance StructureScan in Down Scan mode we revisited a location we found last year during one of our classes and it was loaded with crappie. The fish were pre-spawn whites and our clients reported catching them right before dark casting KY Green Curly tails tipped with a minnow. No doubt, without the help of our Lowrance electronics no way would we have been able to find this place a year later and put our clients on such a sweet spot.



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](mailto: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! I'll tell my brother Sandy about it I'm sure he'll want to do it too.*

*Danny Johnson – Louisville, KY*

*Randy, It doesn't make good sense to spend thousands of dollars for top-notch sonar equipment and not do your class.*

*James Rudzinski – Moline, IL.*

*My system doesn't look anything like it did before, the screens are much clearer and I feel good about what I learned in your class. Thanks for the extra effort you spent making sure my system was set to factory specs. A BIG thanks to the guys at Bass & Gas, they did a great job straightening out the mess the dealer made of my system.*

*James Davis – 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!**

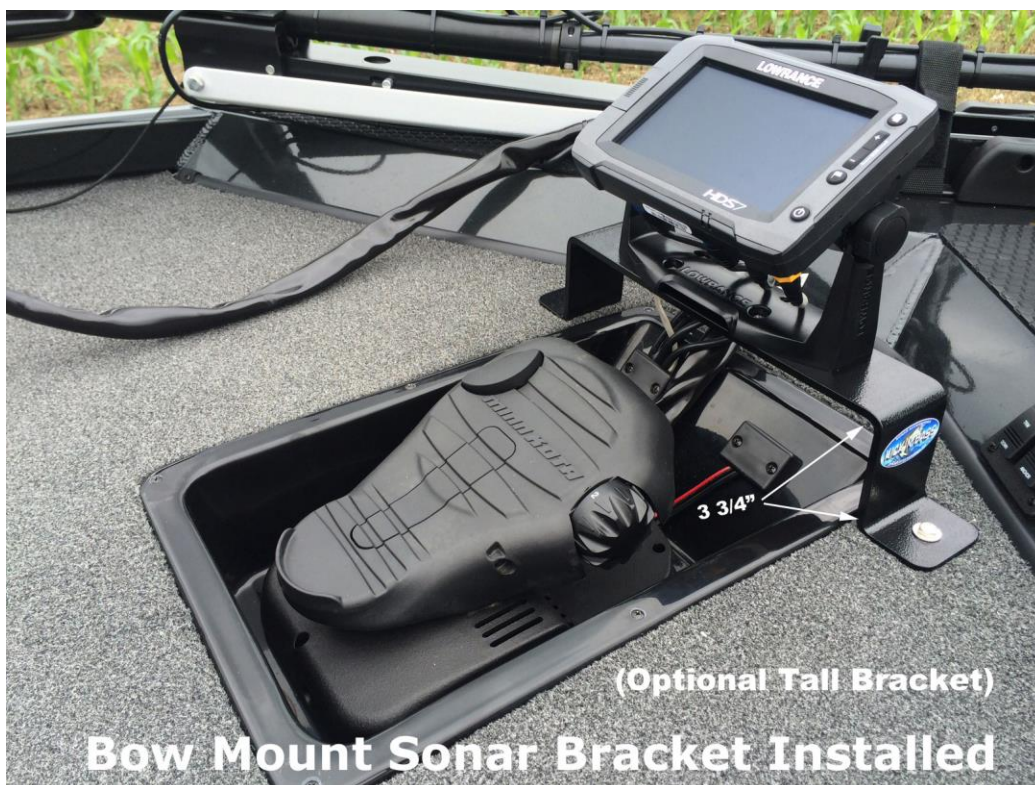
- **Make sure your HDS unit(s) has the correct settings for the type of fishing you do.**
- **Program the individual screens and install the overlay data on the screen that you want. Example: Depth, Water Temp, Time, etc.**
- **Arrange the screens so they display what you want them to show and make going 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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