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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... it appears that we are right at summer pool. 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 slight stain in some of the creeks and bays with the main lake color clearing. **Barkley Lake ...** the main lake is clearing and the creeks and bays are slightly stained.

The Lowrance temperature probe on my Ranger showed water temps ranging from 70 degrees on the main lake and 72 in the bays with water warming to the mid-70's in the afternoon on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night...Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds around 5 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds around 5 mph.

Saturday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Sunday...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

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

Monday...Showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the upper 70s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent. **Monday Night...**Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

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Fishing Report



Bluegill & Redear Fishing

The long awaited panfish bed-up is kicking into high gear. Capt. Rich and I spent about an hour late one evening side-scanning for bluegill and redear beds and found five that were just absolutely loaded. Fishing for both species been very good this week and getting better each day. Some nice redear are showing up with regularity and some very nice "Bull" bluegills seem to be the norm as they prepare the nests for spawning.

Using Shelton's Bluegill bug with and without a cricket we did some serious damage on the bluegill and redear populations. Fishing a cricket under an ESB slip bobber was a strong second. The redear seem to be bedding slightly deeper

than last year and aren't as plentiful so if you don't find them real shallow keep this in mind. Calm areas 5-6 feet deep with sandy gravel banks are prime areas to find these bedding fish.

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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>*)



The Adams boys from Paducah (top left) and the John Monaghan Group from Michigan (right) caught some monster crappie fishing this week from the Kick'n Bass Pontoon

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. For the most part the crappie spawn is over and the blacks have scattered some but the whites are suspending off the points in the bays. ***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.

Bass Fishing ... not impossible but none the less challenging. A lot of folks here practicing for tournaments and a lot of quality fishermen I know are singing the blues. Some of the best pro's in the country are struggling to catch big fish. It's about the same for us too. This week we've managed to catch a few but nothing like we did last week. We're finding fish in the 12-15 foot

range off main lake points and catching them on shakey heads, dragging a Carolina rig and slow rolling a swim bait. There are some bass hanging out near the bushes in the back of the bays but one must concentrate on the bushes that are nearest the deeper water even if it is only a slight depth change. The fish we did catch fishing in these areas were caught on a ZMan ZinkerZ with a split shot. The ZinkerZ is a Senko type bait but the AMan ElaZtech material is much more durable. The extremely slow fall is what triggered the strike for us. With the Rayovc tournament held out of Moors Resort Thursday – Saturday it will be interesting to see how the pro's do ... Those guys always seems to catch the don't they!

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

Who said girls can't fish ...Linda Craig and Eunice Johnson (below left) caught these big Redear fishing from the Kick'nBass Pontoon this week. Way to go girls! (Photo Right) the group that Marrietta Shepherd put together was a blast to be around and you better believe they could fish too!



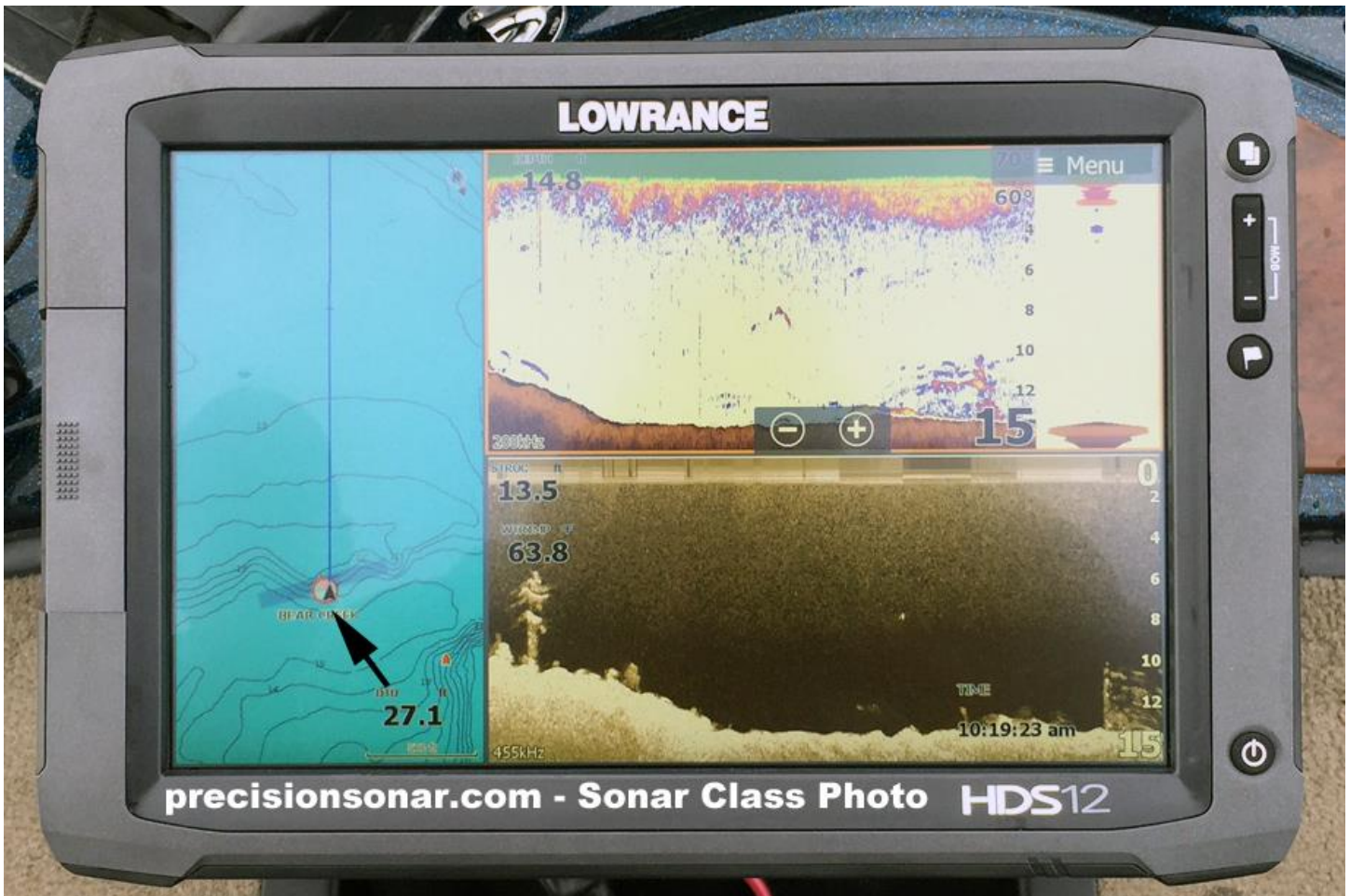
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Precision Sonar

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, thought I would take a moment to thank you for the sonar class. It has paid dividends not only here on KY Lake but also in Mississippi crappie fishing. I have been able to consistently catch fish and pattern them as well. This in turn has helped make me a better fisherman and enjoy each outing or trip even more.

Last weekend a huge cold front came in, high winds and temperature changes, with the help of my electronics I was still able to have an outstanding trip while others struggled. Here is

a photo of a 2lb 10 oz KY Lake crappie Again, thanks for the class.

Sincerely,
Brian Price

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!**

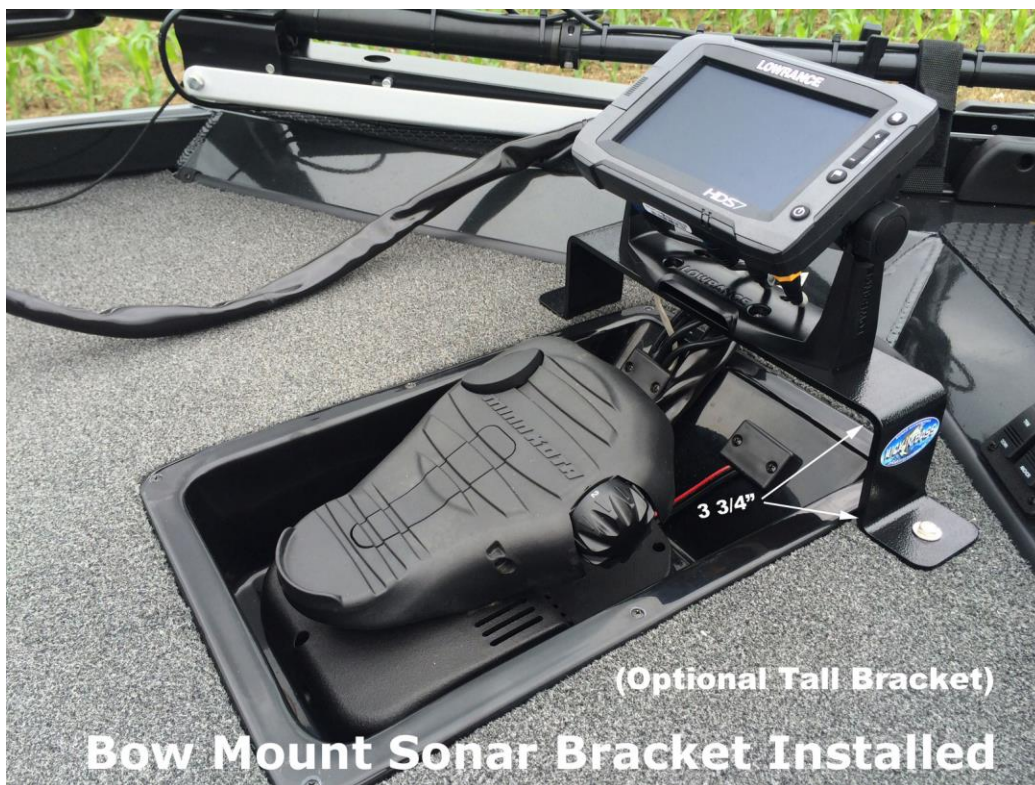
Here's just some of what Precision Sonar can do for YOU!

- 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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