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Lake Conditions - *KY Dam Will Be Spilling Until Further Notice. There is significant current below the Dam and in the upper lake as well. Some floating debris is present on the surface so boat with caution and wear your Personal Floatation Device.*

Lake Levels ... Approximately 3 1/2 feet over summer pool. TVA prediction is that the lake should start to fall with the daily average inflow from the South being 76 -90,000 cfs and the Daily Average Outflow of 88 – 135,000 cfs. However, this could change with the rainfall amounts we've had. For additional info, including generation schedule for Kentucky Lake, visit the TVA website: <u>http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm</u>

Water Clarity and Temperature ... Both lakes have what I would consider ideal water clarity for fishing. However there is some floating debris on the surface so please boat with caution. The Lowrance temperature probe on my Ranger showed water temps ranging from 86 degrees on the main lake and 88 in the bays with water warming in the afternoon on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. **Friday Night**...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 5 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. West winds 5 mph. Highest heat index readings around 101.

Saturday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Southwest winds around 5 mph. **Sunday**...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

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Monday...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

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Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sun:						
Rise: 5:32 AM	Rise: 5:33 AM	Rise: 5:34 AM	Rise: 5:34 AM	Rise: 5:35 AM	Rise: 5:36 AM	Rise: 5:37 AM
Transit: 1:19 PM	Transit: 1:19 PM	Transit: 1:20 PM				
Set: 9:06 PM	Set: 9:06 PM	Set: 9:05 PM	Set: 9:04 PM	Set: 9:04 PM	Set: 9:03 PM	Set: 9:02 PM
Moon:						
Rise: 1:35 AM	Rise: 2:13 AM	Rise: 2:54 AM	Rise: 3:41 AM	Rise: 4:33 AM	Rise: 5:29 AM	Rise: 6:28 AM
Transit: 8:36 AM	Transit: 9:29 AM	Transit: 10:23 AM	Transit: 11:17 AM	Transit: 12:10 PM	Transit: 1:01 PM	Transit: 1:51 PM
Under Foot:						
9:05 PM	9:58 PM	10:52 PM	11:45 PM	12:38 AM	1:28 AM	2:17 AM
Set: 3:47 PM	Set: 4:54 PM	Set: 5:57 PM	Set: 6:54 PM	Set: 7:45 PM	Set: 8:29 PM	Set: 9:08 PM
Moon Phase:						
Waning Crescent	New Moon	Waxing Crescent				
30% Illuminated	20% Illuminated	12% Illuminated	6% Illuminated	2% Illuminated	0% Illuminated	1% Illuminated
Good Activity:						
12:35 AM - 2:35 AM	1:13 AM - 3:13 AM	1:54 AM - 3:54 AM	2:41 AM - 4:41 AM	3:33 AM - 5:33 AM	4:29 AM - 6:29 AM	5:28 AM - 7:28 AM
2:47 PM - 4:47 PM	3:54 PM - 5:54 PM	4:57 PM - 6:57 PM	5:54 PM - 7:54 PM	6:45 PM - 8:45 PM	7:29 PM - 9:29 PM	8:08 PM - 10:08 PM
Excellent Activity:						
7:06 AM - 10:06 AM	7:59 AM - 10:59 AM	8:53 AM - 11:53 AM	9:47 AM - 12:47 PM	11:08 PM(p) -	11:58 PM(p) -	12:47 AM - 3:47 AM
7:35 PM - 10:35 PM	8:28 PM - 11:28 PM	9:22 PM -	10:15 PM -	2:08 AM	2:58 AM	12:21 PM - 3:21 PM
		12:22 AM(n)	1:15 AM(n)	10:40 AM - 1:40 PM	11:31 AM - 2:31 PM	
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Fishing Report

Before submitting my report for this week I went below Kentucky Dam a couple of times this week just so I could see how much water was being released and how many gates were open. It was a pretty impressive sight as all gates were spilling an enormous amount of water.

Normally these conditions are more prevalent during early spring but with water temps being much lower. Thinking back, previous experience has shown me that when all or most gates at the Dam are spilling a considerable number of fish will reposition themselves along current breaks. Main lake points extending out in the lake forming a current break are a good bet to hold fish and some fish will also move into the bays to avoid the heavy current. During Prime Feeding Times it's not uncommon to find aggressive feeders facing into the current and in front of the break itself. Other fish will position themselves in the eddy waiting to feed on baitfish as they enter the slack area. (Photo R) Lori Fulton from Mayfield, KY with a nice Kentucky Spotted Bass.



Another prime area that holds fish during significant current, is what I commonly refer to in my on the water sonar class as "a connector". A connector is a drainage or gully that joins two

deeper bodies of water. Game fish will use the connector as a watercourse to travel between a secondary channel and the main river, resting and feeding along the way. Later this week we fished both main lake current breaks and connectors to finds bass that were positioning themselves out of the peak current. Best Baits were Shakey Heads, Steel Shad Blade baits and a hair jig.



Stripes (White Bass & Yellows) White bass are beginning to show up in decent numbers and Yellows are too. And they're mixed in with some nice cats too! Casting a **Steel Shad Blade Bait** has been our best bet on the ledges where we're finding decent schools of whites suspending off the main drops in 12-18 feet of water. Try ripping the bait off the bottom and them abruptly stop it and let if flutter to the bottom. Some of our best catches have been on the fall.

Crappie Fishing ... Mixed results number wise but really big fish. Trolling cranks is beginning to be a serious factor off 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.

Catfish ... catfishing is the best it's been in years for sure and on just about any live bait you want to use. A big juicy nite crawler would be my choice but a lot of the bait shops have a great assortment of catfish baits and tackle.Captain Rich has been loading the boat all week and some BIG ONES too on a Steel Shad Blade Bait!

Bluegill & Redear Fishing ... We did not fish for these species therefore there is no report.

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In this photo one of our clients marks a large fish during one of our classes this week. Finding, Marking and Going Back to cast to the fish makes a lot of sense doesn't it? This screen allows you to pinpoint fish location and use a map to go back to the fish. Want to find out more? Our sonar class is a hands on, in your boat, using your electronics program developed to take your sonar ability to the next level. Schedule your personalized "On the Water" Sonar Class and contact <u>rk@precisionsonar.com</u>

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Taylor Teets – Tennessee

Taylor you and your brother were a pleasure to be with. I really liked your Sea Ark and some of the things you had done to it. Great job in the class too! Good Luck!

RK

Randy, I was pleasantly surprised at the class. I had heard it was pretty good but I was pleasantly surprised at the detail. Great investment in my time. I look forward to fishing with you at a later date.

Phil Davis – Springfield, IL.

Thanks! I have fun doing these classes and I enjoyed sharing a boat with you. September will be here before we know it!

RK

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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