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<http://eepurl.com/-3Sbj>.

Lake Levels ... Current lake level is approximately 2 ½ feet below summer pool and on a slow drawdown in accordance with the normal TVA operating schedule. 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 ... Both lakes have what I would consider ideal water clarity for fishing. The Lowrance temperature probe on my Ranger showed surface water temp at 80.4 degrees on the main lake with the water warming in the afternoon on sunny days.

Weather Outlook

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds 5 mph.

Friday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. East winds 5 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Saturday Night...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 60s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday Night...Mostly clear. Lows around 60.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sun:	Sun:	Sun:	Sun:	Sun:	Sun:	Sun:
Rise: 6:20 AM Transit: 1:17 PM Set: 8:13 PM	Rise: 6:21 AM Transit: 1:17 PM Set: 8:12 PM	Rise: 6:22 AM Transit: 1:17 PM Set: 8:10 PM	Rise: 6:24 AM Transit: 1:16 PM Set: 8:08 PM	Rise: 6:25 AM Transit: 1:16 PM Set: 8:06 PM	Rise: 6:26 AM Transit: 1:16 PM Set: 8:04 PM	Rise: 6:28 AM Transit: 1:15 PM Set: 8:02 PM
Moon:	Moon:	Moon:	Moon:	Moon:	Moon:	Moon:
Rise: 1:13 PM Transit: 6:25 PM Under Foot: 6:51 AM Set: 11:32 PM	Rise: 2:12 PM Transit: 7:13 PM Under Foot: 7:40 AM Set: (s)	Rise: 3:10 PM Transit: 8:03 PM Under Foot: 8:32 AM Set: 12:10 AM	Rise: 4:07 PM Transit: 8:56 PM Under Foot: 9:26 AM Set: 12:54 AM	Rise: 5:00 PM Transit: 9:51 PM Under Foot: 10:22 AM Set: 1:45 AM	Rise: 5:49 PM Transit: 10:48 PM Under Foot: 11:18 AM Set: 2:44 AM	Rise: 6:34 PM Transit: 11:45 PM Under Foot: 12:16 PM Set: 3:51 AM
Moon Phase:	Moon Phase:	Moon Phase:	Moon Phase:	Moon Phase:	Moon Phase:	Moon Phase:
Waxing Crescent 39% Illuminated	First Quarter 49% Illuminated	Waxing Gibbous 59% Illuminated	Waxing Gibbous 69% Illuminated	Waxing Gibbous 79% Illuminated	Waxing Gibbous 87% Illuminated	Waxing Gibbous 94% Illuminated
Good Activity:	Good Activity:	Good Activity:	Good Activity:	Good Activity:	Good Activity:	Good Activity:
12:13 PM - 2:13 PM 10:32 PM - 12:32 AM(n)	11:10 PM(p) - 1:10 AM 1:12 PM - 3:12 PM	11:10 PM(p) - 1:10 AM 2:10 PM - 4:10 PM	11:54 PM(p) - 1:54 AM 3:07 PM - 5:07 PM	12:45 AM - 2:45 AM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	1:44 AM - 3:44 AM 4:49 PM - 6:49 PM	2:51 AM - 4:51 AM 5:34 PM - 7:34 PM
Excellent Activity:	Excellent Activity:	Excellent Activity:	Excellent Activity:	Excellent Activity:	Excellent Activity:	Excellent Activity:
5:21 AM - 8:21 AM 4:55 PM - 7:55 PM	6:10 AM - 9:10 AM 5:43 PM - 8:43 PM	7:02 AM - 10:02 AM 6:33 PM - 9:33 PM	7:56 AM - 10:56 AM 7:26 PM - 10:26 PM	8:52 AM - 11:52 AM 8:21 PM - 11:21 PM	9:48 AM - 12:48 PM 9:18 PM - 12:18 AM(n)	10:46 AM - 1:46 PM 10:15 PM - 1:15 AM(n)
Day Rating:	Day Rating:	Day Rating:	Day Rating:	Day Rating:	Day Rating:	Day Rating:
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Lowrance Electronics finds schools of Lake St. Clair Smallmouth Bass

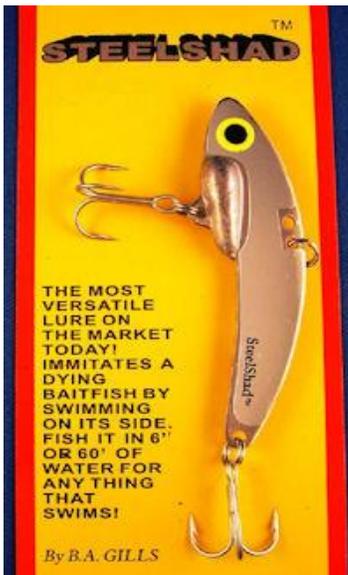
Our regular weekly fishing report resumes after spending last week in the Lake St. Clair Michigan area with clients tutoring them on their Lowrance electronics. We like helping fellow fishermen learn to use their electronics and experience the great fishing other lakes have to offer.

Fortunately my good friend Bill Hurlle from Louisville and I (*Photo L*) were able to spend some time getting a taste of the Smallmouth fishing on St. Clair and we weren't disappointed either.

We had dinner with two of my favorite clients, Mark Scherer and John Monaghan from Michigan and I just flat asked them "With such a great fishery in St. Clair, why do you come to Kentucky Lake a couple times a year"? Mark replied, "for our group it's not just about the fishing it's the whole experience and the beauty of Kentucky Lake and the largemouth bass fishing on Kentucky lake can be at times as good as St. Clair". I think that kinda sums it up for me too. When it's all said and done Kentucky Lake and the Land Between the Lakes Recreational area is really hard to beat!

Fishing Report - Bass Fishing from the Ranger Boat

All species of fish are schooling big time. Wherever you can find schools of baitfish you will certainly find the fish. The problem with this scenario is schools of bait are everywhere ... in the backs of the bays, along the shoreline, around docks and even on the main lake near the ledges. The pattern that worked for you yesterday might not be as productive today. Game fish metabolisms are running at full throttle and they are feeding for longer periods of time. The Prime feeding times are red hot and even the secondary feeding times are longer than usual. *Check out the Prime Feeding Times here in the report.*



One thing for certain is the Steel Shad Blade Bait is on fire right now! For several species! A good rule of thumb when choosing the Steel Shad is the brighter colors work best on sunny days and the not so bright colors work on cloudy days. Fishing the Steel Shad is not too difficult as it mimics the size and shape of the baitfish this time of year. It can be fished right under the surface for top feeding fish or jigged near the bottom for deeper fish or in between for those fish that are suspended. You really can fish it wrong. Your favorite spinning combo or bait casting outfit will work; just remember that the rod needs to be about 7', can handle the weight of the lure and has an extra fast tip to get the distance on your cast. One good thing about the Steel Shad is it cast like a rocket and its body forward hook behind the body design allows it to bump over structure and cover that would hang other blade baits. So don't be afraid to fish it. The line choice is much more important for a lot of reasons. Since you will be making extra long casts at times to surface feeding fish, you'll want a line that will launch the bait a great distance and doesn't have any line stretch. A

combination of a braided main line and a fluorocarbon leader is just what the doctor ordered. The braid and fluorocarbon leader allows one to feel the bait vibrating and, with no line stretch, the hook sets are true. This line set up has proven to be far superior to just mono or fluorocarbon. My personal choice is a 10 lb Power Pro braid and a P-Line 100% Fluorocarbon 10 lb leader. The two lines are joined using a double Uni-knot. Experience has shown that more fish will be hooked and landed on the braid combo than any other. Make sure you use a line ring on this type of lure. It not only enhances the action of the bait but it will keep the lure from fraying the leader line. A line ring is standard on the Steel Shad.

A good back up plan for us has been dragging the shell beds in 12-18 feet of water with either a ZMan Shakey head worm or drop shotting the new 2.75" ZMan Finesse TRD (The Real Deal). The TRD worked for us Drop-Shotting on St. Clair last week and has caught several fish for us this week. What I really like about the TRD is the solid hook ups. This week we had a 7.25 and 6.40 Largemouth Bass on the TRD.

From The Kick'n Bass Pontoon ...

Stripes (White and Yellow Bass) 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 it 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 ... while we're not fishing for this species specifically we're catching several everyday on either a Steel Shad Blade Bait or a Ken's Hybrid spinner.

Come Fish With Us On the Kick'n Bass Pontoon

The Jason Vong Group from St. Louis (L) and Alan Petefish Family from Missouri had a blast fishing from the pontoon and caught a mixed bag of stripes and catfish



Have a Blast on the Kick'n Bass Pontoon. Families and Groups Welcome and Corporate Trips are our Specialty. We appreciate folks with Special Needs. We furnish the rods & reels and lures, clean and package your catch. It's the BEST VALUE on the lake.

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The Bay Boyz – Rich, Michael and Rick caught a load of stripes fishing Steel Shad Blade Baits from the pontoon.

Randy Crow and his group (Below) caught a real nice mess of yellows and white bass.

Here's what some of the folks had to say about their trip ...



Just want to thank you again for the wonderful time my son, two grandsons, and I had on the Pontoon.

The pontoon was perfect for the 4 of us. We had plenty of room and comfort. It's the only way to go!

Oh! And the fishing? We caught over 50 white and yellow bass, several large drum, and, of course, those big ones that got away!

Thanks again for a great trip. And, of course, we'll be back!

Randy, Brad, Tanner and Tucker Crow - Missouri

Precision Sonar

Electronics Tip of the Week

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



Proper Boat Control is something a lot of fishermen don't focus on and it's one of the most important things you can learn to master to improve your success on the water.

One of the really neat processes you will learn in our sonar class is how to use your Trails function and Waypoint management system to develop a "Drift Line" to maximize boat control in high percentage areas. Once the "Drift Line" is established, one can position the boat and follow a defined Trail and set of Waypoints to track a course through productive water.

Our sonar class is a hands on, in your boat, using your electronics program that will take your sonar ability to the next level. Schedule your personalized "On the Water" Sonar Class and contact rk@precisionsonar.com

Here's what some of our clients are saying about Precision Sonar's "On the Water" Sonar Class and their Precision Sonar Mounting Systems ...

WOW! What a great class. I think it's probably the best thing I've ever done to help my fishing. Randy, I appreciate all you did to help me and especially your patience too!

Brad Sellers – Plymouth, WI.

I had a good time with you, Brad! Let me know how you do on your next tournament on the upper Mississippi.

RK

Nice to see something is as good as advertised for a change. Great Class, I'll be sure and recommend it to others.

Fred Fall – Tipp City, OH.

Fred let me know when the fall smallmouth get going on Erie. You'll be deadly on that lake finding those offshore rock piles with your HDS 12.

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.

Our service is not an indoor 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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Michael Sharp's New Nitro Z-21 with the Precision Sonar Console Mounting System and Dual Bow Mount Sonar Bracket



(Post From Bass Boat Central's Nitro Message Board)

"I took my Z-21 out on Pickwick yesterday and the water got pretty rough later in the day. My Precision Sonar mounts were rock solid and never moved!!! They are awesome and a great alternative to other mounting systems. Precision Sonar products are very well made and Randy is awesome to work with. Give Precision Sonar a look for your sonar mounting needs. They are of awesome quality. Special thanks to Matt and the guys at Bass & Gas for the great installation and Precision Sonar. Y'all rock!!!!"

Michael Sharp – Memphis, TN

