

Shelldivers Guide Service's Fishing Report

For May 31, 2018

Report for Kentucky Lake & Lake Barkley

In the ten days since my last report the bass fishing has certainly changed. While many of my first arrival ledges were bypassed by migrating bass they certainly have made their way out to some of the main channel ledges. I have found some new first arrival locations that fish were loaded up on. For myself and my clients the bass fishing has been excellent!

I'm catching large amounts of quality fish in depths ranging from eight feet down to 23 feet. In a couple weeks I will be catching them off some ledges even deeper. Some of my favorite baits are the standard 10-inch worm rigged with 5/16 ounce weight up to 1/2 ounce, a Carolina rig with a 4-foot leader, swimbait, 1-ounce single bladed spinnerbait, and big deep diving crankbaits.

It's not easy locating and catching these deep fish. One has to understand how to use their electronics and, better yet, make the right casts at the right angles to trigger bites. Covering the water correctly and counting your bait down is what its all about.

I can tell you for sure it's not like what you read about in magazines or what you hear sponsored professionals say. All that stuff is normally half of the truth designed to sell products. Somehow fisherman young and old believe and eat it hook, line and sinker.

My electronics are not what puts the fish in the boat. Experience and having spent thousands of hours under the water is what keeps my live well full. If you look back in time ledge fishing is new to most anglers - both professional and amateur.

Today's modern hi tech depth finders are a big advancement and have given many anglers confidence in fishing offshore, yet so many fisherman struggle with them. No matter what you see on your sonar, if you don't fish the water correctly, your going to miss lots of fish.

I have been fishing ledges since 1990 and have helped many fisherman learn how to use their electronics. Even more important I've shown them how to cover the water and hit the right angles. That's how you load the boat. The other question is how to fish in current vs. no current. When you hire a good guide you gain five to ten years of experience in a day saving you thousands of dollars.

If you just want to enjoy a day of catching quality bass or are wanting to learn how to effectively fish offshore, I am as good as it gets! I've had excellent results in my career as a baseball and wrestling coach and use the same skills to help my clients learn bass fishing.

I have 28 years of ledge fishing experience and would like nothing more than to take all of my readers out fishing! If you want to book a trip with me please try to call me as the communication over the phone is much more effective and consumes less time than emails. I do respond to all forms of communication as quick as I can.

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