

Doug Wynn's Fishing Report

For June 29, 2017

Report for Kentucky Lake

Greetings from the White Excel Bay Pro.

Mixed bag will best describe our fishing week.

Crappie

We've been having some really good days, and some so-so days. Most of the good fish have moved to off-shore structure in close proximity to woody cover. Main lake ledges and flats and the main points in major bays are producing when there is current flowing.

Where we had been catching crappie in 16-20 feet, they are now in 18-25 feet. Find baitballs, current and wood and your search should be over. The best baits have been 200 Bandits, 4A and 6A Bombers, the new Pico crankbaits, and Arkie 350s and 220s. We are always trolling but some good catches are being made by vertical jigging presentations when boat traffic allows it.

Catfish

The catfish on crankbait bite is still on even though we are now seeing more channel and white cats that are spawned out. They are in the same vicinity as the crappie---deep edges and flats.

I'm getting good reports of nice catches of blue catfish from rocky ledges and banks near deep water on the chicken bait I mentioned last week, shrimp, nightcrawlers, and leeches. Fish these baits on tight-line rigs fished near the bottom and hang on. Those blues will break your wrists.

White Bass and Yellow Bass

I saw my first serious white bass jump today on top of a ledge. With the water temps in the low 80s, the jumps should show up often now. Blade baits, in-line spinners and spoons should put these great fighting fish in the box. We are

catching buckets full of the yellows trolling cranks. Most are much smaller than I want to clean but remember these fish are great on the table.

Bass

The ledge bite is in full swing for the bass fisherman who wants to work large crankbaits, flutter spoons and creature baits on the deep points and drops on main lake and major bay ledges.

We are still catching decent numbers of good bass while trolling cranks for crappie.

Field and Stream

I had the pleasure of filming with the Field and Stream On-line guys last week. They are doing a sort of oddities in fishing series and I got their attention with my reports on catching catfish on cranks. We filmed late one afternoon for a couple of hours and were lucky enough to catch some really nice catfish, bass and crappie.

The footage will be available on their Facebook page and their on-line site. I'll post a link once it becomes available. One thing I really got to impress on them is how bulletproof the Southern Crappie Rods I use are. One large channel catfish was reeled in BACKWARDS from 80 feet back with the boat moving forward at 1.8 MPH. The 143T rod was bent double from the handle the entire fight and took it like a champ.

Holiday

No close calls with boaters this week and that's a good thing. The 4th of July holiday is next week so this weekend should see some of the heaviest traffic of the year if the weather cooperates. Please be careful and courteous. Leave the alcohol on the bank since that is what Kentucky laws say anyway.

Obey all maritime and F&W laws and wear your PFDs.

Hey Bonnie!!

Till next week.

Welcome to our slice of Heaven.