

Doug Wynn's Fishing Report

For August 29, 2017

Report for Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley

Howdy from the deck of the white Excel Bay Pro 203.

With the cooler temperatures we have so gladly experienced the last few days, we are seeing the surface temperatures start to drop. This is usually something we experience in the later part of September and it's usually the onset of better fishing.

We are looking at a major rain event later this week that could have a big impact on the lakes and fishing. We'll just have to wait to see how much the effect is.

Crappie

The bite has increased in the last several days for those dunking minnows and those pulling/pushing crankbaits. Pushing is similar to spider rigging but involves heavier weights in front of a small crankbait.

Anglers are still finding decent numbers of crappie if they are willing to check out lots of different cover. Some cover may contain a dozen keepers while the next several may be vacant. Time and patience is your friend.

Look for cover in the 15-25 foot depths. Double KY rigs with minnows, PICO crankbaits, and vertical jig presentations are all working right now.

I had the pleasure to fish last week with a local waterfront owner, his son and grandson, both from California. None of them had ever pulled crankbaits but all caught on very quickly. They had put a huge monkey on my back by telling me they needed a bunch of fish for a family fish-fry. There's nothing like having that kind of added pressure.

The crappie cooperated and stayed in an area I had found them a few days earlier. We caught plenty of fish for their fish fry with some left over. They were a pleasure to spend the day with and were sure to take some great memories back west with them.

Catfish

I'm hearing some more good reports of blue catfish being caught on cut bait, prepared baits like the chicken/jello, worms and leeches. Check deep areas near river channel/creek channel junctions and rocky bank areas.

When current is present, try starting at the deepest part of your chosen spot then slowly work shallower until you find the catfish. Once you find them, you can expect fast action.

White & Yellow Bass

We are still catching good numbers of really good sized yellows on our crankbait presentations along with some very nice sized whites. Other fishermen are using slab spoons, in-line spinners, and plastics to catch good numbers near main lake drops.

Bass

When current is present, good bass are being caught in good numbers on main lake flats near deep water and river channel drops. Try creature baits, flutter spoons and the largest crankbaits you can throw.

With the decrease in surface temps, the shallow water top-water bite is getting better. Look for minnows breaking the surface and hang on.

We are coming into the last holiday of the traditional summer season. Expect to see a big increase in boat traffic with lots of folks getting their last hurrah of the summer in.

Wear your PFDs. Be courteous to those around you. first and foremost - BE SAFE OUT THERE! Have a great Labor Day weekend.

Welcome to our slice of Heaven.