

# **Doug Wynn's Fishing Report**

**For September 20, 2017**

*Report for Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley*

Captain Doug reporting from the white Excel Bay Pro 203.

Just when Mother Nature made us think fall was right around the corner, she ripped the rug right out from under us and here comes summer weather back. Spring has a groundhog to predict it's arrival. Fall must have something that is not so lovable, like a weasel that will bite your shins.

Since the fish don't care what the weather is, we just have to make lemonade out of lemons.

## **Crappie**

Good numbers of good fish are showing up for those who are willing to revert back to essentially a summer pattern and seek out main lake flats and creek/bay main points and drops. Crank baits are still hot but some good catches are coming to anglers vertical jigging plastics and worms around deep cover. The best days are when current is present and cloud cover doesn't hurt.



PICO cranks in Mudbug, Zombie, Fish Hawk and Blue Boogie are getting it done. Pink should be on at least one rod in a trolling spread.

## **Yellows and White Bass**

I had a friend mention his boat caught 1249 yellows in one trip this past week. While that might be a slight exaggeration, it does show how hard it is to get a bait of any kind thru the schools of yellows out there now. Many times they will show up on electronics as a "blob" that could be mistaken for minnows or baitfish since they school in such numbers and so thick. Any bait with flash or that might imitate a minnow in any form will catch yellows right now. PLEASE consider taking several of them each trip to not only help reduce their numbers but also to put a great fighting and tasting fish on the table.

Yellows are being caught on main lake drops and points right in with the yellows. Some nice sized whites are being caught on spoons, in-line spinners and plastics.

## **Bass**

With the cooler temperatures we enjoyed recently, we were also starting to see some bass schooling around minnow schools on shallow rocky points and banks on the main lake and main points in bays. Try rattle-traps, top water lures, and crankbaits right into the melee when they surface.

On days with current, try summer pattern baits like large cranks, flutter spoons and creature baits on ledges and the down-current ends of large flats.

## **Catfish**

I'm hearing of the bite slowing down but some fillet-sized blues and channel cats are still hanging around deep, rocky cover and current breaks. Cut baits, chicken livers, worms and leeches are still getting bites for those who are willing to spend a little more time finding the concentrations of cats.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the gentleman from St. Louis who drowned last week.

I can't say enough how important PFDs are when on the lakes. They have to be worn to be useful. If you are not a swimmer or when your outboard engine is running above idle speed, the PFDs should always be on and properly fastened. Anyone boarding my boat is given a PFD to wear. Many choose not to and that is their prerogative.

Most will ask if it is required and I tell them it is their choice but they won't be able to say I didn't offer it to them to wear. Adults should make up their own minds. Children must wear them with no questions.

Once the current warm spell passes, we should see less and less pleasure boat traffic and more fishing boat traffic. Be aware of your surroundings, be considerate of those around you, and take time to make good decisions on the water. Your life may very well depend on it.

Let's be careful out there.

Welcome to our slice of Heaven.