

# **Doug Wynn's Fishing Report**

**For September 29, 2018**

*Report for Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley*

Hey Folks from the Excel Bay Pro 203 "Fishful Thinking".

YUCK! What a lousy week of weather it has been. Wet boat, wet rain gear, wet feet, wet attitudes. Friday finally broke with thick fog but the hopeful expectations of sunshine and calm winds. We weren't let down. It was a glorious weather day. It was the kind of day that wiped away many of the wet memories.

The week started last Saturday with driving rain and winds that blew us off the lake soon after the day started. Sunday gave us the chance to get in a few hours of dry fishing before the rains started again. Monday and Tuesday were total washouts. Thursday was another short day after several tries to make it work. Yesterday was glorious. The fishing wasn't the best but good enough to make us forget about the earlier week.

I had marked my calendar in May when Beverly and her husband Charlie fished with me and Beverly caught the largest crappie of the year (so far). She decided she was going to bring her father back to fish with me in late September.

I had learned that there had been many trips to KY Lake as a family in their youth. Shortly before they arrived I found out that her sister, Amanda, was joining her and their Dad, Bill.

I became a spectator of two days of reminisces, jokes, jabs, and laughs. Sometimes I was asked to take sides or step in to save one member of the party from the wrath of the other two.

I was able to stay out of the fray but got to witness a wonderful family having a great time even though the crappie failed to get in on the fun much of the time.

## **Crappie**

We have been catching good numbers of small keepers on Picos and Bomber 6A cranks. Most have been on flats in 10-15 feet of water. Colors have been changing almost every few minutes.

I got a report today of some nice fish both on Barkley and Kentucky being caught on jigs and minnows being fished close to deep structure like stake beds and brush piles in 18-25 feet of water.

Obviously the fast drop in the water level along with a 10 degree drop in the surface water temperature (85 to 75) in just over a week have scattered the crappie. Hopefully as we get some nice fall type weather, fishing will pick up in both numbers and quality.

I don't have reports on any other species other than Asian carp. I had a chance to talk to Dennis, a commercial netter, this morning and thanked him for his efforts and ask some questions about his sets and recent results.

Hopefully all fishermen will embrace the netters and take every chance to thank them for their back-breaking efforts.

Be careful out there since the lake is approaching winter pool. With the nice weather forecast for the weekend, we will see an increase in the recreational boaters as they try to take advantage of the last few chance to get on the lake. Wear those PFDs.

Welcome to our slice of Heaven.

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