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**Why Choose Kick'n Bass? ...** *Kick'n Bass is a fully licensed and insured multi-species guide service. We offer guided fishing trips from a 21' Ranger bass boat as well as family fishing adventures from our state of the art fishing pontoon. Being on the water every day keeps us sharp and in tune with fish catching patterns and the best baits and we'll gladly share this information with you. Our weekly fishing report offers the angler a boat load of useful information. The fishing report itself is based solely on what happens in our boats. Therefore you get firsthand information that you can depend on. We also think it's of benefit to you to know what the lake conditions are, what you can expect weather-wise and when the best times are to fish (Prime Feeding Times) so you can plan your trip accordingly. At Kick'n Bass we like to let our client pictures tell their story that's why we publish them every week. Kick'n Bass is big on helping you become a better angler that's why in addition to our regular guide service, we offer "On the Water" sonar classes that will take your understanding and know how to another level. Our sponsors believe in what we're doing and work with us to provide you with top notch equipment and lures so you can field test them before you buy. We're having the time of our lives and we'd like to go fishing with you!*

Regards,

*Randy Kuhens* - a.k.a. "Kick'n Bass"

## **Lake Conditions**

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes approximately 6 inches below summer pool and on a very slow, inches per day drawdown over the next several days. For additional info, including generation schedule for Kentucky Lake, visit the TVA website:

[http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh\\_r.htm](http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm)

**Water Clarity and Temperature ...** on Kentucky Lake ranges from light stain in some of the creeks with the main lake clear. The lake is very fishable. Barkley is lightly stained and the lake is very fishable. The surface water temps are in the mid to high 80's.

## **Weather Outlook**

**Friday...** Mostly cloudy. Showers and thunderstorms likely in the morning...Then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. North winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

**Friday Night...** Mostly clear. Lows around 60. North winds 5 mph.

**Saturday...** Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 5 mph.

**Saturday Night...** Mostly clear. Lows around 60.

**Sunday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

**Sunday Night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

**Monday...**Mostly clear. Highs in the mid 80s. Lows in the lower 60s.

### Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 8/16/12	H: 91° L: 68°	Rise: 6:10 AM Set: 7:42 PM	Rise: 5:10 AM Set: 6:52 PM Overhead: 12:06 PM Underfoot: --:--	1% Waning Crescent	--:-- - --:-- 12:06 PM - 2:06 PM	5:10 AM - 6:10 AM 6:52 PM - 7:52 PM	Better
Friday 8/17/12	H: 82° L: 69°	Rise: 6:11 AM Set: 7:41 PM	Rise: 6:12 AM Set: 7:26 PM Overhead: 12:54 PM Underfoot: 12:30 AM	0% NEW MOON	12:30 AM - 2:30 AM 12:54 PM - 2:54 PM	6:12 AM - 7:12 AM 7:26 PM - 8:26 PM	Best
Saturday 8/18/12	H: 82° L: 60°	Rise: 6:12 AM Set: 7:40 PM	Rise: 7:17 AM Set: 7:59 PM Overhead: 1:43 PM Underfoot: 1:19 AM	1% Waxing Crescent	1:19 AM - 3:19 AM 1:43 PM - 3:43 PM	7:17 AM - 8:17 AM 7:59 PM - 8:59 PM	Better
Sunday 8/19/12	H: 82° L: 60°	Rise: 6:13 AM <b>Set: 7:38 PM</b>	Rise: 8:22 AM <b>Set: 8:32 PM</b> Overhead: 2:32 PM Underfoot: 2:08 AM	5% Waxing Crescent	2:08 AM - 4:08 AM 2:32 PM - 4:32 PM	8:22 AM - 9:22 AM <b>8:32 PM - 9:32 PM</b>	<b>Better++</b>
Monday 8/20/12	H: 82° L: 59°	Rise: 6:14 AM Set: 7:37 PM	Rise: 9:28 AM Set: 9:07 PM Overhead: 3:22 PM Underfoot: 2:57 AM	11% Waxing Crescent	2:57 AM - 4:57 AM 3:22 PM - 5:22 PM	9:28 AM - 10:28 AM 9:07 PM - 10:07 PM	Average



*North wind, clear bluebird skies and no current ... No problem for these guys! Jeff Sholar and Coach Tom Bradley from Clarksville, TN. caught these largemouth bass on Shakey Heads using ZMan Finesse worms and PJ's Bass Extractor jigs while fishing with Kick'n Bass. (All fish were released to fight another day).*

**Bass Fishing ... WOW!** Bass fishing has dominated the action this week with lots of fish and some really big ones being caught. As I reported last week you can catch fish in the shallows but my clients would rather I scan the ledges with our High Definition Lowrance Sonar System and find willing schools of bass (*See Sonar Photo*). Once we located a school we worked them with Shakey Heads and Steel Shad Blade Baits. It was on the ledges that we made some incredible catches both in numbers and size. Best baits this week have been a 3/16 oz. PJ's bass extractor jig head and Zman 7" finesse worm fished Shakey Head style and a Steel Shad Blade Bait. During low current generation or no wind the Shakey Heads were slowly crawled on the bottom amongst the shell beds and the best bite came with little or no action. The Steel Shad blade baits were gently lifted off the bottom and dropped on a tight line. At times the strikes were vicious. I feel confident that Kick'n Bass clients would rate this week's bass fishing an A+.



**The Steel Shad ... a very good choice this time of year!** Some of you may remember late last summer several of my fishing reports featured the Steel Shad and photos of some phenomenal catches made by my clients fishing this bait. Well it's that time of year again and fishermen have been catching a lot of bass on these baits and they've been disappearing off the shelves at the local tackle shops at a pretty good rate. The Steel Shad is a very versatile bait and will catch most anything that swims, especially bass. Right now Bass are chasing baitfish and the profile of the Steel Shad mimics a shad to a T. One technique that works well for us is the yoyo retrieve on a tight line. Start by bringing the lure gently off the bottom, feel the vibration and then let it fall on a-tight line. This allows the lure to drop slowly giving the bass a real good look at it. Sometimes the sheer weight of the lure on a free-fall drops too fast and the fish can't catch up to it, especially if the bite is waning. However, ripping it off the bottom at times will catch its share of fish too. The tackle shops around Kentucky and Barkley Lakes keep a pretty good supply of these baits in inventory. Here's my good friend Capt. Steve Niemoeller's website [www.steelshad.com](http://www.steelshad.com)

**White Bass Fishing ...** has been very good again this week. The best lures have been the Steel Shad Blade baits in Gold and Silver and Ken's Hybrid Spinners. Ripping the baits off the bottom and let the lure fall on a semi-tight line seemed to work well. Most fish are relatively deep, suspended 15-25 feet along the Tennessee River. Smaller schools are holding 10-13 feet deep along the flats next to the secondary channel during current draws or windy days. On several occasions some really nice Largemouth bass and catfish were caught as they followed a hooked white bass to the boat.

**Catfish ...** We didn't fish specifically for cats this week but we caught our share on Ken's Hybrid spinners while fishing for white bass and Steel Shad Blade Baits when fishing for bass on the ledges. One angry channel cat decided to deposit a treble hook in my left calf this week. Ouch!

**Bluegill and Redear ...** We didn't fish specifically for these species this week, however we couldn't help but catch some nice ones. I can tell you that if you fish windblown points you should do very well. The wind and waves are pinning scores of small minnows and game fish fry against the bank and the bluegill and Redear are having a feast. Casting small grubs in Blue Pearl on a 1/16 oz jig head does the trick.

**Crappie ... No report.**



*The Petefish brothers, Don & Alan (Photo) and I had a morning to remember this week fishing the ledges. We had non-stop action for hours on bass in the 3-4 lb. class using ZMan finesse worms and PJ's bass Extractor jigs fished Shakey Head style. How could you expect anything less than a great fishing trip with someone named Petefish!*

## ***Here's what some of our clients are saying about their "On the Water" Sonar Class ...***

*Randy,*

*I just want to say thanks again for offering your sonar class. I learned more about using my HDS units in 3-4 hrs. than I did in the previous year and a half I owned them. After the class we went back out and marked structure holding fish and caught several nice bass. Knowing how to use my HDS System will change the way I fish from now on! Thanks again!*

*Kent Florence – Lexington, KY*

*Randy,*

*I had heard from some friends of mine in our bass club that did your class how informative it was. I didn't tell you this but I was very hesitant to do the class because I just didn't think that I could learn since I'm just not that good on a computer. The electronics came with the boat I bought so I figured I might as well try and learn how to use them. I was pleasantly surprised at the way you worked with me and presented the information in a way that I could comprehend it and put it into use. I know I still have a lot to learn but I'm no longer intimidated by my electronics.*

*Beverlee Spalding – Indianapolis, IN*

## **Sonar Tip of the Week ...**

### **Ledge Fishing with the Latest Technology**



***A ledge fisherman's dream comes true ...*** We found this ledge chock full of bass. We caught a bunch of them on Shakey Heads before the school got wise and moved on. Without the use of our Lowrance HDS System finding a hot spot like this would not have been possible. Participate in Kick'n Bass "On the Water" sonar class and you'll learn how to use technology to find fishing hotspots like this. For your own personal "On the water Sonar Class" Contact [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) you'll be glad you did!

**Read the owner's manual or watched a DVD and still baffled? Let's clear up your Sonar confusion. Have your unit(s) programmed and optimized by someone who depends on the HDS technology daily. Together we can make your system more user friendly and you'll get more out of your system.**

### ***What is Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class"?***

**Kick'n Bass offers a one on one, hands on, in your boat using your electronics class that will take your understanding and know-how to another level!**

# IF YOU'RE **CONFUSED**, **FRUSTRATED**, AND **NEED ANSWERS** then Kick'n Bass' "On the Water Sonar Class" is for **YOU!**

Here's just some of what Kick'n Bass can do for **YOU!**

- Make sure your HDS unit(s) has the correct settings for the type of fishing you do.
- Program the individual screens and install the overlay data on the screen that you want. Example: Depth, Water Temp, Time, etc.
- Arrange the screens so they display what you want them to show and make going from page to page orderly and non-confusing.
- Eliminate unwanted, non-practical on screen data that clutters your screen and gets in the way of using your unit to its maximum potential.
- Learn the art of waypoint management. No more cluttered maps with useless or unproductive waypoints. You'll learn how to identify which locations are waypoint worthy and how to go back to those locations without ever assigning a waypoint. You'll learn to only assign a waypoint once you are satisfied the location is worth saving.
- Demo the unit for you to help you be familiar with the screens and commands, so you'll have a good understanding of how to use the unit and take advantage of its fish finding capabilities.

As a bonus Kick'n Bass will help you learn to read an electronic topo map and find "places of interest" that could be potential fishing hot spots.

**You've Made a Significant Investment in Electronics. Learn to Use Them to Their Full Potential.**

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## **\*\*\* Special Announcement \*\*\***



**HUGE SAVINGS ON QUALITY HUNTING & FISHING GEAR** - Dunns Outdoors in Paducah, KY fall sale August 13 – 18<sup>th</sup>. Hunting and Fishing Seminars on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. First 50 customer's on August 17 will be entered in a drawing for a free 100 dollar gift card. For more info call (270)443-2144

**Be sure and check out the Fishing Pontoon Video**  
**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIjrXQe4FfI>**

Thanks for reading the Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

*Randy Kuhens*