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May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## Lake Conditions

**Lake Levels ...** As of this morning both lakes were approximately 2.75 feet below summer pool. Until we receive additional water from the south or a local rainfall it appears we'll be under lower than normal summer pool levels. For additional info on 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 70's.

### Solunar Forecast for: Gilbertsville, KY 42044 Latitude: 36.92802 Longitude: -88.22018

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Friday 5/4/12	H: 89° L: 65°	Rise: 5:54 AM Set: 7:45 PM	Rise: 6:22 PM Set: 4:33 AM Overhead: 11:53 PM Underfoot: 11:24 AM	97% Waxing Gibbous	11:24 AM - 1:24 PM 11:53 PM - 1:53 AM	4:33 AM - 5:33 AM 6:22 PM - 7:22 PM	Better
Saturday 5/5/12	H: 89° L: 66°	Rise: 5:53 AM Set: 7:46 PM	Rise: 7:37 PM Set: 5:16 AM Overhead: --:-- Underfoot: 12:23 PM	100% FULL MOON	--:-- - --:-- 12:23 PM - 2:23 PM	5:16 AM - 6:16 AM 7:37 PM - 8:37 PM	Best
Sunday 5/6/12	H: 87° L: 67°	Rise: 5:52 AM Set: 7:46 PM	Rise: 8:49 PM Set: 6:04 AM Overhead: 12:53 AM Underfoot: 1:25 PM	100% Waning Gibbous	12:53 AM - 2:53 AM 1:25 PM - 3:25 PM	6:04 AM - 7:04 AM 8:49 PM - 9:49 PM	Best
Monday 5/7/12	H: 85° L: 67°	Rise: 5:51 AM Set: 7:47 PM	Rise: 9:56 PM Set: 6:59 AM Overhead: 1:56 AM Underfoot: 2:28 PM	96% Waning Gibbous	1:56 AM - 3:56 AM 2:28 PM - 4:28 PM	6:59 AM - 7:59 AM 9:56 PM - 10:56 PM	Better
Tuesday 5/8/12	H: 81° L: 64°	Rise: 5:50 AM Set: 7:48 PM	Rise: 10:56 PM Set: 8:01 AM Overhead: 2:59 AM Underfoot: 3:31 PM	90% Waning Gibbous	2:59 AM - 4:59 AM 3:31 PM - 5:31 PM	8:01 AM - 9:01 AM 10:56 PM - 11:56 PM	Good
Wednesday 5/9/12	H: 74° L: 61°	Rise: 5:50 AM Set: 7:49 PM	Rise: 11:47 PM Set: 9:07 AM Overhead: 4:01 AM Underfoot: 4:31 PM	82% Waning Gibbous	4:01 AM - 6:01 AM 4:31 PM - 6:31 PM	9:07 AM - 10:07 AM 11:47 PM - 12:47 AM	Average

## Weather Outlook

**Friday**...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night**...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday**...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night**...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

**Sunday**...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

**Sunday Night**...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

## Pontoon Fishing Is Fun!!!



### **The Joe Nichols Group**

*(Bass were photographed and released unharmed)*

### **Bass fishing was great from the Pontoon Boat ...**

Randy and Rich, We had a great time, not just the fishin'. The Pontoon was AWESOME! We would love to book another trip this fall with you guys. We really do love the bass, but are game for anything that swims. Thanks guys. GREAT TRIP!

Joe Nichols – Blytheville, Arkansas



## Kick'n Bass Guide Service Offers Pontoon Trips for the Whole Family

That's right, nobody gets left behind! Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa and the kids can go too! Catch fish from our newly acquired state of the art fishing machine and have fun doing it! Crappie, Bass, Bluegill, Redear, Stripes or Catfish ... the choice is yours. Don't want to fish, rather relax and chill out? No problem, we can customize your trip. If you have something special in mind just let us know. Contact us well in advance for reservations. Email: [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net)

### Fishing Report



*Jane and Kenny Adams from New Albany, Indiana with some nice bass caught on Shakey Heads.  
(Bass were photographed and released unharmed)*

**Largemouth Bass** ... This has been another great week of bass fishing for Kick'n Bass clients, both for numbers and size. Some of the bigger fish are off the bed and on the move and are beginning to show up on the main lake ledges and the mouth of the bays are producing. As always this time of year you can catch some fish shallow but with all the tournaments and pre-tournament practice going on the shallows are getting crowded. Our plan was to go offshore and it has really paid off with some really nice catches. Best lures have been SPRO crankbaits, Steel Shad blade baits and Shakey Heads using Zman finesse worms on 3/16 oz. PJ's bass extractor jigs. On cloudy days the Gold Steel Shad was boss and several really nice bass were caught yo-yoing the lure in 10 to 15 feet of water on long tapering points at the mouth of the bays. Mid-week the lake levels dropped a bit and with minimal current the fish were finicky. To increase our odds we adjusted our presentation to include Zman 4" finesse worms and drug them thru the shell beds on a PJ's 3/16 oz. Bass Extractor jig. Some of our biggest bass were

caught on the smaller worms. Best colors were Pumpkin Green Flake, Coppertruese and June Bug. **Smallmouth Bass** ... we caught several smallmouth in the shell beds on the shakey head but overall the best fish were caught on jigs off main lake points at the mouth of the bays. While the smallmouth, number-wise, was a minority in our bass catch the average size was pretty good being between 3-4 pounds. These fighters were tail walkers and didn't appreciate being hooked at all.



**Crappie fishing ...** Most were caught while we were Redear and Bluegill fishing and were black crappie in water 6 feet or less. It's important to remember that Black Crappie will hang around the spawning flats for several weeks before they migrate to deeper water. We found clusters of fish on submerged structure that was located on the first drop adjacent to the spawning flats. Also I observed the KDFWR this week electroshocking and

they were sampling a lot of fish including a big number of crappie. So there is a BIG number of fish still shallow and waiting to be caught.

**Bluegill & Redear ...** Another great week of Panfishing! We had a lot of fun watching our clients catch these fighting fish. We've used several methods to catch them including a slip float presentation with live bait and slow rolling a Ken's or Shelton's bluegill bug tipped with a cricket or a wax or red worm. Look for chunk rock banks with rocks the size of a coffee can among brown gravel. The sandier the gravel the better. If you're having a difficult time locating them just think a little deeper.

## Sonar Tip of the Week



*These bass beds were discovered during an on the water sonar class with Bruce Winters of Chicago, Ill. The old road bed adjoins a gravel bar making it an ideal spawning location and the beds were easy to spot. We caught several bass including one big female from this spot. All bass were released immediately and unharmed. Your system can do this too. If you want to get more out of your HDS system contact [rk@kicknbass.net](mailto:rk@kicknbass.net) for your own personal "On the water Sonar Class"*

## **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!**

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

### **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. In most cases the units factory default setting is set for "general use" not specific.**
- **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.**
- **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.**
- **Learn how to assign a waypoint to a fishing hot spot and find it again.**
- **If needed, install the most recent updates.**

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.

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Thanks for reading Kick'n Bass' fishing report!

*Randy Kuhens*