



*Fish Kentucky Lake  
with Guide Captain Rich Bay*

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## Your fishing report for July 20, 2017

### ECLIPSE DAY TRIP

Here is the chance of a lifetime!! Book this 4 person trip and come on out on the Kick'n Bass pontoon and enjoy a sightseeing tour, finishing up by watching the Total Solar Eclipse from the middle of Kentucky Lake! We will provide soft drinks and snacks. We already have the special glasses for watching the Eclipse and they are stylish!! Our trip will leave Malcolm Creek Resort at 11:30 AM and return at 3:30 PM. That will give us time to see the darkness leading up to the Eclipse, the Total Eclipse and then the darkness turn to light once again.



Book this exclusive Eclipse tour for \$250 each, for this special moment in time. You will be riding along with an assistant and two of my family members. **Call now to reserve this once in a lifetime trip.**

Here are a couple of interesting links about the Eclipse.

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/space/moon-mars/a22454/one-year-usa-total-solar-eclipse/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1k6L\\_Z48y24](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1k6L_Z48y24)



Piper Bay, Crystal Dawn  
Watson and Ollie Watson  
having fun on the pontoon

### From the deck of the Kick'n Bass pontoon

*The weather is hot and the fishing is hot!! There is an excessive heat warning out for the area so drink plenty of water while outside. We have been chasing white and yellow bass exclusively for about a month now. Some days it's great and some days we have to chase them down but we have had great success as the pictures show! This great bite should continue for another month or so...just my best guess.*

### Lake conditions

The water level has stabilized to around summer pool at 358.6. Temps in low 70's at night and mid 90's during the day have made for a lot of electrical generation which causes the current in the lake that these fish like. TVA is on a slow draw down to winter pool so be careful out there.

You can view the lake levels here: [tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky](http://tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky)

## Weather forecast

<https://weather.com/weather/today/l/42025:4:US>

## Whitebass

The whitebass bite is the same as last reported. SteelShad bladebaits have been great using a yo-yo style of fishing. Let them sink to the bottom and steadily pull up about 6 feet. Pause there and then tightline the lure back to the bottom. Repeat back to the boat. On sunny days we use the silver colored baits and on cloudy days we have used the gold blades. Some days we have been using 3/8 ounce inline spinners in white with a silver blade. Hit bottom then reel at a medium retrieve about 8 times around. Then open the bail and let the lure sink back to bottom. Repeat back to the boat. Jiggging spoons have worked some also.



*The white bass bite's been fantastic!*

*Above, left to right: The Lough/Phillips group; Todd and Zane Cartwright and Randy and Zach Payne; Jim and Connie Thompson.*

*Left: Mike and Weston Benter and Lisa Chandler, from Nashville*

## Crappies

I haven't been pulling cranks on any guide trips but have on some off days. ( I may have a fishing addiction!) Crappies have settled into their normal pattern on the main lake. Pulling Arkie crankbaits has produced some nice fish. I have been varying my trolling speed between 1.6 and 2.1 mph. Seems the best colors this week have been the Arkie #3 Sexee Shad and any pink combination crankbaits but that can change day to day. Fishing the deeper bays over brush and stake-beds has produced some fish but the main concentrations of fish are in the main lake. Putting in the time to scan for fish and coming up with a pattern will get you on the fish.



*LeTexier group from Benton had a great day!*



Don Christenson group from Indiana, with a haul!

## Catfish

We have not fished for cats exclusively but we have caught a ton fishing for other species. We have caught cats casting Steelshads and on Ken's hybrid spinners. Mainly channels but some blues and an occasional flathead.

## Largemouth

We have caught largemouths the last few weeks fishing for other species. Either on SteelShads or crankbaits. I try to keep a sexy shad colored Arkie crankbait on at all times because that is a favorite color for bass. Reeling in a 5 pounder on a 14 foot rod is a treat!

## Bluegills and Redears

I did not get the chance to fish for gills and redears this week but have caught some nice gills with SteelShads. Funny to see a seven inch fish trying to eat something that is almost its own size.

## ATTABOY

*(It makes me feel great to get encouraging feedback.)*

*One of these days I'm going to make it down to fish with you, I really respect your response to questions and the posts you leave on Facebook + all the great reports from customers. —Roger H.*

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