

## *FALL FISHING WINDS DOWN FOR SOME*

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Kentucky Lake's fall fishing scene may be fading away for some anglers but others are still at it and enjoying autumn's outdoors. This week's fishing scene has seen relatively mild temperatures mixed with changing colors as the hardwoods have had their display on parade.

Although a couple of windy days entered the picture it appears normal temperatures are in the forecast for the next several days with highs reaching the low to mid 50's. It's a pretty decent fishing forecast for mid-November.

With a variety of hunting seasons in full swing and the abundance of sporting events at schools not many boaters are on the water these days but the fishing has held up pretty good for bass and crappie anglers lately.

Decent stringers of bass continue to come in by anglers tossing shad colored crankbaits around rock points and gravel banks, roadbeds, and rip-rap shorelines. At the same time spinnerbaits slow rolled around shallow grassbeds continue to pay dividends too.

A few boaters were pitching a craw or worm around boat docks and piers at times as well while others were still casting Carolina and Texas rigged worms around main lake ledges where a few fish were schooling at times.

Surface temperatures this week were in the 58 to 61 degree range. Water color is clear across the reservoir.

Lake levels have been sleeping near winter pool now for the last two weeks.

Elevation projected for the weekend at Kentucky Dam will be 354.3. A similar reading is also projected for the New Johnsonville area.

The lower lake levels can be intimidating but readings are normal for this time of year. Remember to pay close attention to those buoys and slow down if you're in unfamiliar territory.

Crappie fishing has been fair this week with some scattered fish lingering around midrange stakebeds and brushpiles. Depths of 9 to 12 feet are still holding on to some decent crappie but it has taken a lot of stop to accumulate good numbers.

Anglers working the deeper drop-offs seemed to fair better this week. Decent numbers were taken around submerged structure in the 15 to 18 foot depths by anglers using bottom bumping rigs armed with minnows and jigs.

Tightlining jigs worked well too as some were tipping with minnows or adding Berkley crappie nibbles to their presentation to entice bites.

A couple of windy days altered the battle plan for some boaters hoping to stalk the main lake areas. However, a few fish were taken back in bays out of the wind where midrange to shallow structure produced enough crappie to make it worthwhile.

The days ahead should be typical fall weather; starting out cool but moderating as the day goes on. Crappie usually show signs of bunching up by early to mid-November and while that hasn't been the last the last week to ten day it could change and improve soon.

It's pretty nice out there these days as ducks and geese are arriving, trees are reflecting their colors along placid shorelines, loons are singing, and very few boats are competing for space. Don't let these mild days get away from you!