

Captain Walt's Log

Fox Chain O' Lakes Walleye Update

Many of our clients chose to fish for walleyes on the Fox Chain last year. As you can see from the pictures below, the walleye fishing was good during May & June. We used a variety of techniques including, casting or trolling crank baits and rigging or jigging with live bait. My favorite technique is the famous **Fox Chain Double Rig**, which caught a lot of our walleyes last year. This presentation gives the angler two presentation, bait, and color combinations to double the chances of catching fish. You may even catch two fish at one time. Our biggest walleye of the year was caught on May 30th, when a repeat client George caught a 5 lb. 12 oz. fish. Our most productive day was when Bruce and Les caught over 20 walleyes on May 13th.

Walleyes are plentiful on the Fox Chain and they are protected with a slot limit. The minimum keeper size is 14" long. You may keep four fish in the 14 to under 18" range, or you may keep three in the 14 to under 18" range plus one over 24". We encourage the release of all fish over 24". Most large fish are females and their offspring are the future of walleye fishing on the Chain. Fish in the 18-24" size are in the protected slot and all fish of that size must be released. As always, we practice CPR and Selective Harvest on Fox Chain walleyes. All the slot fish shown below were released right after we took the photo.

Walleyes may be caught throughout the Fox Chain. I focus my efforts in the most productive areas and fish a lot of the current areas around bridges and in the lower and upper Fox River. We are always finding new locations and methods to catch walleyes. Last year, we had great success in the lower Fox River. One method which shows a lot of promise is the **Slow Death Rig**. We will use that more in 2012. We also will troll crank baits more. There is a growing presence of shad in the Fox Chain, along with the existing panfish population, so trolling should become increasingly effective.

Chain O' Lakes Walleyes - 2011

Pictured below are some of the walleyes caught by our clients during the spring walleye run on the Fox Chain O Lakes. Historically, our best success for walleyes on the Fox Chain is in the April - June time frame. High water and good current flow also enhances the chance of catching some nice walleyes like these.



May 13 | 22½" | 4 lbs.



May 13 | 15"-17"



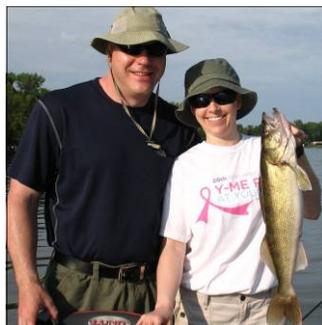
May 22 | 14" - 17½"



May 30 | 25¾" | 5 lbs. 12 oz.



June 1 | 14"-16"



June 5 | 23½" | 5 lbs.



June 24 | 17"



July 1 | 22" | 3 lbs. 8 oz.