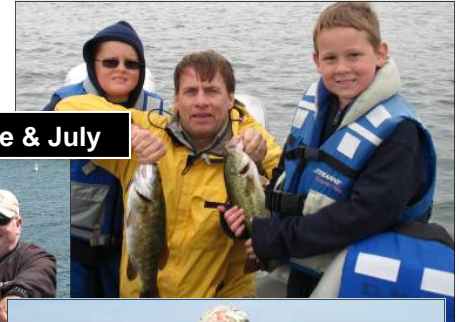


## Captain Walt's Log

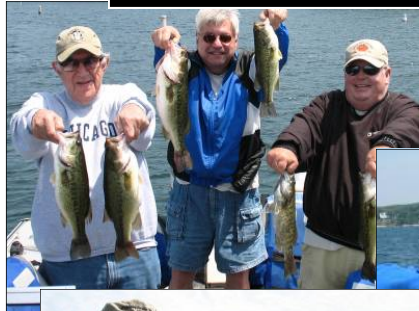
### *Geneva/Delavan Bass Fishing Issue*

Over the years of fishing for bass in the Chicagoland area, I have found that two of the most predictable bodies of water for bass are Lake Geneva and Lake Delavan. There are other very good bass fisheries, but none come close to the quantity and quality of bass we catch from these two lakes. Also, both lakes have an excellent population of smallmouth bass, an exciting and acrobatic bass to catch. Both are relatively clear water lakes so we can use a wide variety of techniques to target the bass. The fish shown below are typical of the kinds of bass we catch from these lakes. As you can see from the dates of the pictures, the bass fishing on both these lakes is good June and July.

Lake Geneva is deep and clear. It is slow to warm up in the spring. Lake Delavan is shallower and the water is also clear, but not as gin clear as Geneva. It warms up quicker than Geneva. Consequently, we begin our bass fishing season on Lake Delavan after the gamefish season opens on the first Saturday in May.



Lake Geneva in June & July



Lake Delavan in June & July



We target bass with a variety of artificial baits. Plastic worms are one of my favorites. We use a variety of techniques. The drop shot rig with a plastic worm is a mainstay. Another good presentation is the unweighted plastic bait, rigged wacky style or weedless style. Also good are the Texas Rig and the Carolina Rig. Crankbaits can catch fish at times as well as spinnerbaits. Another good presentation for the early season is the suspending stick bait like the Husky Jerk or Rogue. Even top water baits will work under the right conditions. Crawfish imitating jigs work well at times too. So you can see that a variety of techniques are used to catch bass. We normally use artificial bait when bass fishing. As always, our bass fishing is CPR, catch, photo & release.

Both of these great lakes get a lot of fishing pressure. I always recommend fishing during the week if possible, when there is less fishing pressure on the best spots on these local area lakes. We do fish seven days a week, and the weekends fill up fast. So call today to schedule your bass fishing adventure with Captain Walt.