



Captain Walt's Log

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Local Area Fishing Report

Well, the open water fishing season has started. After the spring maintenance was completed on my boat, we made a trip to Lake Geneva. The boat ran great, but the fishing was slow, just a couple of bluegills from the Abbey Harbor. Then after the water levels improved on the Fox Chain, we began our walleye fishing expeditions. Shown here are a couple of walleyes we caught during one of our April trips. Fishing was variable, some days they wanted minnows, then crawlers, then leeches.

Spring weather is variable and April proved that. With all the warm weather we had during March, April seemed to be the opposite with colder than usual temps. Lots of wind from the east and north east too. Perch fishing on Lake Michigan, which in years past has been a reliable April bite, has been slow again this year.

Growing up in Southern Illinois I never had the opportunity to fish Rend Lake or Lake of Egypt. Earlier this year I made the trip down and caught some really nice crappies.



I am looking forward to the opening of the Wisconsin gamefish season on May 5th. We'll begin fishing Geneva and Delavan in earnest then. May is also one of our best months for walleye fishing on the Fox Chain.

Fishing and Boating Tips For May

As the weather warms up in May, the fish respond and become more active. The walleye bite on the Fox Chain will pick up as well as the bass action on Geneva and Delavan. The walleyes will transition from minnows to leeches and crawlers with the bass attacking plastic worms. Remember to check all your safety equipment on the boat as you begin the boating season.

Make safety on the water a top priority.

Fish of the Month Contest

The **Fish of the Month Contest** allows our guests to judge the quality of the fish they catch. The fish caught are rated against the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame record for that specie. The fish with the largest point value based on the specie specific formula is our **Fish of the Month**. There are separate contests for **Gamefish** and **Panfish**. Gamefish species eligible include Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike and Muskie. Panfish species eligible include Crappie, Yellow Perch, Bluegill/Sunfish, White Bass and Rock Bass. A score of 100 pts. would equal the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame world record.

April Gamefish of the Month



This 17" walleye caught April 30th by John from Libertyville, IL on the Fox Chain O' Lakes.

This walleye scored 47 pts. John caught this fish using a live bait rig with a minnow. Congratulations John!

April Panfish of the Month

This pair of 12¼" white bass caught April 22nd from the Fox Chain O' Lakes by Kevin & Jimmy from Zion, IL.

These white bass were caught using live bait rigs and minnows and scored 59 ps. Congratulations Kevin and Jimmy.

