



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



Fishing on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** varied from day to day. Some days the walleye fishing was excellent and other days it was slow. Early in May, the walleyes were hitting minnows, later in the month they preferred crawlers and leeches. Here are some walleye caught during May.. Right now, we could use some rain to fill up the system and establish some good current.

Fishing on **Lake Delavan** was mixed during May but we did have some nice catches of bass. We used typical spring presentations of Senko worms, jig/craw combos, spinnerbaits and rattle traps. We had our best success using Senko worms.

We began fishing **Lake Geneva** with clients in late May. Geneva is deep, clear and cold, so fishing can be tough early in the year. This year, with the warmer weather in May, the fish are more active earlier in the year. We had some good bass fishing in late May as shown in these photos. We had our best success with plastic finesse worms on Drop Shot Rigs. We are also catching a number of bass on Senko worms.



Fishing and Boating Tips For June

Bass fishing on Lake Geneva and Lake Delavan peaks in June. The bass will finish their spawning and then become very focused on feeding and therefore be very catchable. June is also a good time for walleyes on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. As the water warms, the fishing gets better & better. In June, the pleasure boating season is officially open. The big cruiser boats and personal watercraft will be out in force. Be careful while boating during the summer months. Sometimes it seems that our smaller fishing boats are targets for these larger boats. Make sure to boat safely and use your PFD's.

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.



Game Fish of the Month was a nice walleye caught on the Fox Chain O' Lakes May 14th by 12 year old Mike from Lake Villa. Mike's walleye was 21" & weighed 3 lbs. 4 oz. It scored 58 points.

Mike caught this fish using live bait and a jig. He was fishing with his dad and a friend. This was the biggest of all the walleyes we caught that day. Because it was in the protected slot the fish was released right after this picture was taken.

Panfish of the Month was this nice bluegill caught on the Fox Chain O' Lakes May 21st by John from Libertyville, IL.

This bluegill was 8¾" long and scored 73 points.

John caught this bluegill while fishing for walleye using a live bait rig. We caught quite a few walleyes that day, but this bluegill stole the show.

