



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports

We fished on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** five times during June and fishing varied from day to day. Some days the walleye fishing was good and other days it was slow. With the lack of rain during June, the current flow was almost zero on some days. We could really use a nice all day rain to flush out and fill up the system. If you fish the Chain, be wary of the low water levels.

We fished **Lake Delavan** once during June. Weather and water conditions were not ideal that day. Clear skies, no wind and a large algae bloom. We caught some bass using a Senko rigged wacky style and also on drop shot rigs. Just exploring, more to come in July.

We primarily fished **Lake Geneva** during June. Largemouth bass were the target species on our 13 trips to Lake Geneva. The wacky worm and drop shot produced the most and best fish. Some days were better than others for quantity and quality. All the fish shown here were caught during June on Lake Geneva and all were released. Lake Geneva continues to be a great place to fish for bass in June!



### Fishing and Boating Tips For July

In July and August, water temperatures will rise to their summer peak. Many fish seek cooler water and go to the deeper parts of the lake. On Lake Geneva that means 25-50' deep where the fish relate to the thermocline. On Lake Delavan, the fish congregate on the deep edge of the weedline (15-20'). In July, we begin targeting these areas using live bait rigs. Some fish remain in shallow water, but many of the better fish are deeper. Night fishing is also popular during the heat of the summer. The better fish come up and feed in the shallow water at night. Pleasure boating peaks in July-August, so be careful out there!

### 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 this nice largemouth bass caught on Lake Geneva on June 21<sup>st</sup> by Pat from Palatine, IL. Pat's bass was 19" long and weighed 3½ lbs. It scored 58 points.

Pat caught this fish with a plastic worm in shallow water on our first fishing spot of the day. He and his daughter Rebecca caught many more nice bass during our morning trip. Fishing conditions were almost ideal that day. It rained for a few minutes right as we started and the cloud cover

lasted most of the morning. Congratulations Pat!

**Panfish of the Month** was a 10¼" rock bass caught on Lake Geneva by 11 year old Lucas (on left) from Elkhorn, WI on June 18<sup>th</sup>. This rock bass scored 79 points.

Lucas caught this fish using a plastic worm. He was fishing with his father Scott, and his friend Caleb and Caleb's father that day. We caught a lot of fish that day, but this rock bass was the best fish. Congratulations Lucas!

