



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports

We fished on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** twice during July and fishing for panfish was very good both days. We did not catch walleye, but caught drum, catfish, and white bass trolling the Fox Chain Double Rig tipped with leeches and crawlers. We have had yet another month with little rain, so the lakes are still low and the current is non-existent. The drought continues and it will continue to effect the walleye fishing. If you fish the Chain, be wary of the low water levels.

We fished **Lake Delavan** twice during July. We caught quite a few bass using Senko style wacky rigged 4" worms.

Fishing on **Lake Geneva** twice during July, largemouth bass were the target species. The wacky worm and drop shot produced the most and best fish on each outing. Surprisingly we caught some nice smallmouth bass on the drop shot worms.

Took a well deserved week off during July and travelled to **Lake of the Woods**. We fished out of **Rod & Reel Resort** in the Sioux Narrows area. We located the walleyes on the deep humps in 25-30' FOW. The preferred presentation was a jig and minnow. We averaged almost 70 walleyes per day for myself and my partner over 5½ days of fishing. We caught walleyes up to 24", while most were of the delicious "shore lunch" size we had to bring a limit home for the family also!



Fishing and Boating Tips For August

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 and August, we target 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 smallmouth bass caught on Lake Geneva on July 10th by 6 year old Drew (on left) from



Wheaton, IL. Drew's bass was 15" long. It scored 63 pts. Holding the bass is his father Ed, and admiring the catch is his brother Bryan.

Drew caught this nice smallie in 15 FOW on a drop shot rig. We caught a lot of other fish that day including perch, bluegill and LM bass, but this was the best game fish of the day & month. Congratulations Drew!

Panfish of the Month was a 10¾" rock bass caught on Lake Geneva by 8 year old Bryan (on right) on July 10th. This rock bass scored 83 pts..



Bryan caught this fish using a plastic worm. He was fishing with his father Ed and his brother Drew. We caught a lot of fish that day, including the Game Fish of the month, but this rock bass was the best fish. Congratulations Bryan!