



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports

On the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** in August we caught some nice bass, walleye and panfish. The bass fell prey to plastic worms and the panfish liked live bait. With the lack of rain continuing to be an issue, the water levels are very low and current is almost non-existent, so be careful when boating.

We fished **Lake Delavan** for bass, walleye, and pike during August and our customers were rewarded with some nice fish. One pike was 32", a 21" walleye, and several bass in the 19-20" range. The pike and walleye were caught using live bait rigs and sucker minnows. The bass were caught on a combination of plastic worms and live bait. Fall is coming, so the fishing will get even better.

On **Lake Geneva** during August we caught some nice pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, including our *Gamefish of the Month*. The pike and smallmouth bass were caught on live bait rigs with sucker minnows. The largemouth bass on plastic worms and live bait.

We took the extended family to **Minocqua** for a week during August. Three year old Aubrey caught her first fish, with help from her father, Matt. Everyone had a good time, enjoyed the cooler weather and all the fun activities in Minocqua.



### Fishing and Boating Tips For September

September is a month of transition, the days are getting shorter, the water is starting to cool. It's not summer and not fall either. The fall fishing of October and November will be here soon. Many of the pleasure boats will disappear from the water after Labor Day, making the lakes less congested and easier to fish. Fall fishing can be some of the best in the year. The fish know that winter and lean times are coming and they feed heavily to increase their body mass so they can survive the winter. Make sure you do some fishing in the fall, you may be rewarded with a personal best and maybe the fish of a lifetime!

### 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 August 12th by a client from Joliet, IL. The fish was 17½" long and was caught on a live bait rig in 35' feet of water.

We caught some pike that day also, but this smallie was the best gamefish. It scored 73 points.

Congratulations!



**Panfish of the Month** was this nice bluegill caught on Lake Delavan August 14th by seven year old Nate from California. His father, Diego, and grandfather, Garry caught some nice largemouth bass that day too.

This bluegill was 8½" long and scored 70 points. Congratulations Nate!

