



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports



This report will cover our fishing during September/October.

Most of our fishing trips were on the **Fox Chain O Lakes** during September and October. We fished for crappie and other panfish quite a bit with success as these pictures show. There was very little rain during September and therefore little current so the walleye fishing was tough. We found the bluegills in the weeds and around docks. The crappie were around docks and on the steep breaks. And the white bass were everywhere.

We took a few trips to **Lake Delavan** and caught some nice bass. Mostly we fished the weed flats in 5-10 FOW using spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and jigs. The bass pictured here all came from Lake Delavan.

We did not fish on **Lake Geneva** during September or October. I am getting good reports about the fall smallmouth bite on Lake Geneva.

### Fishing and Boating Tips For November

Well it is now November and the open water fishing season is coming to a close. The water is cooling and turnover may occur in our lakes soon or is already starting. Turnover can make for tough fishing until the water settles out. The fish activity levels are reduced in the colder water of November, so fish slower and use more live bait to increase your chances of success. Choose your fishing days carefully and be safe on the water. November is also the time to prepare your boat for winter storage. Careful preparation now will lead to a successful startup in the spring.

### 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 18¼" largemouth that weighed 3 lbs. 10 oz. It was caught by Mark from Spring Grove, IL on Lake Delavan October 20<sup>th</sup> using a Chatter Bait.

Mark was fishing with his uncle John that day. We caught this bass along with some other largemouth bass and smallmouth bass while fishing weed flats in 5-10' of water.

Congratulations Mark!



#### Panfish of the Month

Was a 13¼" white bass caught by Larry from Michigan on the Fox Chain O' Lakes on September 28<sup>th</sup> using a Fox Chain Double Rig. Larry was fishing with his fellow veteran Charles and we caught a nice assortment of walleye, crappie and white bass that day.

This fish was caught during a *Walleyes Unlimited USA Take-A -Vet* fishing outing. Congratulations Larry!

