



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports



Fishing on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** varied during April and May. For much of April, the Fox Chain was in flood stage and closed to boating. The pictures on the right and left were taken during May trips on the Fox Chain. The water color, current flow, and clarity were good most days and the walleye were biting. Fishing should continue to be good during June.



We began fishing **Lake Delavan** in April, fishing for crappie with mixed success. The water was cold and dirty most days. In May the fishing picked up and then the slime developed. Fishing will be better in June and July.



We began fishing **Lake Geneva** with clients in late May. Lake Geneva is a deep, clear water lake that warms slowly in the spring. Even at the end of May, the water was cold and bass fishing varies from day to day. We caught bass using crank baits and plastic worms during late May. In two early June trips we caught lots of bass and fishing will get better as June progresses.



### Fishing and Boating Tips For June

Bass fishing on Lake Geneva and Lake Delavan peaks in June and July. 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 Large-mouth 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 22 inch walleye caught on the Fox Chain O' Lakes May 31<sup>st</sup> by Jeff from Crystal Lake, IL. Jeff's walleye weighed 3 pounds plus and earned 61 points to become the Game Fish of the Month. This walleye was released right after the photo was taken.

This walleye was caught on a double rig with a leech in 3-5 FOW on Lake Marie. Jeff was fishing with Bryan and they both caught walleye and other fish during our outing.

**Panfish of the Month** was a black crappie caught from the Fox Chain O Lakes May 25th by Rod from Libertyville, IL. Rod's crappie was 10.5 inches long and earned 58 points to become the Pan Fish of the Month.

Rod was fishing with his wife Patty that day. We caught walleye, white bass, channel catfish, crappie and of course drum. All were caught on the double rig with live bait. No picture was taken of the crappie, but here are some the other fish they caught that day.

