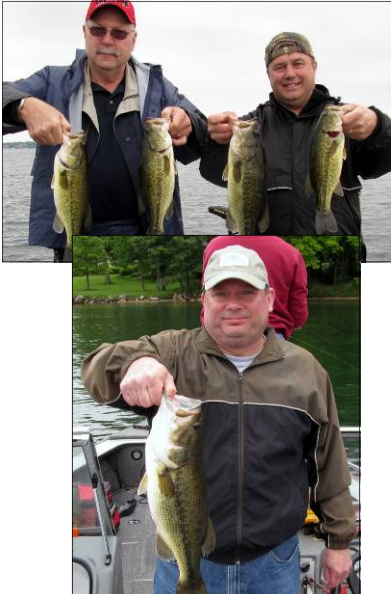




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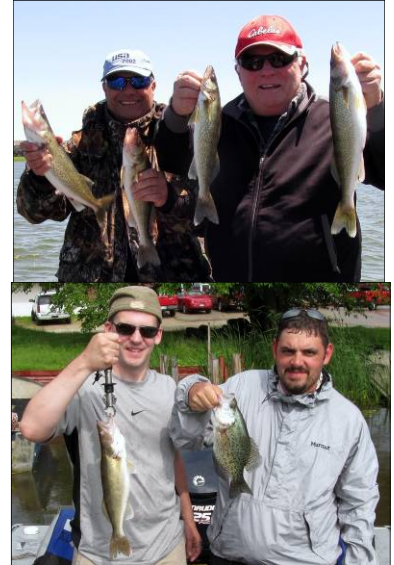
Local Area Fishing Reports



Fishing on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** was good during June. This continues to be a cool wet year and the Fox Chain has benefited with plenty of water, good current flow, and cool water. Most of our June Fox Chain trips focused on walleyes and they were caught with live bait rigs, jigs with live bait and trolling crank baits. Early in the month, minnows produced walleyes, later crawlers and leeches were preferred. One client caught a bonus 13" crappie, the largest crappie caught by a client from the Chain! Congratulations Robert! At the end of June, the Fox Chain is in flood stage/no wake again. See pictures on right.

We did not fish **Lake Delavan** during June. The reports were not good and clients wanted to fish the Chain or Geneva. I am looking forward to the summer fishing on Lake Delavan.

We made quite a few trips to **Lake Geneva** in June (photos on left and below). The water was cooler than usual for June and bass fishing varied from day to day. The usual Lake Geneva patterns would produce one day and not the next.



Fishing and Boating Tips For July

July is usually a hot month and summer fishing patterns settle in. The spring, spawning related fish behaviors are completed and most of the better fish are seeking relief from the warmer water and therefore head to deeper water. Summer is a good time to fish deep weeds and deep rocks. July is also the peak of the summer vacation and boating season. The big cruiser boats and personal watercraft will be out en masse. Be careful while fishing and boating during July and August. Stay safe and wear 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 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 18" smallmouth bass caught on Lake Geneva June 2nd by Steve from Streamwood, IL. Steve's smallie was caught on a drop shot rig and earned 72 points to become the Game Fish of the Month.

Steve was fishing with two friends that morning and we caught largemouth and smallmouth bass up to 20". This bass was the nicest of day and month. Congratulations Steve!

Panfish of the Month was a 10" rock bass caught from Lake Geneva on June 11th by Logan from Carol Stream, IL. Logan's rock bass was caught on a drop shot rig and earned 77 points to become the Pan Fish of the Month.

Logan was fishing with his grandfather Phil that day. We caught a lot of fish that morning, including largemouth bass up to 18". Congratulations Logan!

