



Captain Walt's Log

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Local Area Fishing Reports



Most of our fishing trips were on **Lake Geneva** during July, because that is where most clients wanted to fish. These photos are just a few of the bass, both largemouth and smallmouth we boated. Most of our fishing was in 15-20' of water using plastic worms. We caught the usual mix of fish on Lake Geneva, including sunfish, perch and rock bass along with the bass. Drop shot rigs are easy for anglers of all levels to fish and produces a variety of species and sizes.

Fishing on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** slowed during July. Once the **NO WAKE** restrictions were lifted, we got back on the Chain but, with mixed success. I am looking forward to a good fall bite on the Chain, that usually starts later in September.

We did not fish **Lake Delavan** during July. However, the reports coming from my sources on Delavan indicate it is improving, so we'll spend more time fishing there during August. Lake Delavan has been a big producer of some huge fish for our clients during August, stay tuned!

Fishing and Boating Tips For August

August can mean that the water is the warmest of the season. Fishing can be tough during August. Many fish are in deeper water seeking relief from the heat. We usually fish deeper during August, starting at the deep edge of the weed line. Another good place to fish in August are deep rocky areas. August also means that the end of summer is near. The kids will be going back to school soon. Pleasure boating is at its peak, while they try to use the boat a few more times before school starts and before the weather cools. Be careful on the water. When fishing in August, start early and finish early!

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.

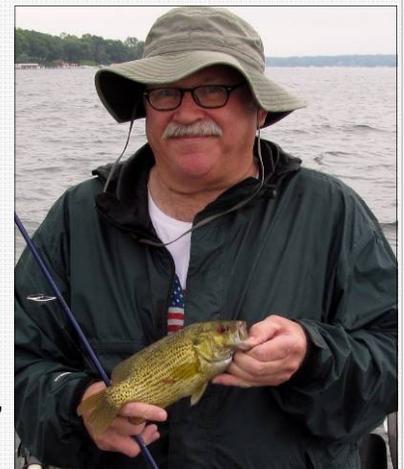


Game Fish of the Month was this 19" largemouth caught from Lake Geneva on July 24th by 12 yr. old Dylan from Sugar Grove, IL. Dylan was fishing with his grandfather, Barry that day, who is helping Dylan hold up this big bass, which scored 58 points.

This bass fell for a finesse worm on a drop shot rig. We caught a lot of other fish during our morning of fishing that day, including rock bass, perch, and sunfish, but this bass was the best one. Congratulations Dylan!

Panfish of the Month was a 10½" rock bass caught from Lake Geneva on July 8th by Jim from Huntley, IL. Jim was fishing with his friend Harry that day, when he caught this nice rock bass that scored 81 points.

This rock bass was caught from a feeding shelf using a finesse worm on a drop shot rig. We caught many other fish that day, including smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, sunfish, and perch. Congratulations Jim!



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