



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



Most of our fishing trips were on **Lake Geneva** because that was the most predictable bite and that is where most clients wanted to fish. We caught smallmouth and largemouth bass on plastic worms, top water baits, and jigs, northern pike on plastic worms, and other assorted species during August. Most of the time we were fishing main lake points, weed flats, and rocky areas. The drop shot rig worked well all month long. We fished mostly 15-20 FOW and deeper during August.

We did not fish on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** during August. We are looking forward to a good fall bite as the water cools.

We took a few trips to **Lake Delavan** during August and caught bass and pike using live bait rigs. We also fished with artificial baits such as spinner baits, crank baits, and plastic worms, but with little success. As the water cools, Lake Delavan will produce some nice fish this fall.

Fishing and Boating Tips For September

Well it is now September and the official end of the summer pleasure boating season. Early fall means shorter days and cooling water. The fish instinctively know that winter is coming. Early fall is the beginning of the good bite. Make sure you get out fishing while the weather is still warm and enjoy the early fall fishing. September is also when most pleasure boaters put their boats into winter storage, so there is less boat traffic when we go fishing.

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 that weighed 3 lbs. 5 oz. It was caught by Jay from Clarendon Hills, IL on Lake Geneva using a finesse worm on a drop shot rig.

We caught this bass along with quite a few others while fishing a weed flat in 15-20' of water.

Congratulations Jay!

Panfish of the Month was a 9" pumpkinseed caught from Lake Geneva on August 1 by Barb from Beach Park, IL. Barb was fishing with her husband Doug and we caught a number of fish that day, including some nice bass.

This fish fell for a drop shot rig with a half a night crawler attached. We were fishing a weed flat in 15-20'

Congratulations Barb!

