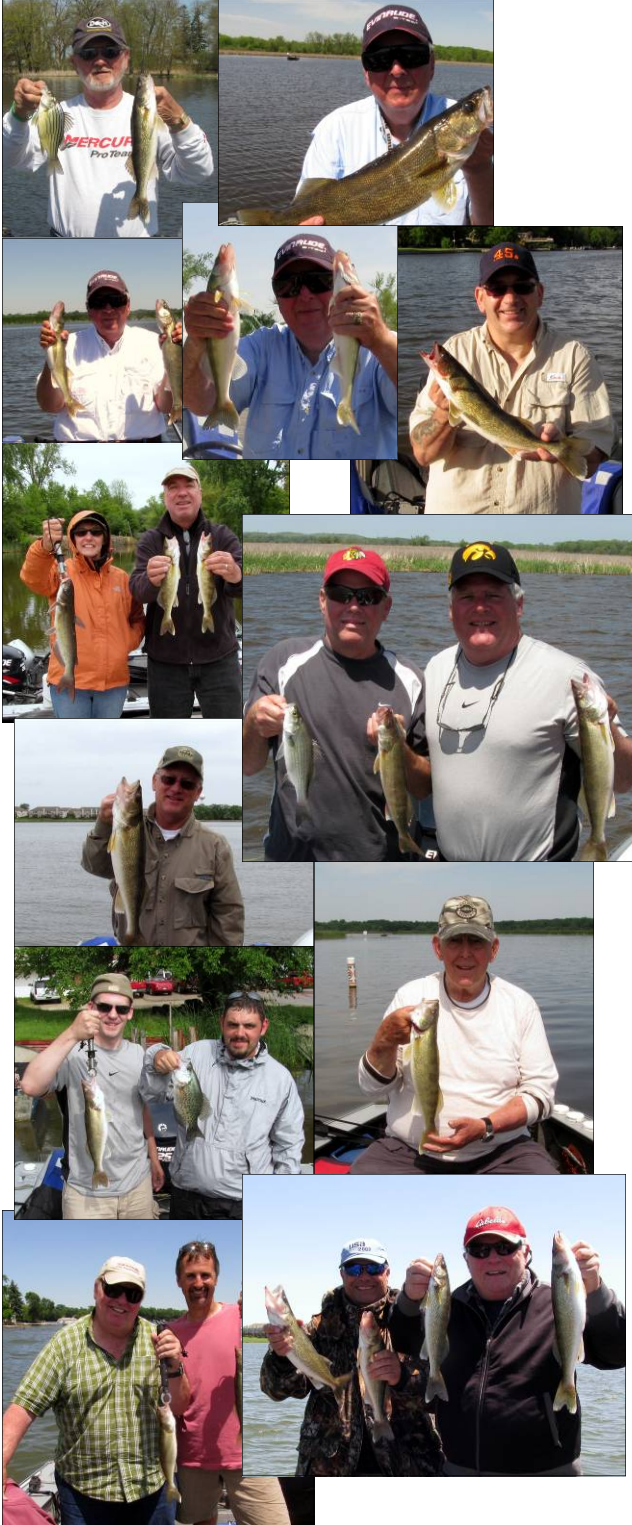


Captain Walt's Log

Fox Chain O' Lakes Walleye Update



Walleye fishing on the Fox Chain O' Lakes was a popular option again last year, as you can see from these pictures. We used a variety of techniques including, casting or trolling crank baits and rigging or jigging with live bait. My favorite technique is the famous **Fox Chain Double Rig**, which caught a lot of our walleyes last year. This presentation gives the angler two presentation/bait/color combinations to increase the chances of catching fish. You may even catch two fish at one time! We also catch crappie, white bass and other species using the **Fox Chain Double Rig**.

Walleyes are plentiful on the Fox Chain and they are protected with a slot limit. The minimum keeper size is >14" long. You may keep three fish in the >14" to <18" range, or you may keep two in that range plus one >24". Most large fish are females and their offspring are the future of walleye fishing on the Chain. Fish in the 18-24" protected slot range must be released. We practice **Catch Photo Release** and **Selective Harvest** on Fox Chain walleyes and encourage the release of all walleyes in the >24" size. All the slot fish shown below were released right after we took the photo. Many of the legal sized walleyes were released also.

Walleyes may be caught throughout the Fox Chain O' Lakes system. We have caught walleyes on each of the lakes throughout the Chain and the upper and lower sections of the Fox River. I focus my efforts in the most productive areas and we often fish the current areas around bridges and in the lower and upper Fox River. We are always finding new locations and methods to catch walleyes. There is a growing presence of shad in the Fox Chain system and the walleye are feeding on this new food source. Trolling shad style baits should become increasingly effective.

Historically, our best success for walleyes on the Fox Chain is in the April - June time frame. Spring rains, resulting in high water levels and good current flow enhances your chances for catching some nice walleyes like these from the 2013 Spring season. Schedule your spring fishing trips now.