



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports



### This newsletter is a recap of fishing activities in September and October.

Our most productive outings during September and October came on **Lake Delavan**. We caught a nice mixture of large-mouth bass and northern pike, along with smallmouth bass and walleye. The bass were biting on a variety of plastic worms, crank baits and live bait, while the pike were hitting medium sucker minnows, crank baits and chatter baits. Lake Delavan is an amazing fishery. It receives a huge amount of fishing pressure and still produces a lot of nice quality fish.

We made several outings on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** during September and October. The walleyes were hard to find, but the white bass and crappie were available. We caught the vast majority of them on live bait rigs.

We did not fish on **Lake Geneva** during September/October.

### Fishing and Boating Tips For November

Fishing in November is a variable activity, based on the weather. Not many pleasure boaters are out and many fishermen are now hunting, so the lakes are mostly empty. With cooling water, fish activity can be reduced. The bite window is usually short. If you fish in the cold weather, please be safe. November is the time to prepare your boat for winter storage. A little work now can save a lot of headaches in the spring, when you take your boat on the water again. Your local marine mechanic can help you prepare your boat for winter storage.

### 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 very nice 18½" smallmouth bass caught by Jon from Palatine, IL. using a drop shot rig. This fish weighed 3 pounds and was caught September 14 on Lake Delavan. We also caught walleye, large-mouth bass and a nice pike that day.

This smallmouth bass scored 77 points to become the best gamefish caught by clients during

September/October. Congratulations Jon!

**Panfish of the Month** was this very nice 12 1/2" white bass caught by John from Libertyville, IL. This fish was caught from the Fox Chain O Lakes on September 26 using a live bait rig.

We caught a variety of fish that day, including bluegills, crappies, and other fish. This white bass scored 60 points to become the best panfish caught by clients during September/October. Congratulations John!

