



Captain Walt's Log

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Local Area Fishing Reports



What a difference a month makes! Now it feels like we went from winter to summer during May! Walleye fishing on the Fox Chain O'Lakes was the hot bite during May. Big fish and numbers of smaller fish too. At the start of May, minnows were the bait of choice. By the end of May, crawlers and leeches were the walleyes preferred baits. We fished mostly current areas including the north river, the south river, and the bridge areas. Crappies were the other good bite during May. We continued to fish for them in the channels using a small hook and minnow.

We made a few trips to Lake Delavan too. The bass were biting well on Senko style worms. My favorite color is watermelon seed. Most of the bass we caught were in shallow water in the usual locations near the Lake Lawn golf course.

We did not fish Lake Geneva during May, but just finished a trip there on June 1 and did very well on both largemouth and smallmouth bass. June fishing on Lake Geneva will be good.

Fishing and Boating Tips For June

Fishing for many species is great during June. Some have completed the spring spawn, others will complete it during June, and the summer post spawn feeding binge will be in full swing. Fish will be changing locations from their spawning areas to better feeding areas. Make sure you move deeper to follow the fish. The best baits will change too, from the shallow water favorites like Senko worms to better options for fishing deeper like the drop shot, jigs, Texas rigged worms, etc. June also means school is out and summer boating really picks up. Watch out for those PWC operators, water skiers, and the boats towing inflatable toys.

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 20" walleye weighing 3.1# caught by Glenn from Malta, IL on a live bait rig in the south Fox River near Johnsburg. He also caught two 7.5-8.5 # channel catfish near the Grass Lake Road bridge.

We caught a total of 36 walleyes along with the channel cats, and misc. other species that day. Most of the walleyes including this one were caught on the jig with a half a crawler. This fish scored 56 points and was the best gamefish caught by

clients during May. Congratulations Glenn!

Panfish of the Month was this nice 12½" white bass, caught by Renee from Wadsworth, IL.

This fish was caught from the north Fox River near the mouth at Grass Lake using a live bait rig. We caught a variety of fish that day, including walleye, crappie and other species using live bait rigs.

This white bass scored 60 points to become the best panfish caught by clients during May. Congratulations Renee!

