



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



In June we focused on bass fishing on Geneva and Delavan. Nice largemouth and smallmouth bass were caught by our clients. Both lakes yielded many 19-20" largemouth & 18-19" smallmouth. Wacky rigged plastic worms and the drop shot rigs produced the most largemouth bass, while swimming a plastic grub and the wacky rigged plastic worms seemed to be what the smallmouth wanted. There are still fish in shallow water, but the larger fish have moved out to 15-30' of water.

Northern pike were caught from Lake Delavan using live bait rigs with medium sucker minnows. The best depth seemed to be 15-20' of water. Occasionally the live bait produced both bass and walleyes!

We did not fish on the Fox Chain O' Lakes during June. The reports I am getting however show that the walleyes are still active. Water levels are stable, current is good, and trolling Flicker Shads and both live bait and spinner rigs are all producing fish right now.

Fishing and Boating Tips For July

Fishing in July will change to summer patterns. Many fish will abandon the shallow water and seek deeper cooler water. Bass and pike fishing on Delavan was good in late June and that will continue into July and August. Look for both species in deeper water and on deep weedlines on both Geneva and Delavan. Low light periods will be important for summer fishing success. Stable weather helps too. July means summer pleasure boating is in full swing. 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 - These two 18 1/4" smallmouth bass caught on Lake Geneva were tied for GFOTM. Both were caught swimming a jig and grub.

The first one by Mark on June 7th, and the other one by 14 year old Darcy from Streamwood on June 15th.

Both scored 76 points to become the best gamefish caught by clients during June.

Congratulations Mark and Darcy!



Panfish of the Month was this very nice 11 1/4" rock bass, caught by 16 year old Marie from Streamwood, IL. This fish was caught from Lake Geneva using a wacky rigged plastic worm. She was fishing with her father Steve and sister Darcy.

We caught a variety of fish that day, including smallmouth and largemouth bass. This rock bass scored 86 points to become the best panfish caught by clients during June.

Congratulations Marie!

