



Captain Walt's Log

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Local Area Fishing Reports



In July we made a few bass fishing trips to **Lake Geneva**. Bass fishing there is definitely in a summer pattern. The fish were deeper, but still willing to bite our plastic worms. We caught a mixture of bass and panfish.

Our most productive outings during July came from **Lake Delavan**. We caught a nice mixture of largemouth bass and northern pike, with a few panfish too. The bass were biting on a variety of plastic worms and crankbaits, while the pike were hitting medium sucker minnows and crankbaits.

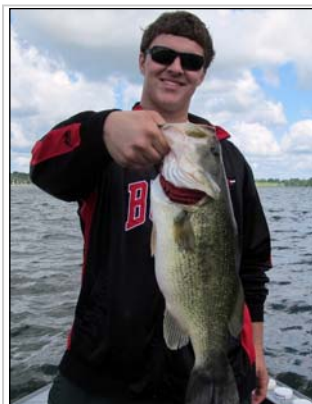
We made several outings on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** earlier in July and found the water levels higher and the current was good. We caught walleyes using live bait rigs and also trolling Flicker Shad crankbaits. Later in the month, the lack of rain caused water levels to drop and the current to slow and walleye fishing was tough. We still managed to catch a mixture of bluegills, crappies, white bass, and other fish. The Chain O' Lakes is clearly in a summer pattern now.

Fishing and Boating Tips For August

Fishing during August can be tough. To ensure success, look to deeper water and try using live bait. One of the first places I look for fish in August is on the deep weedlines. Many species of fish relate to deep weeds during the heat of summer. If you want to catch bass or pike, look for the bluegills. When you find the panfish, the predators will be nearby. August is the final month of the summer boating season. Soon, the return to school and Labor Day holiday will come and we will see less boat traffic. As the pleasure boaters enjoy their last month of summer, we fishermen need to keep a sharp eye out for errant boaters.

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 19 3/4" largemouth bass caught by 19 year old Thomas from Genoa, IL using a wacky rigged Senko style worm on Lake Delavan. He was fishing with his uncle Vic from Palatine, IL that day.

We caught 20+ bass and a few pike that day. This was Thomas' personal best bass and weighed 4 1/2 pounds! This bass scored 60 points to become the best gamefish caught by clients during July.

Congratulations Thomas!

Panfish of the Month was this very nice 10" rock bass, caught by Linda from Lake in the Hills, IL. This fish was caught from Lake Geneva using a drop shot rig with a finesse plastic worm. She was fishing with her father Ron from Huntley, IL.

We caught a variety of fish that day, including some nice largemouth bass. This rock bass scored 77 points to become the best panfish caught by clients during July.

Congratulations Linda!

