



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



In August 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 August came from **Lake Delavan**. We caught a nice mixture of largemouth bass and northern pike, with smallmouth bass, walleye and panfish too. The bass were biting on a variety of plastic worms, crankbaits and live bait, while the pike were hitting medium sucker minnows and crankbaits and chatter baits.

We made several outings on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** earlier in August. The lack of rain caused water levels to drop, the current to slow and walleye fishing was tough. We still managed to catch a mixture of bluegills, crappies, white bass, and other fish. Lately, we have had quite a bit of rain and the water levels are up and the water is moving again. Some walleyes are being caught, but walleye fishing is slow.

Fishing and Boating Tips For September

September is the month of transition. With the shorter days and cooling water the fish will be moving from summer to fall patterns. As always look for current areas for walleyes on the Chain. Fish in deeper water on Lake Geneva for bass and pike. Game fish on Delavan will be on the weed-lines and on deep rocky structures. Finally September & the Labor Day Holiday marks the end of the summer boating season and now the water belongs to the fishermen.

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**.



Game Fish of the Month was this very nice 23" walleye caught by Gary from Lake in the Hills, IL using a crankbait. This fish was caught August 11 on Lake Delavan.

We also caught some nice largemouth bass up to 19" that day. This walleye was a nice bonus fish we caught while bass/pike fishing. This walleye scored 64 points to become the best gamefish caught by clients during August. Congratulations Gary!

Panfish of the Month was this very nice 8 3/4" bluegill, caught by 11 year old Luke from Lombard, IL. This fish was caught from Lake Geneva on August 16 using a drop shot rig with a live night crawler. He was fishing with his father.

We caught a variety of fish that day, including some nice largemouth bass. This bluegill scored 73 points to become the best panfish caught by clients during August. Congratulations Luke!

