



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



We fished on the Fox Chain O Lakes often during October, since that seemed to be where the best bite was. Walleye, crappie, white bass, bluegill, catfish, and other species were caught using live bait rigs and later in the month blade baits. The water levels were stable most of the month, but the lack of rain did not provide much current. Current always makes the walleye fishing on the Fox Chain more predictable.

We travelled to Lake Delavan for a few trips during October, and caught walleye, bass, and pike. Live bait was productive, but we also caught fish using rattle traps and chatterbaits. Fall fishing on Lake Delavan can be fantastic. Fishing should improve as the water cools.

We did not fish on Lake Geneva during October, as the reports I was getting told me fishing was slow there. Maybe we we'll fish there in November for some smallmouth bass.

Fishing and Boating Tips For November

November is truly fall & the fishing can be fantastic. Safety is a big if you venture out for some of the last open water fishing please, BE CAREFUL. Wear appropriate clothing and always have a fishing partner. November is also the time to begin thinking about next spring. As you put your fishing gear away for the winter, check it over and deal with any issues now. Repair any broken guides on your rods, lubricate and repair your reels. Then in the spring, you will be ahead of the game. The same advice applies to your boat. Make sure to perform the fall maintenance before you store your boat for the winter.

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 & Muskie. Panfish species eligible include Crappie, Yellow Perch, Bluegill/Sunfish, White Bass & Rock Bass. A score of 100 pts. would equal the NFWFHOF world record.

Game Fish of the Month

This nice 17½" largemouth bass, caught on October 12 by Steve from Grayslake, IL. was the best gamefish caught by a client during October. This bass scored 53 pts. & was caught on a windy day casting a rattle trap on Lake Delavan.

Fishing was tough that day, but we caught a few gamefish and this one scored the highest.

Congratulations Steve!



Panfish of the Month

This nice 12¼" black crappie, caught on October 16 by Jay from Hinsdale, IL was the best panfish caught by a client during October. This crappie scored 68 pts. & was caught on the Fox Chain O'Lakes using a live bait rig.

Jay and his uncle John caught some nice crappie and white bass that day and this crappie topped them all.

Congratulations Jay!

