

Captain Walt's Log

2015 Season Finale

I want to say **"Thank You"** to everyone who fished with Red Rock Guiding Service, LLC in 2015. I hope you will return in 2016 and recommend us to your friends.

We made a trip to *Door County* during the first week of November hoping to hook up with some big smallmouth bass. High winds kept us on shore one day but overall we very successful, catching many smallmouth bass in the 4-5 lb. category! We also caught a couple of bonus pike. One pike was a nice chunky 38" fish.

We did make a few more trips to **Lake Delavan** during November, but they were not that productive. A few bass and pike, but no whoppers like we expect to catch there in the fall. I always avoid the **Fox Chain** after the November 1 as drawdown of the water levels begin. I am getting good reports from **Lake Geneva**, big walleyes at night!

Shown here are some pictures from our more memorable local area trips during the 2015 season.



2016 Outlook

Walleye fishing on the **Fox Chain O Lakes** was fair in 2015, however, the crappie fishing was very good! We caught lots of nice white and black crappie in the spring and fall, many in the 12-13" range. The best months for walleye fishing have been May and June. The best months for crappie fishing were April-May and September-October.

Bass fishing on **Lake Geneva** was good again in 2015. We caught lots of nice largemouth and smallmouth during the year. Lake Geneva continues to be a very healthy, productive bass fishery. The best months for bass fishing on Lake Geneva are May, June and July. We expect the good bass fishing to continue for many years.

Bass fishing on **Lake Delavan** was good and we expect to have another good year there in 2016. The best months for bass fishing are May-October on Lake Delavan. The surprise this year were the nice walleyes. Plastic worms (Senkos) and crank baits again worked well for bass on Delavan. Lots of nice smallmouth bass in 2015 too!

Winter means the outdoor sports shows begin. I recommend that you attend the **Chicagoland Fishing Travel & Outdoor Expo** at the *Schaumburg Convention Center* on January 28 - 31. This show, now in its fourth year, reminds me of the great outdoor shows of the past at the Chicago Amphitheater & Rosemont Convention Center. Lots of quality exhibits and seminars, **free parking**, and the manufacturers are supporting and attending the show. I will be at the Schaumburg show all four days. I will be sharing my time in the *Anglers International* booth (#300) and the *Walleyes Unlimited, USA* booth (#906), stop by and let's talk fishing.