



## Captain Walt's Log

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### Local Area Fishing Reports



Well, the weather in May sure was variable. Some days we needed jackets and other days short sleeves were in order. Fishing varied from day to day too. The usually good walleye bite in May on the Fox Chain O' Lakes did not happen. We caught some, but not the usual limits of nice eating size fish. The crappies were still active all month and produced some nice fish.

Bass fishing on Delavan and Geneva is improving. Early in the month good catches in shallow water on Delavan were tallied. Then the water cooled down from the mid 60's to 50's and that bite slowed down. We caught fish on Delavan all month long on wacky rigged Senko worms. They also produced some nice bass on Geneva. At the end of the month, we saws pairs of fish swimming together on Geneva, so the spawn on Geneva is near or here. At the end of the May on Geneva, the drop shot rig yielded some nice bass too. We have had little success with faster presentations so far this year. That will come as the water warms in June and July.

### Fishing and Boating Tips For June

June is my favorite month to fish. The water is warming and many species are becoming active. Most fish species have completed the spring spawning ritual and are now looking to feed. Bass are active on Geneva and Delavan and walleye fishing can still be good on the Chain O' Lakes. The school year ends so now the families start their boating season. As the water warms, pleasure boat traffic will increase and fishermen have to contend with the additional boat traffic. The days are long, so get on the water early and leave as the boating pressure increases.

### 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



This nice 22" walleye caught from the Fox Chain O' Lakes on May 9 by Jeff from Northbrook, IL was our game fish of the month for May.

He was using a live bait rig with crawler and minnow. We caught a mixed bag of fish that day. This walleye scored 61 pts. on our rating

scale to become the best game fish caught during May. Congratulations Jeff!

#### Panfish of the Month

This 13¼" white crappie caught from the Fox Chain O' Lakes on May 17 by Adam from Genoa, IL was our pan fish of the month for May.

It was caught on a minnow under a float. We fished in several locations on the Chain that day and fishing was tough, but the crappie cooperated. This is the largest white crappie caught by a client from the Chain. This is the second 13" white crappie this year. It scored 74 pts. And was the best panfish caught in May. Congratulations Adam!



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