



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports



In June, we had many bass fishing trips to **Lake Delavan**. The usual fishing patterns worked well. Early in the month, we fished mostly shallow water using Senko worms rigged wacky style. Catches of 15-30 bass in the morning were typical. Later in the month, we began catching some pike and bass using the sucker minnows. Our largest pike for the month, shown here, was 30 inches long. It was caught on a live sucker minnow. We also have been catching a few walleye using live bait rigs.

We made a few bass fishing trips to **Lake Geneva** too. Wacky rigged Senko worms worked well early in the day. Later we would switch to plastic worms on the drop shot rig.

We did fish on the **Fox Chain O Lakes** a few times. Our best walleye, shown on the left, was 19½". Later in the month with the high water, my friends were reporting much improved walleye fishing.

### Fishing and Boating Tips For July

July is the middle of the summer fishing and boating season. The key to catching fish in July involves getting on the water when pleasure boating pressure is the least, early and late in the day. Many fish have moved from the shallow water out to deeper water. A good place to start fishing is the deep edge of the weedlines. The water temperature is nearing the peak for the year. The fish should be willing to chase faster presentations like spinner baits and crank baits, maybe even top water baits. Start early in the day and finish early. Think about using live bait along the deep edge of the weeds. Good luck.

### 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 17" smallmouth bass caught from Lake Delavan on June 10 by Scott from Byron, IL was our game fish of the month for June.

He was using a drop shot rig with a plastic worm. We caught a mixed bag of fish that day. This smallmouth bass scored 71 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during June.

Congratulations Scott!

#### Panfish of the Month



This nice 9" pumpkinseed caught from Lake Geneva on June 18 by 12 year old Logan from Carol Stream, IL is the pan fish of the month for June. Logan was fishing with his grandfather Phil that day.

This pumpkinseed was caught on a live bait rig. We fished in several locations on Lake Geneva that day and caught a nice mixture of fish. It scored 75 pts. and was the best panfish caught in June.

Congratulations Logan!