



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports



In July, 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. Later in the month, we began catching some pike and bass using sucker minnows. On one of our early trips to Lake Delavan, we caught a double on smallmouth bass. That is a first for us on Lake Delavan. It happens quite a bit on Lake Geneva, but not on Lake Delavan. Smallmouth bass are fun to catch.

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

We did not fish on the **Fox Chain O' Lakes** during July. Instead, we made a road trip to **Lake of the Woods in Sioux Narrows Ontario** to fish for walleyes. My partner got the best fish, a nice 28¾" beauty, caught on a jig and minnow combo. We caught a nice mix of walleye, perch, bass and had a great time doing it..

### Fishing and Boating Tips For August

August is the official end of summer. The water will be warm so most fish have moved deeper to find the cooler water. A good place to start fishing is the deep edge of the weeds. Many species of fish use this edge to hide from predators and to also seek food. The weeds also provide oxygen. Live bait works well when fishing the deep weed line. Crawlers and leeches are a summer favorite of mine. Bass, pike and walleye also like big minnows, like the medium (4-6") sucker minnows. Bass also like a *Texas Rigged* plastic worm and crawfish imitating baits are good all summer long. Enjoy summer while it lasts. Get out there and go fishing.

### 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 very nice 19¾" 4½ lb. largemouth bass caught from Lake Delavan on July 31 by 12 year old Kara from Grayslake, IL was our game fish of the month for July.

She caught this bass using a live bait rig with a medium sucker minnow along the deep weedline. Kara was fishing with her grandfather Bob from Libertyville that day. This bass scored 60 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during July.

Congratulations Kara!

There were no entries for **Panfish on the Month** in July.

