



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports



This newsletter covers fishing in August and September. We fished Lake Geneva a few times during these two months & fishing was definitely slower on Geneva than Delavan, so we concentrated our efforts on Delavan. When we did fish Geneva we caught largemouth bass using the drop shot rig and 4" finesse worms on our trips to Lake Geneva.

On Delavan during Aug-Sept. we caught a variety of bass, wall-eye, and pike using artificial baits and live bait rigs. Many of the fish were caught in 15-30' of water using plastic worms and live bait rigs.

The Fox Chain O' Lakes suffered from low water and a lack of rain in August. Then in September, we got a 4" rain which activated the system. We had nice current flow, but the walleyes were still hard to locate. At the end of the month we caught a few on hair jigs during a Veterans Outing sponsored by Wall-eyes Unlimited, USA.

### Fishing and Boating Tips For October

October is the beginning of the fall fishing season. All fish instinctively know that winter is coming and the bounty of food sources during summer is decreasing. They begin to feed heavily to bulk up so they can survive the reduced feeding opportunities of winter. This means that fishing opportunities in fall can be wonderful. The water is colder so fish are not as active as during the warm water of summer. Fall is a time for a variety of fishing methods. Use faster moving presentations like crank baits and spinner baits. Also, use live bait to tempt fish that will not attack the faster moving baits. Most of all, go fishing in the fall. You may catch your biggest fish of the year!

### 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 21¾" walleye caught from Lake Delavan on September 3<sup>rd</sup> by Ryan from Rockford, IL. This walleye scored 60 points and was the best game fish caught during August-September.

This walleye was caught on a live bait rig using a medium sucker minnow.

Congratulations Ryan!



#### Panfish of the Month

This 11¾" black crappie was caught by Jim from Round Lake Beach, IL using a live bait rig on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. This crappie scored 65 points on our rating scale and was the best panfish caught during August-September.

We caught a mixed bag of fish that day and this crappie was the best one of the group.

Congratulations Jim!

