



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



We fished Lake Geneva several times in October, catching mostly largemouth bass using the drop shot rig. This rig produces a variety of species and fishes easily in the weeds.

The Fox Chain is a favorite place to fish in October. We target the steep breaks in Pistakee Bay, Lake Marie and Channel and pay special attention to areas where there is current. We catch the usual mix of walleye, crappie, white bass, etc., using live bait rigs with minnows and nightcrawlers. Early in the month we caught fish using leeches, but now with the cold water we stop using leeches. Water temperature is now 54°.

Delavan produced some pike and bass for us again in October. Most of the fish continued to be smaller than we would like. Fish came on chatterbaits, rattle traps, and live bait rigs. Weed flats and shoreline drop offs both produced fish.

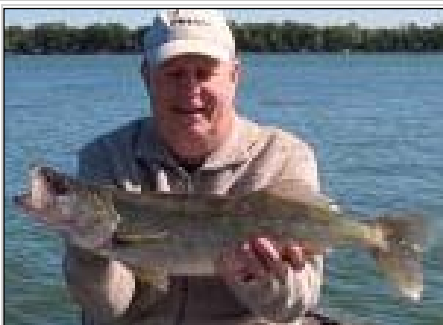
Fishing and Boating Tips For November

If you fish in November, choose your days carefully. Most anglers have put their boats away, so there are few boats on the water. Safety is a priority in late fall. There can be some great days of fishing in November. Smallmouth bass using live bait rigs on Lake Geneva, northern pike using rattle traps and live bait rigs on Lake Delavan, and walleye using live bait rigs on the Fox Chain. Remember that the water drawdown on the Fox Chain starts in November. Be careful boating once the water level starts dropping.

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.

Game Fish of the Month



This 23" walleye caught from Lake Marie on the Fox Chain on October 8th by Steve from Palatine, IL was our **Game Fish of the Month** for October. It weighed 4# 12 oz.

Steve caught this nice walleye on a live bait

rig on the drop off in Lake Marie in 15' of water using a live bait rig. This fish hit the jig and crawler combination. We caught a nice mix of Chain species that day, but this walleye was the best and it scored 64 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during September. Congratulations Steve!

Panfish of the Month

This 8½" pumpkinseed caught from Lake Geneva on October 5th by Dana from Chicago, IL was our **Panfish of the Month** for October.

We caught a nice mixture of bass, bluegills, and perch that day, but this pumpkinseed was the best one and it scored 71 pts. on our rating scale. We caught most of our fish on the drop shot rig that day and this one was no exception. Congratulations Dana!

