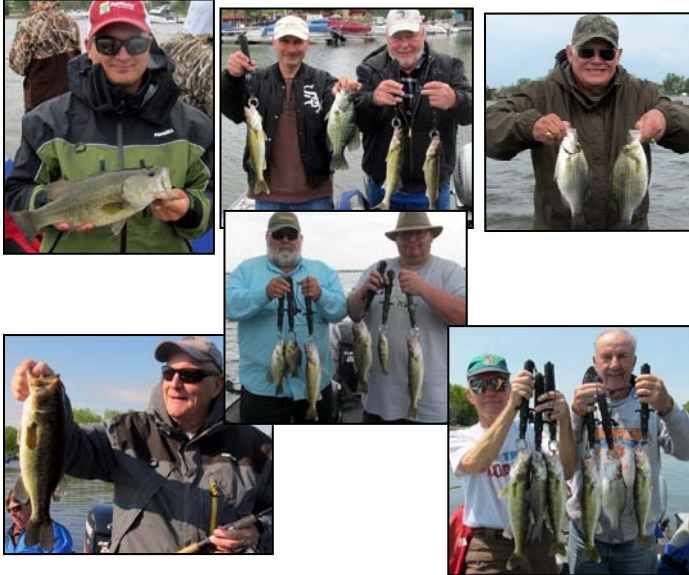




Captain Walt's Log

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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. Lots of northeast wind and cold fronts. Fishing varied day to day as much as the weather. The usually good walleye bite in May on the Fox Chain O' Lakes was sporadic. Not much rain in May, so the current flow was not consistent. Some days we caught limits of walleyes, other days just a few.

Bass fishing on Delavan and Geneva is improving. Early in the month bass fishing on Lake Delavan was promising, 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 using wacky rigged Senko worms. During a trip on Lake Geneva, we caught a nice mix of largemouth and smallmouth bass but the consistency has not been there. I am looking forward to warmer weather in June, which will bring more predictable fishing.

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 anglers need to be aware of 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.

Game Fish of the Month



This nice 15" smallmouth bass caught from Lake Delavan on May 31 by Terry from Huntley, IL was our *Game Fish of the Month* for May.

He was using a plastic worm fishing near a main lake point. We caught a mixture of largemouth and smallmouth bass that day. This smallie scored 60 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during May.

Congratulations Terry!

Panfish of the Month

This 12½" white crappie caught from the Fox Chain O' Lakes on May 23 by Wayne from Grayslake, IL was our *Panfish of the Month* for May.

It was caught using a live minnow under a float. We fished in several locations on the Chain that day and fishing was tough, but this nice crappie cooperated. It scored 69 pts. on our rating scale. And was the best panfish caught in May.

Congratulations Wayne!

