



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



Early in July we still fished Lake Geneva for bass and the fishing was good using wacky worms and drop shot rigs. We fished a variety of locations including Geneva Bay and the Trinke Flats areas.

Lake Delavan produced some nice pike and bass during July. The fish are beginning to move to the deep weed edge and live bait rigs are catching both pike and bass. Casting artificial baits works also, so we employ a mixture of the two methods.

In July we took a trip to *Lake of the Woods* out of Sioux Narrows, Ontario to fish for walleyes and whatever else would bite. We caught plenty of walleye along with some nice perch. The shore lunch was great. We tried bottom bouncing with a slow death rig and a half a night crawler. This presentation works extremely well, catching walleye, sauger, perch & pike.

Fishing and Boating Tips For August

Fishing in August can be tough. To put the odds in your favor, consider fishing when conditions are best. Fish during the week, fish cloudy/windy days, consider using live bait. Remember that the water is very warm and fish can become stressed. Quickly release the fish you catch, so they can recover quickly. Musky fishing should be put on hold during very hot weather. August is the end of the summer boating season and as such, the pleasure boaters, water skiers and students will be out in force to take advantage of the last summer weather. Be careful and remember, fall fishing is just around the corner.

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 Large-mouth 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 32½" northern pike caught from Lake Delavan on July 13 by Craig from Elmwood Park, IL was our **Game Fish of the Month** for July.

Craig was fishing with two coworkers and he caught this pike on a live bait rig on the deep edge of the weeds. We caught other fish that day, but this one was the best and it scored 60 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during July. Congratulations Craig!

Panfish of the Month

This 10" rock bass caught from Lake Geneva on July 8 by Travis from Grayslake, IL was our **Panfish of the Month** for June.

It was caught using a drop shot rig. We fished in several locations on Lake Geneva that day and Travis and his coworkers caught a nice mix of bass and panfish. This Rock Bass scored 77 pts. on our rating scale and was the best panfish caught in July. Congratulations Travis!

