



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



Early in August, we took a family vacation to Minocqua, WI. Fishing for bass was good and we caught lots of largemouth and smallmouth bass using wacky worms and drop shot rigs.

Locally, we mostly fished Lake Delavan in August, catching bass and pike using wacky worms, chatter baits, rattle traps, and live bait rigs. We have tried using a bottom bouncer with a slow death rig and have caught some fish, but no walleyes. This technique shows promise so we will keep using it. One surprise fish was a 31" northern pike, caught using this rig with a night crawler. Go figure?

We did not fish Lake Geneva or the Fox Chain O' Lakes in August. Walleye fishing on the Fox Chain has been tough. Maybe it will get better in September. Delavan should improve as the water cools.

Fishing and Boating Tips For September

September is the beginning of the fall fishing season. There is reduced pleasure boat traffic on our local lakes after Labor Day and some fishermen have switched to hunting. As the water cools, some fish will begin to move from the deep water back into shallow water. September is a transition time, not summer and not fall. The days are getting shorter and the fish instinctively know this. Get out on the lake and try your favorite techniques. Catch those nice bass, walleye and pike. Now is the fisherman's time to enjoy the water again.

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 32½" northern pike caught from Lake Delavan on August 9th by Jim from Bolingbrook, IL was our **Game Fish of the Month** for August.

Jim was fishing with his friend Bill and he caught this pike on a live bait rig on the deep edge of the weeds. We caught other bass and pike 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 August. Congratulations Jim!

Panfish of the Month

This 8" bluegill caught from Lake Delavan August 26th by Jerry from Lindenhurst, IL was our **Panfish of the Month** for August.



This fish was one of several species we caught using a bottom bouncer and a slow death rig fishing along the deep weed edge using nightcrawlers and leeches for bait. This bluegill scored 67 pts. on our rating scale and was the best panfish caught during August. Congratulations Jerry!

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