



## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports



September is a month of transition. Neither summer nor fall. Fishing success varies greatly in September. This year we had plenty of hot weather in September which made fishing a real challenge.

We fished Lake Delavan the most during September and caught the usual bass and pike, mostly on the smaller sizes. Artificial baits are continuing to work and the speedier presentations are beginning to produce fish. We caught bass and pike on rattle traps and chatter baits. Some bass came on wacky worms too. Some days the live bait was the top producer.



We began fishing the Fox Chain again after a summer hiatus, preparing for fall fishing trips. Most of the month there was little or no moving water. We caught the usual variety of walleye, crappie, white bass and other species. Live bait rigs and crank baits both yielded fish.



### Fishing and Boating Tips For October

October definitely means fall fishing. Fall fishing means bigger fish and all species begin to feed heavily to prepare for the lean days of winter. The weather can vary greatly in October, so always be prepared for bad weather when you go fishing. We still have to share the water with a few pleasure boaters and some waterfowl hunters. Be aware of both to keep yourself safe. Always fish with a partner during the cold water period. Never fish alone.

### 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 15½" largemouth bass caught from Lake Delavan on September 17<sup>th</sup> by Pat from Palatine, IL was our **Game Fish of the Month** for September.

Pat caught this bass 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 47 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during September. Congratulations Pat!

#### Panfish of the Month

This 13" white bass caught from the Fox Chain O Lakes on September 24<sup>th</sup> by James from Chicago, IL was our **Panfish of the Month** for September.

This fish was one of several species we caught trolling a Fox Chain Double Rig using nightc rawlers and leeches for bait. This white bass scored 62 pts. on our rating scale and was the best panfish caught during September. Congratulations James!

