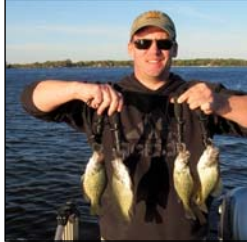




Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



This newsletter will report on our fishing activities during October.

We made a few fishing trips in October. On one trip to Lake Delavan, we caught 12 northern pike and some bass. The water was cooling off nicely and we found some fish in the weeds. The best depth was 10-12' of water. The presentations used included rattle traps, chatter baits, and live bait rigs.

We fished on the Fox Chain O' Lakes focusing on wall-eye and crappie. We found active fish on the break lines in 10-16' of water and they were biting mostly on minnows, but some crawlers took fish too. Our presentations were jigs and live bait rigs. We caught fish on Pistakee, Lake Marie and Channel Lakes. There was not much current when we fished, so the current locations did not produce much.

We did not fish Lake Geneva during October.

Fishing and Boating Tips For 2018

Fall is a good time to reflect on last year and make plans for next year. I encourage folks to broaden their horizons in 2018. Fish a new body of water. Master a new fishing technique. Expand your fishing skills. Fall is also a good time to prepare your fishing gear for the next season. Examine your rods and reels. Do any need repair? Get that done over the winter so your gear is ready to attack the fish in the spring. April will be here sooner than you think!

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. A score of 100 pts. would equal the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame world record.

Game Fish of the Month

This nice 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ " walleye caught by Jim from Buffalo Grove, IL was our game fish of the month for October. This walleye was caught October 19 using a live bait rig with a minnow and crawler on the Fox Chain O' Lakes.

We caught a mixed bag of fish that day. This walleye scored 63 points on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during October.

Congratulations Jim!



Panfish of the Month

This 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " black crappie caught from the Fox Chain O' Lakes on October 17 by Rob from Volo, IL was our pan fish of the month for October.

It was caught on a live bait rig with a minnow and nightcrawler for bait. We fished from the south end of the Fox Chain to the north end that day and we caught a nice mixture of walleye, crappie, white bass and other Chain species.

This black crappie scored 69 pts. and was the best pan-fish caught during October.

Congratulations Rob!

