

Captain Walt's Log

Lake Geneva Update

Lake Geneva is one of my favorite lakes to fish because the smallmouth bass populations is so good. Over the years we have caught plenty of nice bass from this lake, but the big smallmouth still make this a favorite body of water. Lake Geneva is a deep clear lake and as such it is slow to warm up in the spring. I usually begin the bass fishing season on neighboring Lake Delavan, because it warms up sooner. The entire month of June has great bass fishing on Lake Geneva. Early in the month, we target the bass in shallow water using wacky rigged Senko style worms and drop shot rigs. Sometimes suspending stick baits, or skirted jigs, or a jig and grub will produce bass. Later in the season, the bass move to deeper water and we fish for them in 15-30 feet of water. Deeper water techniques we use include the drop shot rig, Texas rig, Carolina rig, and skirted jigs.

In the past, northern pike were plentiful and in summer live bait rigs provided plenty of action. Lately, the pike fishing on Lake Geneva has slowed down. The walleye fishing should be picking up given all the stocking the *DNR and Wall-eyes for Tomorrow* are doing. Also, muskies have been stocked into the lake and catches into the mid forty inch class are now being taken.

The fishing in 2017 should be good, especially since the ice fishing season was so short. These fish have not been pressured as much as if there was a normal ice fishing season. We expect the bass fishing to be very good on Lake Geneva once again this year.



To schedule your trip, just give me a call at 847-710-5453. We do recommend fishing during the week if you can.

Questions or comments, please contact us at: captainwaltkoch@comcast.net or call 847-710-5453.

Thanks for your feedback!