



Captain Walt's Log

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Local Area Fishing Reports



The weather in May was for the most part awful for fishing. Cold, rain, and lots of wind were the dominant weather patterns. We did fish quite a lot during May with mixed success. Our best fishing was on the Fox Chain O' Lakes, where we caught a nice mixture of walleye, crappie, white bass and other species. Our main presentation on the Chain was dragging a jig with live bait attached. We also used live bait rigs.

We made a few trips to Lake Delavan for bass with mixed success. Many days the wind was really howling, so trying to find areas to fish out of the wind was a challenge. We caught bass on wacky worms, rattle traps and chatter baits. We did not see the typical huge numbers of bass in the shallow spawning areas. The water temperature was up and down all month but with constant warming air temperatures fishing will improve.

We made two trips to Lake Geneva in May and the fishing was tough both days. With Geneva being a deep clear lake it is slow to warm. I am expecting June the fishing will begin to turn on.

Fishing and Boating Tips For June

June is my favorite month to fish. Many species have completed the spring spawning process and the weather usually stabilizes. The fish are getting into their post spawn and summer patterns and are much more active as the water warms. Fishing is usually good during June. Make sure you get out and enjoy the weather and good fishing. June is also the beginning of the summer pleasure boating season. School is out and the kids are using daddy's boat. Be careful and boat defensively.

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 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ " walleye caught from the Fox Chain O Lakes on May 18 by Frank from Schaumburg, IL was our game fish of the month for May.



This walleye was caught using a jig with a night crawler. We caught a mixed bag of fish that day. This walleye scored 52 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during May.

Congratulations Frank.

Panfish of the Month

This 13" white crappie caught from the Fox Chain O' Lakes on May 21 by Jerry from Lindenhurst, IL was our pan fish of the month for May. It was caught on a hook/minnow under a float. We fished in several locations on the Chain that day and we caught a nice mixture of walleye, crappie, white bass and other species. This crappie scored 72 pts. and was the best panfish caught in May.



Congratulations Jerry!

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