



## Captain Walt's Log

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### Local Area Fishing Reports



We fished on Lake Geneva often during June, which was a wet and windy month. We targeted largemouth and smallmouth bass using wacky rigged Senko worms and the drop shot rig with finesse worms. We caught a mixed bag of typical Geneva fish in water as deep as 20 feet. Early in the morning we caught bass in shallow water on wacky worms and later in the day we catch them on the drop shot rig in the weeds in deeper water.

We fished on the Fox Chain O Lakes quite a bit in June also. The target species was walleye. Early in the month we caught quite a few walleyes in the current areas, while fishing later in June was tougher. The Chain is a multi-species fishery, so you catch a mix of walleye, bass, crappie, bluegill, stripers, catfish, etc.

Only a few customers wanted to fish on Lake Delavan in June. We caught a few fish on Chatterbaits and wacky rigged worms, but overall fishing on Lake Delavan was tough in June.

### Fishing and Boating Tips For July

July is the peak of the summer boating season. My recommendation for fishing in July is to seek out quieter bodies of water and fish early and late in the day to avoid the pleasure boat traffic. Two options to consider are the upper portion of the Fox River in the Fox Chain O Lakes, which is a "No Wake" area from Grass Lake north into Wisconsin and Lake Delavan, where you can catch quality fish in July. Continue to fish in July, be careful, and good luck!

### 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 18¾" smallmouth bass caught from Lake Geneva on June 9 by Jim rom Huntley, IL was our game fish of the month for June. This smallie was caught using a drop shot rig with a finesse plastic worm. We caught a mixed bag of fish that day. This smallie weighed almost 3 pounds and scored 78 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during June.

Congratulations Jim!



#### Panfish of the Month

This 10" rock bass caught from the Lake Geneva on June 7 by Joe from Elgin, IL was our pan fish of the month for June. It was caught on a 4" wacky rigged Senko style worm. We fished in several locations on Lake Geneva that day and we caught a nice mixture of bass and panfish. This rock bass scored 77 pts. and was the best panfish caught in June.

Congratulations Joe!



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