



Captain Walt's Log

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Local Area Fishing Reports



We fished on Lake Geneva often during July, which produced the best fish of the local lakes. The best bite is for largemouth bass using the drop shot rig with finesse plastic worms. The best depth seems to be 15-20' of water with weeds. The catch rates definitely slowed down as the month progressed. At the end of the month the surface water temperature was almost 80°.

We did fish on Lake Delavan a couple of times during July with poor results. We used a combination of artificial and live bait to target bass and pike along the deep weeds and deeper rocks. Results were varied.

We did not fish the Fox Chain during July. The Chain is currently closed to recreational boating due to high water and flooding.

We made a road trip to Lake of the Woods, Ontario to fish for walleye. We caught walleye, sauger, perch, bass, and pike during our one week trip. Fish were caught on jig/minnow, jig/gulp, and jig/crawler presentations.

Fishing and Boating Tips For August

Fishing during August can be challenging. The water temperatures are at their peak and many of the targeted fish have moved to deep water. Use your fish locator to scan likely locations and then fish those locations that are holding fish. August is the last month of the summer boating season. Soon the students will leave the lakes and return to school. Family vacations will be over and the boating pressure on the water will be much reduced. Be careful during this last month of summer boating.

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 14½" smallmouth bass caught from Lake Geneva on July 28 by 15 year old Cara (on left) from Grayslake, IL was our game fish of the month for July. This smallie was caught using a live bait rig with a sucker minnow.

We caught a mixed bag of fish that day. This smallie scored 60 pts. on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during July. Cara and her brother James fished with Grandpa Bob. They caught this nice pair of bass. Congratulations Cara!

Panfish of the Month

This 10" rock bass caught from Lake Geneva on July 27 by 12 year old Henry from Brazil was our pan fish of the month for July.

It was caught on a drop shot rig with a 4' finesse 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 July. Standing with Henry is Alen, father of Henry's two friends, who is also from Brazil.

Congratulations Henry!

