



## Captain Walt's Log

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### Local Area Fishing Reports



This newsletter will report on our fishing activities during August and September.

We fished Lakes Delavan and Geneva a few times the past two months. The water has been warm and fishing has been slow as is to be expected. As the water cools, the fishing will improve.

With the lack of rain, fishing has been slow in the Fox Chain O' Lakes. At the end of September, we started fishing the Chain again. We caught a nice mixture of the usual species including crappie, white bass, yellow bass, sunfish, and walleye. I hope we get some rain this week to flush the system and create some current. That will improve the fishing.

In August we took a one week family vacation to St. Germain, WI. The walleyes were cooperating and everyone caught some walleye. The family enjoyed the northwoods and the relaxed lifestyle in St. Germain.

### Fishing and Boating Tips For October

October is the beginning of fall and the end of the summer boating season. Now the lakes are quiet and the fishermen can enjoy the quiet waters. Make sure you get out during October while the weather is still nice. We all know that winter will be here soon and the open water fishing season will come to a close.

### 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 18¼" smallmouth bass caught by Ryan from Byron, IL was our game fish of the month for August & September. This smallie was caught using a drop shot rig with a 4" finesse plastic worm.

We caught a mixed bag of fish that day. This smallie scored 76 points on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during August & September. Ryan was fishing with a group of friend from work.

Congratulations Ryan!

#### Panfish of the Month

This 9" pumpkinseed caught from Lake Geneva on August 29 by Anne Marie from Western Springs, IL was our pan fish of the month for August & September.

It was caught on a drop shot rig with a nightcrawler for bait. We fished in several locations on Lake Geneva that day and we caught a nice mixture of bass and panfish.

This pumpkinseed scored 75 pts. and was the best panfish caught in August & September.

Congratulations Anne Marie!

