



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



This newsletter will report on our fishing activities during April.

We fished the Fox Chain O Lakes exclusively during April. The cold weather in April kept the water temperature in the 40's the first part of the month. Fishing was tough then. In the second half of April the water began to warm and the walleyes became more active. We also found some nice crappies in channels and bays. A few white bass, bluegills, and channel cats were caught also.



There is plenty of wildlife around the Fox Chain O Lakes. We now have multiple pairs of nesting eagles. The black tipped pelicans stopped over on their migration north. The double breasted cormorants have returned as well as many other migratory birds. With the cold April, things are starting to come to life around the Fox Chain. See you on the water.

Fishing and Boating Tips For May

May is the beginning of the gamefish season in Wisconsin and we look forward to fishing up there for bass and other game fish. Memorial Day at the end of the month is the official start of the summer pleasure boating season. We anglers should have the waters to ourselves until then.

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 Large-mouth 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 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ " walleye caught by Jim from Chicago, IL was our game fish of the month for April. This walleye was caught on April 29th on the Fox Chain O Lakes using a live bait rig. We caught a mixed bag of fish that day. This walleye was in the protected slot so it was released right after the picture was taken.

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This walleye scored 63 points on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught during April. Congratulations Jim!

Panfish of the Month



This nice 11" rock bass caught by Mark from Roselle, IL was our pan fish of the month for April. It was caught April 28th on a crappie float rig with a minnow for bait. We caught a nice mixture of walleye and panfish that day.

This rock bass scored 85 pts. and was the best panfish caught in April. Congratulations Mark!