



Captain Walt's Log

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Local Area Fishing Reports



A review our local area fishing activities during July showed that weather continued to impact the fishing, lots of hot weather and little rain this past month.

We did not fish on the *Fox Chain O' Lakes* in July. The majority of our fishing was on *Lake Delavan*. The largemouth bass cooperated using a *Drop Shot Rig* with finesse plastic worms. Green pumpkin and watermelon seed were the best colors. We had a few smallmouth bass and northern pike mixed in but our catch was mostly largemouth bass. We started using live bait rigs for pike at month's end.

We did make a few trips to *Lake Geneva* in July, catching the usual mix. Lots of largemouth bass with an occasional smallmouth bass. Again, *Drop Shot Rigs* worked the best for us. Green and brown colors are always top producing colors on *Lake Geneva*.

Fishing and Boating Tips For August

Well summer is truly here. Water temps hit the low 80's during one of the hot spells. The fish are in summer patterns now. Fish deeper weeds, rocks, and ledges. To avoid the pleasure boaters fish early and late in the day. Avoid weekends if at all possible. Remember, fall fishing is right around the corner.

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 18¼" smallmouth bass caught by Jake from Mooresville, NC was our game fish of the month. This smallmouth bass was caught on July 18th on Lake Delavan using a *drop shot rig* and finesse plastic worm. We caught several more bass that day and this one was released right after the picture was taken.

This smallmouth bass scored 76 points on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught in July. Congratulations Jake!



Panfish of the Month

This 9 1/2" rock bass caught by Jim from Huntley, IL was our panfish of the month. It was caught on July 25 on Lake Delavan using a drop shot rig. This was the first rock bass we have caught on Lake Delavan this year. We caught some largemouth bass that day too and all fish were released after the pictures were taken.

This rock bass scored 73 points on our rating scale to become the best panfish caught in July. Congratulations Jim!

