



Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports



Below is a review of our local fishing activities in September.

We fished the *Fox Chain O' Lakes* three times last month. The walleye fishing has been tough, but the panfish cooperated. Lots of crappie, white bass and yellow bass were caught using live bait rigs and jigs with live bait.

We fished *Lake Delavan* three times in September. 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 also, but our catch was mostly largemouth bass.

We did not fish *Lake Geneva* in September.

My fishing activities were limited in September after I hurt my arm. I am on the mend and almost back to normal.

Fishing and Boating Tips For October

October is a month of big changes in the weather. Some days will seem like summer, but other days will be cool fall weather. The pleasure boaters will be storing their boats for the winter, so fishermen have less boating pressure on our local lakes. Make sure to go fishing in October, before the cold weather sets in.

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 14" smallmouth bass caught by Jay from Downers Grove, IL was our game fish of the month. This bass was caught on September 6th on Lake Delavan using a drop shot rig. We caught more bass that day and this one was released right after the picture was taken.



This smallmouth bass scored 58 points on our rating scale to become the best game fish caught in September. Congratulations Jay!

Panfish of the Month

This nice mess of panfish caught by Steve from Pittsfield, IL and son Mike from Chicago included our panfish of the month. They were caught on September 25th on the Fox Chain O Lakes using live bait rigs.

The 11^{3/4}" white bass scored 56 points on our rating scale to become the best panfish caught in September. Congratulations Steve!

