

# Red Rock Guiding Service

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## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Report

Well folks, the ice finally lifted the Fox Chain O Lakes from winter's grip during the first week of April. This has been a long and hard winter. The ice left Geneva Lake soon after on April 10th.

Captain Walt went open water fishing on the Fox Chain on April 9th. We found crappie and bluegill in the deeper dead end channels. They were hitting slowly on ice jigs and wax worms. The water temp was only 44 degrees.

Walleyes have been biting consistently in the current areas during April. The best baits have been minnows presented on jigs or live bait rigs.

Crappie, bluegill, and white bass have been active in the channels during April. The best baits have been minnows or wax worms presented on small ice fishing jigs.

The Wisconsin gamefish season opens on Saturday, May 3rd! Get ready to catch those bass on Geneva Lake!



Don from Huntley, IL caught this nice 11" crappie on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We caught 6 other species that day, including walleye & bass!

### Fishing and Boating Tips

April is the time to get your equipment ready for the fishing season. Check your rods to make sure they are in good condition to reel in the big ones. Use a cotton swab to check each line guide for nicks/cracks. The cotton will catch on any damaged area.

Replace any damaged guides, before you catch that trophy fish and the line breaks because of the damaged guide. Your local full service bait and tackle shop can replace the damaged line guides, if you can't do it yourself.

April is also the time to check your reels. Hopefully, you loosened the drag before you stored them at the end of last season. Check the mechanical functioning of the reel and clean and lubricate as needed. Re-spool with new line, match the reel to your favorite rod, and you're ready to catch those lunkers!



John from Libertyville caught this 19" walleye on April 29th. Fishing was slow that day, but we caught this fish and 6 or 7 more walleye and several other species as well.

The current flow was high that day and the water color was fairly clear.

### FEELING STRESSED!

You too can enjoy a day of fishing on nearby bodies of water! No need to drive long distances for great fishing. Call Captain Walt to schedule your day of relaxation.

Bass on Geneva Lake, perch on Lake Michigan, walleye on the Fox Chain, northern pike on Delavan Lake, crappie and bluegill everywhere.

Captain Walt can help!  
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### Fish of the Month Contest

Our Fish of the Month Contest allows clients to judge the quality of the fish they catch. The fish caught are rated against the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame records. The fish with the largest point value based on the specie specific formulas is the Fish of the Month. There are separate contests for Gamefish and Panfish. Gamefish eligible include LM and SM bass, walleye, pike, and muskie. Panfish include crappie, perch, bluegill/sunfish, and rock bass.

Gamefish of the month was a 19" walleye caught by John from Libertyville, IL on a Lindy rigged large fathead minnow in heavy current at the mouth of the Fox River in Grass Lake. This walleye scored 53 points.

Panfish of the month was an 11" black crappie caught by Don from Huntley, IL on a minnow and ice jig combo in a channel off Fox Lake. This crappie earned 61 points.

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Thanks for the feedback!