

# Red Rock Guiding Service

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## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Report

May has seen a bonanza of fishing opportunities. Early in the month walleyes were biting very well on the Fox Chain O Lakes. One productive pattern was the shallow water on Fox Lake, using jigs tipped with minnows or live bait rigs with minnows. Also, crappies were very active in the deeper channels all over the Fox Chain O Lakes.

Largemouth bass have been hungry on Delavan Lake. We have been catching them using wacky rigged Senko style worms in shallow water (2-10 FOW.) Catches of 12-40 fish per day were common. Some Muskie and pike have also been caught. At the end of May, the bass have entered their spring spawning ritual.

At the end of May, Geneva Lake is still cold, but some fish have been caught. Captain Walt caught a 5 pound largemouth bass on a jig and plastic crawfish on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. During several other outings to Geneva Lake in May, we also caught smallmouth bass and northern pike. At the end of May, the smallmouth bass spawn has started.



Darin from Chicago holding a nice Walleye caught on the Fox River. Darin & his father Jim, caught 20 walleyes total that day, but this one was *Gamefish of the Month!*

### Fishing and Boating Tips

May is a great time to make your first fishing trip. After winter, many species are coming up from deep water and they are looking for something to eat and later to spawn. Fish are more accessible from shore than at any time during the year. Take time to get out to your local area lakes and wet a line.

May is the time to check on all your boat's safety equipment before the weather warms and the boating season begins. Check your life preservers to make sure they are still in good shape. Replace any that are damaged. Check that they will fit the people who intend to wear them. During an emergency is not the time to find out that the life preservers do not fit! As your children grow, they may have outgrown their life preserver. A good rule of thumb is if someone **weighs over 75 pounds**, they should be wearing an adult size vest.

### NEED STRESS RELIEF?

A day of fishing is just what you need to relieve your stress and put you in a relaxed frame of mind. Call Captain Walt to schedule your day of relaxation.

Bass on Geneva or Delavan, Perch on Lake Michigan, Crappie and Bluegill's on the Fox Chain.

Captain Walt can help! Call

847-356-7654 or 847-710-5453



Three happy anglers holding some of the nice perch we caught on Lake Michigan on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Renee (on the left) is holding her whopper 14" yellow perch, which earned honors as *Panfish of the Month* for May. Congratulations to Renee!

### 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 formula is **the Fish of the Month**. There are separate contests for **Gamefish and Panfish**. Gamefish species include Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Pike & Muskie. Panfish species include Crappie, Perch, Bluegill/Sunfish & Rock Bass.

**Gamefish of the Month** for May was an 18½" walleye caught by Darin from Chicago on a Lindy rigged minnow at the mouth of the Fox River in Grass Lake. This walleye scored 51 points. Congratulations Darin! Too bad it was in the "slot"!

**Panfish of the Month** for May was a 14" yellow perch caught by Renee from Wadsworth, IL on a minnow and live bait rig in Lake Michigan off Waukegan in 50 feet of water. This nice perch earned 93 points. Congratulations Renee!

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Thanks for the feedback!