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Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Report

Well, summer is here but the waters are still relatively cool, so that means the fishing patterns are different than in prior years. In the first week of August, Geneva Lake surface water temperature is still only 76 degrees.

The Fox Chain continues to produce nice Walleye, Crappie, and Striped Bass. The current in the upper Fox River has been good and therefore the fishing has been good. Jigs and live bait rigs with minnows, night crawlers, or leeches are producing fish.

Lake Geneva had good shallow water bass fishing on the drop shot rig with small plastic worms throughout July. The deep water live bait fishing pattern is starting to yield some nice Northern Pike and Smallmouth Bass.

Delavan Lake is giving up nice Largemouth Bass and pike along the deep weed line.

Lake Michigan perch fishing was closed during July in Illinois but the season re-opened again August 1st.



Walt from Bartlett, IL with the *Gamefish of the Month*, an 18" Largemouth worth 55 points caught July 5th on Geneva Lake.

Fishing was slow until we stopped near the golf course where we caught 10 bass in one hour!

Fishing and Boating Tips

Fishing in July can involve fishing in deeper water. As the water warms, many species of fish have completed their spawn and have moved to deeper water.

When fishing from shore, try to find areas that have deeper water close to shore to improve your odds of success. If fishing from a boat, use your knowledge of the lake, lake maps, and electronics to determine the deeper areas to fish. Good luck!

Our boating tip for the month of July is to protect yourself and others in your fishing party from the summer sun! Use sunscreen, wear hats, etc. The summer sun is most powerful during July and August, so make sure to protect yourself when outdoors. I personally started using a sun block with a rating of SPF 50 this year. In prior seasons, I had been using 15 and 30, but decided to step up to the next level of sun protection.

Summer Vacation Is Almost Over!

There is still time to schedule a day of fishing with your children before school starts up again later this month. Call Captain Walt to schedule your mini fishing vacation. We will work you into our schedule!

Call 847-710-5453 or 847-356-7654



Damon from Mt. Prospect, IL holding the *Panfish of the Month*, a 10 1/2 inch crappie. Damon came fishing with his father on July 23rd on the Fox Chain O' Lakes.

12 yr. old Damon had been fishing a number of times but never caught a fish before this date! He caught walleye, crappie, striped bass, and drum that day.

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 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 July was an 18" long Largemouth Bass caught by Walt from Bartlett, IL over the Fourth of July weekend on Geneva Lake using the drop shot rig and a finesse plastic worm.

Panfish of the Month for July was a 10 1/2" long black crappie caught by Damon from Mt. Prospect, IL using a lindy rig with minnow in the Fox River near the Chain O' Lakes State Park on July 23rd.

Questions or comments, please email us at:
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Thanks for the feedback!