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Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Report

Well, the *Dog Days of Summer* are almost over and the have waters remained relatively cool this summer. The water temps on our local lakes have peaked out in the mid 70's. Soon the water will start to cool and the fall fishing season will begin.

The Fox Chain O Lakes and Fox River have been producing Walleye, Crappie, Stripers and Muskie during August using live bait rigs with minnows, crawlers, and leeches. Fish the deep holes and hard bottom areas with current. Nice bluegills have moved to the docks and other structure.

Geneva Lake has been yielding northern pike and smallmouth bass using live bait rigs along the deep weed line in 30-45 FOW. Largemouth bass are coming on plastic baits in 15-20 FOW. Nice pan fish are mixed in with the largemouth bass. Use live bait for them.

Delavan Lake is producing northern pike and largemouth bass along the deep weed line using live bait rigs in 15-20 FOW. Nice bluegills and crappie can be caught in 10-20 FOW using slip bobbers and live bait.

Fishing and Boating Tips

September is a time of transition. The intense heat of the summer is over, but the weather is still warm. The days are getting shorter and the water is beginning to cool. As the water cools, fish begin moving into a fall pattern, moving toward break lines and shallower water following the forage. Look for small fish around the docks and if you see them, fish in those areas for the larger gamefish.

Our boating tip for September is remember to wear your life vests. In Illinois this is a requirement for boaters under the age of 13, and a good idea for all boaters. I took my son and granddaughter fishing on the Fox Chain and since she is 4 years old, she was required to wear the life vest all day. They are uncomfortable and the weather was warm, so my son wondered if she could take the life vest off while fishing. Good thing she did not, since the next boat we saw was the **LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF POLICE**. Avoided a stiff ticket by wearing the life vest!



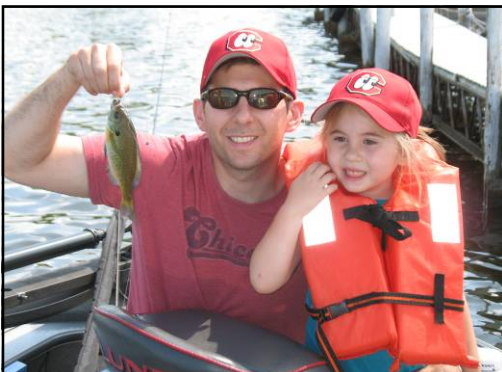
Jim from McHenry is holding a 30" Northern Pike caught by Don from Wadsworth, during an outing on Geneva Lake.

This Pike was successfully released to be caught again someday & became *Gamefish of the Month*.

Summer Is Almost Over!

But there is still time to go fishing while the weather is warm. The weather in September and early October is usually nice. Call Captain Walt to schedule your fishing outing. We will work you into our schedule!

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Panfish of the Month for August caught by 4 year old Adriana from Gurnee, IL.

Admiring her prize catch is her dad, Matt. This was Adrianna's first fishing trip. She was fascinated by all the wildlife we saw that day and also by the wax worms we used for bait.

We were practicing catch & release that day on Bluff Lake when she caught this nice bluegill. Congratulations Adriana!

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 August was a 30" Northern Pike caught on Geneva Lake on August 16th by Don from Wadsworth, IL, using a live bait rig and medium sucker minnow fishing the deep weedline. This fish scored at 56 points.

Panfish of the Month for August was an 8" Bluegill caught by Adriana from Gurnee, IL on the Fox Chain O Lakes on the 29th, using an slip bobber and a Demon ice fishing jig with a wax worm. We caught many fish that day including the Panfish of the Month, which scored at 67 points.

Questions or comments, please email us at:

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Thanks for the feedback!