

# Red Rock Guiding Service

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## Captain Walt's Log

### September Local Area Fishing Report

The Fox Chain O Lakes and Fox River have been producing Walleye, Crappie, and Stripers using live bait rigs baited with either minnows, crawlers, or leeches. Fish the deep holes and hard bottom areas with current. Nice bluegills have moved to the docks and other structures such as weed beds in 5-10 FOW.

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 and live baits in 15-25 FOW. On Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, we had a double on Largemouth Bass. One fish weighed 5 lbs. and the other 4 lbs. Very exciting to see two big fish in the boat at the same time. Nice pan fish are available using live bait in 15-20 FOW.

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.

Lake Michigan Perch are starting to show up in their usual fall locations near Waukegan.



Ten year old Jacob with an 18" Smallie from Geneva Lake, was the *Gamefish of the Month*. Holding the Smallmouth is his dad, John. Jacob caught bass, pike and some very nice panfish too that day!

### October Fishing & Boating Tips

October is the beginning of the fall fishing season. The water is cooling and soon fall turnover will occur. Turnover occurs when the warm surface water cools and falls to the bottom of the lake, mixing with the deep cooler water. Fishing can be difficult during turnover. Of course not all lakes turnover at the same time and rivers never turn over, so we can find good water even during the turnover period.

Our boating tip for October is to be safe on the water during the fall fishing season. The nice thing about fall is that the fishing and boating pressure on the lakes is reduced. Some fishermen are now hunting, others venture out only on good weather days, and many pleasure boaters have put their boats away. This reduction in boats is good for the remaining fishermen, but means there are less boats on the water to provide assistance. Also the water is colder, which means that hypothermia will set in quickly if you should get wet. Be safe during the fall fishing season. Always fish with a partner or two!

### Fantastic Fall Fishing is Here!

There is still time to go fishing before cold weather begins.  
Fish feed heavily in the fall to prepare for winter.  
Call Captain Walt now to schedule your fall fishing outing.  
We will make sure you get out before winter comes!

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Jeff from Johnsburg, IL with a nice Chain O' Lakes Walleye! Fishing on the Chain has been very good in September with anglers catching lots of nice walleyes. This 21" fish was caught & released on a jig/leech combination under the Grass Lake Road bridge.

### September 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 eligible include Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike and Muskie. Panfish species eligible include Crappie, Perch, Bluegill/Sunfish and Rock Bass. The maximum score is 100 points.

**Gamefish of the Month** was an 18" Smallmouth Bass caught on Geneva Lake September 27<sup>th</sup> by 10 year old Jacob from Algonquin, IL, using a live bait rig and medium sucker minnow fishing the deep weedline. This fish scored 75 points. This bass was released. Congratulations Jacob!

**Panfish of the Month** was a 10" long Rock Bass caught by John from Algonquin, IL on Geneva Lake September 27<sup>th</sup> using a night crawler on a hook and split shot rig. We caught many fish that day including the **Panfish of the Month**, which scored 77 points. The Rock Bass was released. Congratulations John!

Questions or comments, please email us at:

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Thanks for the feedback!