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## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Reports

We fished the **Fox Chain O' Lakes & Fox River** quite often during October. The lakes started the turnover process during October. We had some rain in October but fishing was still variable from day to day. Walleyes were hitting jigs & live bait rigs baited with crawlers and minnows. We caught a mixed bag of fish during October including muskie, walleye, white bass, crappie, bluegill, and yellow perch. The walleye on the left and the crappies on the right were both caught on the Fox Chain during October.



**Lake Delavan** produced nice northern pike during October. The pike were caught using live bait rigs with sucker minnows in 12-25' of water and also on artificial baits like spoons, spinnerbaits, crank baits and the Chatterbait casting over weeds. The largest pike caught during October was 32 inches long.

**Lake Geneva** fishing for pike and bass continues to be slow. I did not fish Lake Geneva at all during October. The fishing reports I received were not encouraging, so we fished the Fox Chain and Lake Delavan. We miss fishing Lake Geneva, but the rewards are better other places. Maybe next year will be better for Lake Geneva. We miss catching smallmouth bass on this beautiful lake.



### Fishing and Boating Tips For November

Well, it looks like fall is here. The water temp on the Fox Chain was 52° on October 29<sup>th</sup>, dropping from 60° on October 1<sup>h</sup>. Lake Delavan cooled from 62° in early October to 52° degrees by the end of the month. As these water temps cool, fish metabolism slows and you must adjust your presentations accordingly to catch fish. The winter drawdown on the Fox Chain is scheduled to begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Be careful when boating during the drawdown. The current can be very swift in some areas. Be sure to practice safe boating during the cold water period. Always boat/fish with a partner. Chose the days you venture out wisely.

### Fish of the Month Contest

Our **Fish of the Month** Contest allows our guests to judge the quality of the fish they catch. The fish caught are rated against National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame record for that specie. 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 Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike and Muskie. Panfish species eligible include Crappie, Yellow Perch, Bluegill/Sunfish, White Bass and Rock Bass. A score of 100 pts. would equal the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame world record.



**Game Fish of the Month** in October was this 28" northern pike caught on Lake Delavan on October 9<sup>th</sup> by Steve from Ingleside, IL. We fished four locations that morning and caught several other pike. This one was the largest. Fishing was slow that day and the weather was cold and rainy. The surface water temp was 60 degrees.

Steve's pike was caught in 20 FOW using a live bait rig with a medium sucker minnow. It was released right after the photo was taken. This fish earned 51.86 points Congratulations Steve!

**Panfish of the Month** in October was this 11" crappie caught October 11th on the Fox Chain O' Lakes by 8 year old Nick from Montgomery, IL. We fished for walleye all morning and caught some nice crappies. These fish were caught in Pistakee Bay using the famous Fox Chain Double Rig baited with minnows and crawlers.

The weather was very cold that morning. Nick wore his winter snow suit. The water temp was 50° !

This crappie earned 61.12 points. Congratulations Nick!



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