

# Red Rock Guiding Service



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“Great Fishing-Close to Home”

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## Captain Walt's Log

### Local Area Fishing Report

May has been a cold, windy and rainy month. As a result, fishing has not been as good as usual for May. Lake Delavan, Lake Geneva, and the Fox Chain have all remained cold and the fishing patterns are behind the usual calendar. The water flow in the Fox Chain has remained good.

**The Fox Chain O' Lakes and Fox River** have produced bass, walleyes, bluegills, and crappies all during the month of May. The walleyes have been caught in the current areas around bridges and river mouths. Walleyes are hitting live bait rigs with minnows, crawlers, and leeches. Some walleyes are being caught trolling crank-baits.

**Geneva Lake** remained cold during May and fishing varied from day to day. Some nice bass were caught in shallow water on jig and plastic crawfish. Most bigger bass remained in deeper water.

**Lake Delavan** has produced some nice pike, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and crappie during May. Fishing has varied from day to day, but some bass are caught in shallow water each day. The best baits for the shallow water bite are the wacky rigged Senko worms. The larger bass are still in deeper water.



**Game Fish of the Month**  
18" smallmouth from Lake Delavan on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Caught by Rebecca from Chicago, IL.

### Fishing and Boating Tips



Fishing varies widely during May. At the beginning of the month, the water is still cold and by the end of the month the water has warmed making the fish much more active. Bass normally spawn during May and early June. These two pictures show the variety of fishing available in May. The pike was caught in Door County in early May and the weather was still cold. The bass was caught on Lake Delavan a few days later and the weather was much warmer.

Memorial Day is the traditional start of the boating season. Please make sure that all your boating safety equipment is in good condition. Inspect all the life preservers to make sure they are ready for

another season of safe boating. Also check to make sure they fit the folks who will be wearing them. During an emergency is not the time to learn that the life preservers are damaged or do not fit. Children should wear a life preserver at all times while on the water. Anyone over 75 pounds should wear an adult sized life preserver.



### Fish of the Month Contest



#### **Panfish of the Month**

Greg (on right) and his fishing partner Jeff with some of the perch we caught on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The big one Greg is holding is 14" long and is Panfish of the Month.

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 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 **Game Fish** and **Panfish**. Game-fish species eligible include Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike and Muskie. Panfish species eligible include Crappie, Yellow Perch, Bluegill/Sunfish and Rock Bass. A score of 100 points would equal the NFFHOF world record.

**Game Fish of the Month** was an 18" smallmouth bass caught on Lake Delavan by Rebecca from Chicago, IL. on May 30<sup>th</sup>. This fish was caught on a 4" wacky rigged Senko plastic worm in shallow water. This smallie earned 75.01 points. Congratulations Rebecca!

**Panfish of the Month** was a 14" yellow perch caught on Lake Michigan by Greg from Crystal Lake, IL on May 16. This whopper perch was caught on a live bait rig northeast of Waukegan. This perch earned 93.34 points. Congratulations Greg!

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*Thanks for the feedback!*