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Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Report

Wow, June has seen some wild swings in the weather. Early in the month, we had cool weather and rain. Later in the month, we had a heat wave. June is usually the best month for bass fishing on Geneva and Delavan. We had some good days, but generally fishing was mixed during June.

The Fox Chain O' Lakes and Fox River produced walleyes, bluegills, and crappies during the month of June. The rain has resulted in good water flow all month long. Walleyes have been caught in the current areas around bridges and river mouths. Walleyes are hitting jigs and live bait rigs baited with crawlers and leeches. Some walleyes were caught trolling crank-baits.

Lake Geneva remained cool during the first half of June and fishing varied from day to day. Some nice bass were caught in shallow water on plastic worms and later in the month the drop shot rig produced nice bass. The water remained cool (June 15 was 65 degrees), but then rocketed up after the week of very hot weather (June 26 was 80 degrees.)

Lake Delavan has produced some nice pike and bass during June. Fishing varied from day to day, but some bass are caught in shallow water each day. The live bait rig and large minnow bite started near the end of the month, yielding bass and northern pike.



Gamefish of the Month was this 19" Smallmouth Bass from Lake Geneva



Fishing and Boating Tips

June is the bass fishing month on Lake Geneva. These four largemouth bass are good examples of the quality of fish that Lake Geneva can produce. Each are four pound class fish caught under different weather conditions. Early in the month, we still used a jig and plastic spider grub combo to catch bass. Later in the month, we used wacky rigged Senko plastic worms and the drop shot rig with finesse worms to produce largemouth bass. All month long, the bite seemed tentative, very seldom were they crushing the baits.

The boating season is now in full swing. We safely survived the Memorial Day Weekend and also the Fourth of July Holiday weekend. There will be lots of boaters on the water this month. Please exercise caution while on the water. Practice defensive boating. Slow down, allow plenty of room between yourself and other boaters. Don't assume other boaters know the Rules of the Road or know your intentions. Be safe and enjoy the summer weather and summer boating. Our summer season is very short in Northern Illinois, so let's get out there and enjoy the water.

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 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 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 a 19" smallmouth bass caught on Lake Geneva by Michael from Covington, KY on June 13th. This fish was caught on a 4" plastic worm in shallow water. This smallie earned 79.17points. Congratulations Michael!

Panfish of the Month was an 11" rock bass caught on Lake Geneva by 7 year old Ty from Skokie, IL on June 18th. This fish was caught in shallow water using a night crawler. This rock bass earned 84.61 points. Congratulations Ty!



Panfish of the Month was this 11" Rock Bass from Lake Geneva

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Thanks for the feedback!