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Captain Walt's Log

Local Area Fishing Reports

Well, the unusual weather continues this summer. August is normally a very hot month, but this year it was much cooler than average, and very rain free. This year the "Dog Days of Summer" were not so bad temperature wise, but the fishing was still relatively slow.

We fished the **Fox Chain O' Lakes & Fox River** for bass and walleye quite often during August. The lack of rain has resulted in slower water flow all month long. Walleyes have been caught in the current areas around bridges and river mouths. Walleyes are hitting jigs & live bait rigs baited with crawlers & leeches. Some walleyes were caught trolling crank-baits. Largemouth bass are biting on the usual bass baits, such as jigs with plastic trailers, plastic worms, and as always jigs with live bait such as leeches and crawlers. The white bass/stripers have been very active during August. The photo on the left shows some of the walleyes and white bass/stripers caught by three generations of the Stahl family on August 7th.



Lake Geneva saw another month of non-typical weather. With the cool August weather the water temperature continued to remain relatively cool on Lake Geneva. The plastic worm bite was very slow during August. Most fish were caught on live bait, either minnows, crawlers, or leeches. The deep water live bait pattern for Pike and Smallmouth Bass never developed. The plastic worm bite was slow during August.

Lake Delavan has produced some nice pike & bass during August. Live bait rigs and large minnows produced some nice pike and bass in August. Fish were taken along the weedline in 15-25' FOW. Fishing pressure was less than normal. Bluegill fishing was slow and mostly small fish were caught.

Fishing and Boating Tips

September should bring cooler weather and the start of the fall fishing period. Walleye fishing on the Fox Chain should be very good. Water levels are high from the recent rain and that means current will be flowing as the DNR reduces the water level. The days are getting shorter and the water is cooling. The gamefish will be starting their fall feeding patterns soon.

Labor Day will be here in a few days. After Labor Day, boating traffic on our local lakes is greatly reduced. Many summer boaters have returned to school or work and there is much less boating traffic during the week. September is a great time for pleasure boating.

Fish of the Month Contests

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 pts. would equal the National Fishing Hall of Fame world record.

Game Fish of the Month was a 19" largemouth bass caught on Lake Delavan on August 25th by Tom from Des Plaines, IL.



This fish was caught in 20' using a live bait rig with a medium sucker minnow. This bass weighed 4¼ lbs. and was released right after the photo was taken.

This fish earned 57.57 points Congratulations Tom!

There was no **Panfish of the Month** in August. However, the **Runner up in the Gamefish of the Month** contest was this 31" Northern Pike caught on Lake Delavan by 16 year old Chris from Gurnee, IL on August 11th.

This pike came from 20' using a live bait rig with a medium sucker minnow. It weighed 6 lbs. and earned 57.41 pts., a very close second to the winning largemouth bass.

The pike was released right after the picture was taken. Congratulations Chris!



Questions or comments, please email us at: captainwalt@redrockguidingservice.com or call 847-710-5453.

Thanks for the feedback!