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Captain Walt's Log

Miscellaneous Ramblings

Well, the hard water season is almost over. Some hardy souls are still ice fishing, but I made my last trip on March 4th. A group of us fished one of the local lakes in Lindenhurst. We caught a mixture of panfish and bass on jigs tipped with maggots. Some ice fishing reports have been good, some not so good. It seems that the fish are always biting somewhere. You have to be willing to move around. One day Long Lake is going well, the next day it is Pistakee Bay, then Third Lake got hot for a few days. Spring Lake has consistently produced some panfish and a few walleyes after dark. Petite Lake has been giving up some nice panfish in February. I am looking forward to the open water season. I am glad to see the snow melting and the lakes beginning to open. The crappies should be biting right after ice out. Maybe the walleyes will be active also. We will see you on the water in April, maybe March.

Only two sport shows left this season, *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Show* at State Fair Park in West Allis, WI is March 10th - 14th and *The Great Outdoor Expo.* at Woodstock North High School is March 27th - 28th. I will have a booth at Woodstock and will be presenting techniques on fishing Lake Delavan. I hope to see you there!

Northern Pike Issue

Northern pike, jackfish, esox lucius or the water wolf, whatever you call them, the northern pike is one of the most aggressive fish in our local area lakes. These toothy predators are voracious feeders attacking both artificial and live baits. Locally, we fish for northern pike on Lake Geneva and Lake Delavan. However, this year, due to the cool weather, the pike fishing on Lake Geneva was very slow, so we concentrated on Lake Delavan for our local area pike fishing.

As you can see below, the pike fishing is good in both summer and fall. Most of these fish were caught on live bait rigs with sucker minnows. Live bluegills, crappies and perch work well also. Artificial baits catch fish as well. Most pike are in deeper water during the warm water period. In Delavan, that means fishing the deep weedline at about 20+ FOW. On Geneva, fish the steep break-lines in 30+ FOW. Increasingly, there are reports of good northern pike catches on the Fox Chain O' Lakes.



Door County, WI
May 2, 2009
41.5" 18 lbs. 00 oz.



Lake Delavan
July 7, 2009
30.5"



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30.5"



Lake Delavan
July 23, 2009
35" 8 lbs. 10 oz.



Lake Delavan
August 11, 2009
31" 6 lbs. 2 oz.



Lake Delavan
September 14, 2009
32.5" 7 lbs. 8 oz.



Lake Delavan
September 14, 2009
32" 7 lbs. 8 oz.



Lake Delavan
September 21, 2009
36" 9 lbs. 0 oz.

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