

Arlington Anglers

Why Go Far North For Walleyes?



Bob Diebold

The common theory among many Chicago area fishermen is that you have to drive hundreds of miles to northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, or Canada to put those delectable walleyes on your dinner plates. Well guess what? If you know the proper methods, you can find some very respectable walleyes 50 miles north in our own Chain of Lakes.

At the June Anglers meeting Walleye Guide, Chris Taurisano, described his tactics to regularly catch Chain walleyes and showed us some pictures to prove it. Chris has developed a solid plan to find and catch walleyes any day of the fishing season:

The Chain Fishes More Like a River:
The walleyes are nomadic and move regularly to different depths, bays, or lakes. Walleyes are attracted to current. Water levels fluctuate and walleyes move accordingly. Deeper holes will attract walleyes in some situations.

There Are Many Different Structures to Fish:

- Shallow weeds
- Deep weed edge, about 15 feet
- Flats, 6-7 feet
- Incoming channels & creek mouths
- Bridges
- Clam Beds
- River sections
- Walleyes found in less than 15', 90% of the season!

Weather Affects Fish Movement:
Warm fronts and winds push fish shallower (surprise!). Cold fronts make fish slide down to deep weed edges. Strong winds get walleyes feeding on the flats. Stagnant, hot conditions with no winds push walleyes into the deep or current areas.

You Can Use Different Methods:
You can drift slow very effectively with live bait and jigs. Use minnows

early in the season and crawlers later in the season. You can cast 4-5 inch jerk or twitch baits. This will keep some of the smaller fish off. For a less exciting day, you can troll crank baits, spinner/crawler harnesses, etc.

Use the Right Equipment: Chris suggests a 6.5 foot sensitive rod. Use a sturdy, light reel, with a good drag system. To feel every bite, use 15 lb. braid with a 6 lb. fluorocarbon leader. Use good equipment, but it does not have to be super expensive.

Make Your Fishing Time Memorable:
Enjoy the beautiful water and shorelines. Enjoy the people with you in the boat. Take pictures so that you can look back on that trip. Take a kid fishing with you to really make it worthwhile.

Chris Taurisano is an expert seminar speaker and multi-species fishing guide. Find out more about Chris at T-Bone Guide Service, <http://www.tboneguideservice.com/>

July is a great time to seek out and try out a new club to fine tune your fishing strategies. You have a no-risk opportunity to see first-hand what a club can do for you. Attend Arlington Angler's next meeting on July 16th. We'll be hearing about fishing opportunities at the Forest Preserve Lakes in DuPage and Cook counties.

Dates to remember:
**July 13 – Outing
Lake Marie, Sequoit Harbor
Fishing & Cook-Out**

**July 16 – Meeting
Forest Preserve Lakes in Cook &
DuPage Counties**

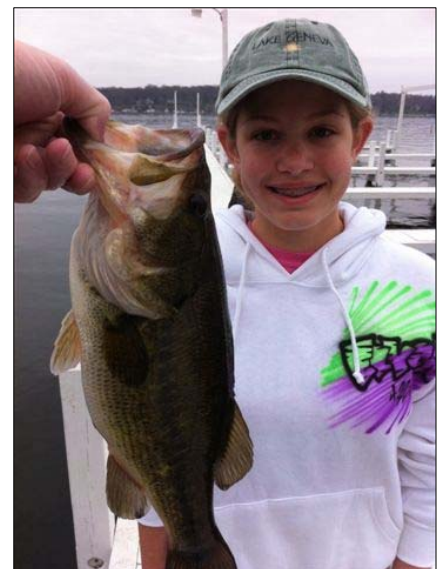
**July 27 – Outing
Braidwood Lake**

**Aug 10 – Outing
Lake Shabbona**

Aug 20 – Club Picnic Harper College Reservoir

Come to one of our meetings to find out more about our club, activities, and outings. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month from **6:30 to 9:00 PM**. We meet at Cabela's which is located at 5225 Prairie Stone Pkwy, Hoffman Estates, IL just off I-90 at Illinois Rt. 59. Door prizes, speaker, raffles, fishing reports: Give it a try!

For further information call our President Tom Curtin at 312-560-9876 or visit our website at <http://www.arlingtonanglers.com>.



Jessica Soskich (age 11) holds her 3 lb. largemouth caught on her first cast of the season on Lake Geneva using a pinky jig (released.)
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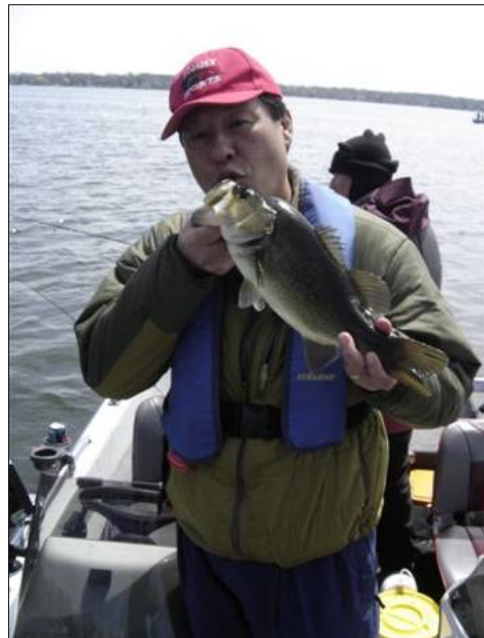
Walleye guide, Chris Taurisano, shows Pat Harrison and Mike Wood the rigs used for Chain walleyes. **PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS**



Guide Bill Elder shows Chris Popp and Staff Machas, the rod and rig used for striped bass on the cooling lakes at the May Anglers meeting. **PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS**



Arlington Anglers Team up with Cabala's to teach casting to kids at the Crabtree Nature Center on 6/9/13. **PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS**



Wayne Chui caught this 17.75" LM on the May Delavan Outing. He claims his lure was laced with ginseng. (released). **PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS**



Bob Diebold holds one of the many crappie taken on the Arlington Anglers outings to Clinton Lake in May (catch and in the grease). **PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS**