Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Clear Lake area

Clear Lake

California
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 5–13 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~100%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–56°F**, lows **38–43°F**, rain chance up to **~100%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance Light Rain
WIND	WNW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~24%
SUN	6:55 AM / 4:56 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

TUESDAY NOV 17

55° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Chance Light Rain
WIND	WSW 5 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:55 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

51° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Rain
WIND	S 5–13 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:57 AM / 4:55 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: WNW → WSW → S · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:55 AM PST) → ~9 AM**
- Use any ripple as cover

MIDDAY

- Shade lines, docks, deeper edges
- Electronics for bait height first
- Slow down once the sun is overhead

EVENING

- Revisit shallow shade as sun drops
- Topwater if the surface lays down
- Weekday traffic is lighter — work quiet pockets

FALL TRANSITION **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~60°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin shad and inland silversides are the main forage in open water and along the tule line, with bluegill around docks and crawfish on rock and riprap.

ALSO BITING

Black crappie hold on brush, docks and marina shade; a small jig or minnow under a float works through midday when bass shut down. Bluegill are easy around town docks for kids.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	California's statewide black bass rule for lakes and reservoirs is a five-fish daily bag with a 12-inch minimum total length, open all year; check the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations for any water-specific exceptions and gear rules before you fish.	
Clarity	Clarity varies by area, and calm, warm weeks can tint sheltered coves green.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Library Park on the Lakeport waterfront, where riprap, dock edges and lighted water give you dawn options without a boat. On the south shore, Clear Lake State Park near Kelseyville lets you walk the tule line and the mouth of Kelsey Creek, a natural bait funnel when shad push shallow at first light.

KAYAK

Light winds all week make this a great paddling window. Put in at Clear Lake State Park and work Kelsey Creek and the Soda Bay shoreline, or head to Rodman Slough at the north end, where the slough mouth and the tule maze hold bass and bait in quiet water.

BOAT

Launch from public ramps in Lakeport, including the Konocti Vista Casino ramp off Mission Rancheria Road, from Clear Lake State Park in Kelseyville, or from Redbud Park in Clearlake.

LURE BOX

TOP

Bone and chrome mimic shad on calm mornings; black works best in low light and shade.

MID

Half-ounce chatterbait or willow-leaf spinnerbait on wind-blown banks; a shallow squarebill along riprap and dock lines; a 3.5-inch swimbait on points. Shad and silverside colors lead.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged straight worm or creature bait, a compact jig, and a drop-shot for the first break and deep dock ends once the sun is high. Green pumpkin, watermelon red and brown cover most Clear Lake water. Match profiles to threadfin shad and inland silversides first: slim, silvery and around two to three inches.