FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Garrisons Lake area

Garrisons Lake

Delaware

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–64°F**, lows **31–34°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 5–15 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:46 AM / 4:47 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:46 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:48 AM / 4:45 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NW → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:46 AM EST) → ~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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~58°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: No dated forage report for this window turned up. The most likely meals are young perch and shiners where present, bluegill and sunfish around docks and weed edges, and crawfish on rock and gravel.

ALSO BITING

Also hot: Chain pickerel on the same weed edges you fish for bass, and yellow perch and crappie schooling over flats and brush as water cools. Check current state rules before you keep fish.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
GARRISONS LAKE NEAR CHESWOLD, DE	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	the operator
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed, so start with natural shad and bluegill colors and darken only if banks stain.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The North Lot at Garrisons Lake has a fishing pier but no ramp, and a walkway crosses the dam. The dam riprap is the best target from shore, so run a shallow crankbait or square bill along it, then follow with a jig. Much of the roughly two miles of shoreline is vegetated, so use a weedless swimbait along the grass edges.

KAYAK

Launch at the South Lot ramp, a one-lane concrete ramp off Messina Hill Road at the southeast corner, about three miles south of Smyrna. The 86-acre lake is no-wake, so kayaks and car-top boats fit it well, and the courtesy dock makes launching easy.

BOAT

Use the South Lot ramp off Messina Hill Road; it has an ADA courtesy dock and paved parking, and the 2026 guide limits ramp use to this lot. Garrisons covers about 86 acres. Run a crankbait parallel to the riprap on the dam, then work the grass along the shoreline with a bladed jig and a Texas-rigged worm.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking topwater (bone / white) at first light. Hollow-body frog (white or black) over pads. Buzzbait along reed and grass edges.

MID

Bladed jig or spinnerbait (white / chartreuse shad). Squarebill crankbait (craw / shad) on wood and riprap. Swim jig through thin grass.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged worm (green pumpkin / junebug). Flipping jig or creature bait in the thickest cover. Wacky or Ned rig on isolated targets.