FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Liberty Reservoir area

Liberty Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 2–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–64°F**, lows **33–35°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 3–8 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:51 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:51 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	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:50 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 (6:52 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.

Basis: estimated water ~57°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

Mid-40s lows nights will cool Liberty's shallow water quickly, and that drop tends to move baitfish out of the open main lake and up into the creek arms. What's on the menu: No local forage report was available for this Cast window.

ALSO BITING

Striped bass · walleye. Stripers: Liberty has a naturally reproducing striper population, and cooling water starts to put them on bait in the main lake and at the mouths of the big arms.

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	Before you launch: Boats must carry a current Baltimore City watercraft permit, and they can go in and come out only at the Boat Dock Road launch.	
Clarity	Both inflow gages are low and still slowly falling after a dry stretch, which points to clear water on the main lake and very little color even in the upper arms.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shoreline fishing is allowed on City watershed land, and the classic walk-ins are the pull-offs around the Liberty Road (Route 26) and Route 32 crossings, the Nicodemus Road bridge, and the shoreline near the Boat Dock Road lot.

KAYAK

Kayaks are allowed on Liberty, but City rules set a 12-foot minimum length, require a watercraft permit, and limit launching to the Boat Dock Road dock. The near-calm air is ideal for sliding along timber in a quiet arm with a weightless fluke. Wear a PFD and dress for 60s water, not afternoon air.

BOAT

Liberty is electric-only, roughly 3,100 acres with long arms, so plan your battery around the wind. Run upwind early while the pack is fresh, then drift or troll back along the wind-blown points with moving baits.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait or popper still draws strikes on Liberty, but this week the window moves to the afternoon. Try it in the last hour of light along the upper arms when the south breeze lays down. Leave it in the box morning after the cold night.

MID

Spinnerbaits, squarebills, and lipless crankbaits in shad colors are the main tools on the wind-blown banks. A paddle-tail swimbait on a light jighead is a strong follow-up when fish swirl but miss.

BOTTOM

A green-pumpkin jig with a craw trailer, a Texas-rigged creature bait, or a shaky-head worm is the plan. Fish them slowly on wood, riprap, and the first drop outside the shallow cover, and go to lighter fluorocarbon in the clearest water.