Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Erie (NY) area

Lake Erie (NY)

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~7%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **49–56°F**, lows **45–47°F**, rain chance up to **~7%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

49° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	W 8–12 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	7:10 AM / 4:55 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 12–15 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:11 AM / 4:54 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 7–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:12 AM / 4:54 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:10 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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Walleye & perch — low-light harbor mouths and first drops; respect big-water safety.

ALSO BITING

Walleye & perch — low-light harbor mouths and first drops; respect big-water safety. Steelhead corridor — tributary mouths enter the conversation as nights cool; not the primary Cast story this window.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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	NYSDEC freshwater fishing regulations and local park / launch pages.	
Clarity	Match color to water clarity: natural craw and goby tones in clear water, brighter chartreuse or white when wind stains the first few feet.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Work posted-open shoreline near Barcelona Harbor, Dunkirk corridor parks, and legal riprap — not private lakefront. Cast a tube or drop-shot along rock between wind bands; watch footing on wet stone. The sunny cool card is made for a parallel crawl with a small crank or Ned along the first legal shelf.

KAYAK

Launch from a hard-surface corridor ramp near Barcelona or Dunkirk and keep hops short while northwest wind still works the lake. Focus on nearshore rock and harbor edges you can reach without a long open-lake crossing — Erie fetch punishes stubborn runs.

BOAT

Trailer to a known hard ramp after a morning check of wind and waves. Fish nearshore rock and harbor edges; skip long open-lake runs while northwest gusts still stack. The money day for smallmouth on rock with tubes and cranks.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait when wind puts ripple on edges.

MID

Keep a spinnerbait chop. A small crank cover most honest fish this window. Cover — spinnerbait.

BOTTOM

Tube, Ned, or drop-shot for rock and the first drop after cold nights. Grass / wood — creature bait, punch rig, or jig where mats and timber remain. Follow-up — weightless soft jerk or wacky worm after a boil or short strike.