FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Watchaug Pond area

Watchaug Pond

Rhode Island

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 7–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **53–61°F**, lows **29–38°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

53° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:36 AM / 4:26 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:37 AM / 4:25 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

61° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:38 AM / 4:24 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 (6:36 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 pond (10-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Watchaug Pond bass are in fall feeding mode keyed to forage along weed edges and sand pockets; the spawn is long over. What's on the menu / natural forage: Golden shiners, juvenile panfish, and small baitfish along the edges are the main menu.

ALSO BITING

Chain pickerel share the weed edges and get more active as water cools; a spinnerbait or soft jerkbait covers both. Yellow perch and panfish fill mixed bags.

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 — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Watchaug Pond is Rhode Island inland water, so RI fishing license and boat registration rules apply.	
Clarity	Compact spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) or a green-pumpkin chatterbait on the lightly stained, windblown edges.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Work legal public shoreline at the DEM boat ramp at Barton C. Hurley Landing and the Burlingame State Park shoreline, without crossing private lawns or docks. At dawn, fan a soft stickbait or compact spinnerbait along weed edges and sand pockets with a little stain.

KAYAK

Launch at Barton C. Hurley Landing and start on lee weed edges and sand pockets close by. The west breeze is manageable early but builds by midday, so fish the protected side first.

BOAT

Small boats and shallow-draft hulls suit the weed mosaic and sand points better than a long planing run. Launch at Barton C. Hurley Landing, spend the first light along weed edges and sand pockets, then slide to thicker cover and the first drop as the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone or a weedless frog along cover on the calm early surface. Can produce a topwater bite at first light before the west breeze builds. Leave the topwater rod in the rack on cold, breezy until the afternoon warm-up.

MID

Compact spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) or a green-pumpkin chatterbait on the lightly stained, windblown edges. Weightless stickbait in watermelon/red flake through cover lanes all three days. A slow-rolled paddle-tail swimbait covers edges.

BOTTOM

A Ned rig or small finesse jig on harder bottom once the water clears.