FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Marion area

Lake Marion

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 6–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–68°F**, lows **41–49°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

60° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NE 6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:54 AM / 5:18 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

64° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:55 AM / 5:18 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

68° F high

LOW	49°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:56 AM / 5:17 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:54 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 ~63°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 / natural forage: Threadfin and gizzard shad lead the menu, with bream and crawfish around cypress and grass. No insect-hatch report is published for this lake, so match the baitfish.

ALSO BITING

Blue and flathead catfish are a Santee Cooper calling card, and crappie stack on brush and cypress as water cools. Striped bass roam the main lake chasing shad.

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 Santee Cooper 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
Santee Dam	No generation schedule posted by Santee Cooper for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 74.22 ft (Sat 11/14); Santee Dam spillway daily discharge 6 cfs (Sat 11/14)	Santee Cooper
Permit / regs	Confirm seasons, size limits, and creel on the live SCDNR page before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on public shoreline at Santee State Park, including its fishing pier and shoreline (park fees and hours may apply), and stay off private docks and yards. The low light is the time to walk a shady point with a walking bait or buzzbait. Pick a bank the wind blows into, if it is safe, and throw a spinnerbait or squarebill.

KAYAK

Launch at Santee State Park or a Santee Cooper public landing and keep paddles short to creek mouths and secondary points. If there is fog, stay close to shore, carry a light, and listen for boats. The strong northeast wind decides your day; fish protected creek arms and drift pocket mouths instead of crossing open water.

BOAT

Marion is huge, shallow, and full of stumps; stay in marked lanes, idle across flats, and respect how fast wind builds on open water.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or buzzbait in bone or chrome on slick dawn points when bait is dimpling, best on the calmest morning of the window. Popper around dock shade. Keep a waking swimbait ready whenever birds or surfacing bait show over open water.

MID

Spinnerbait and chatterbait in white/chartreuse or shad tones on wind-blown banks. Squarebill on shallow wood and rock. Jerkbait in natural shad or herring colors on clearer main-lake rock once the sun is up.

BOTTOM

Football jig or creature bait in green pumpkin or candy craw on 8–18 ft rock and brush. Texas-rigged stickbait for brush and dock posts. Drop shot or Ned rig for tough midday spells under full sun.