Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Champlain (VT) area

Lake Champlain (VT)

Vermont
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	+ 8–14 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **45–55°F**, lows **34–38°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

45° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	NW 8–14 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:50 AM / 4:24 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:23 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

55° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:22 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:50 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: water 49°F — USGS lake gauge 04294500 (Lake Champlain At Burlington, Vt, 0 km), 24-h

NATURAL FORAGE

What they are eating: Yellow perch, smaller baitfish, and crayfish on rock. In the weedy bays, largemouth are feeding on perch and sunfish along the remaining green edges.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike patrol the weed edges in Malletts Bay and Shelburne Bay and will hit spinnerbaits, so bring pliers and a leader if you target them. Yellow perch are a good family option along weed edges on the calm.

PRESSURE

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

mean to Mon 5:00 AM; 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
LAKE CHAMPLAIN AT BURLINGTON, VT	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 93.79 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Check the live Vermont Fish & Wildlife regulations before you keep any fish.	
Clarity	Natural greens, smoke, and perch patterns work best in clear water; switch to white or chartreuse on cloudy, choppy afternoons.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Public shoreline at Oakledge Park, the Perkins Pier waterfront, and posted Colchester and Malletts Bay access areas put rock, docks, and weed edges within a short walk. Verify posted access and leave trailer lanes alone. Fish the shorelines facing away from the west wind with a tube or Ned rig between showers.

KAYAK

Launch at Perkins Pier, the Shelburne Bay Access Area, or the Malletts Bay Access Area depending on which shoreline is in the lee. Is the best paddle day of the three once the cold morning breaks.

BOAT

Run from the Malletts Bay Access Area and fish protected rock and weed edges between showers. Start around mid-morning on Colchester and Burlington rock with a jerkbait, then slide to deeper rock-to-weed breaks in 12 to 20 feet with a drop-shot or tube.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait on calm sunny mornings over rock. Small popper on protected points. Buzzbait only on overcast, breezy afternoons.

MID

Suspending jerkbait (ghost minnow / perch) on cold mornings. Small swimbait on a light head along rock. Spinnerbait on windy points.

BOTTOM

Tube (green pumpkin / smoke) dragged on rock. Ned rig on gravel flats. Drop-shot with a small minnow or goby profile.