FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Missouri River (Iowa shore) area

Missouri River (Iowa shore)

Iowa
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Catfish

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

4/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~8%)	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–64°F**, lows **40–45°F**, rain chance up to **~8%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5–15 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:17 AM / 5:02 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:19 AM / 5:01 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~8%
SUN	7:20 AM / 5:01 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:17 AM CST) → ~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

WINTER **Catfish plan: Fish deep holes 20-40 ft; cut bait on the bottom, slow and patient.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Catfish are in the winter pattern — slow metabolism, holding deep and tight to structure.

Basis: estimated water ~49°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Pressure at Missouri River (Iowa shore) should stay lighter than a weekend, but the Sioux City Municipal Boat Dock corridor still draws after-work spinning rods.

ALSO BITING

No roster note on file for this water.

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	Bass / inland regs (Iowa statewide summary): black bass 15-inch minimum length, 3 fish daily creel unless a water-specific posting says otherwise.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at the Sioux City Municipal Boat Dock, then walk any open Iowa-shore public bank you can reach without leaving posted access. The lighter air is a late catfish window on the same edges; fish shade and the first drop through midday, then return shallow before dark.

KAYAK

Launch from the Sioux City Municipal Boat Dock and stay on recoverable Iowa-shore water. The lighter breeze is ideal for a quiet paddle along dock shoreline and nearby slack-water edges before the day warms. Pack a simple catfish rod for bottom baits and a medium spinning rod with a small jig or stickbait for shared bass water.

BOAT

Launch at the Sioux City Municipal Boat Dock and keep the plan on Iowa-shore water you can see and recover from. Idle out quietly and work dock riprap plus the first slack-water edge for channel catfish while the breeze is still soft.

LURE BOX

TOP

No topwater slot on file for this water — stay mid / bottom.

MID

A weightless stickbait for calm banks. A small spinnerbait or squarebill for the windblown shoreline.

BOTTOM

Pack cut bait or prepared catfish bait on a simple bottom rig for the cool dawn and warmer afternoons. A chartreuse or black/blue jig for dock and riprap edges. One light panfish or white-bass jig if bait shows on a seam.