



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW YORK

Hudson Freshwater Cast

Hudson River freshwater (Kingston hub; above salt) · Mon Sep 21 – Thu Sep 24, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times ET

Freshwater only

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Tide/stage

Hudson freshwater week around Kingston — fish current seams first light and keep the salt line honest.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

National Weather Service — forecast gathered Sunday evening, Sep 20, 2026. All clock times below are **ET**.

Late-September pattern from the National Weather Service for the Kingston / mid-Hudson freshwater corridor. Treat day cards as the planning spine and re-check the morning of your trip. Barometer and lake effect can shift hour to hour.

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thursday evening ET

PRIMARY SPECIES

Largemouth and smallmouth bass (dual-mode freshwater)

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named trail event pulled for Monday through Thursday. Soft weekday recreational pressure.

MONDAY

Forecast thin — verify dam boards before you go

TUESDAY

Forecast thin — verify dam boards before you go

WEDNESDAY

Forecast thin — verify dam boards before you go

THURSDAY

Forecast thin — verify dam boards before you go

● CURRENT & TIDE CHEAT SHEET

NYSDEC / Hudson River freshwater — live level/flow thin at this gather where flagged. What matters Monday through Thursday is **wind, water level, and boat traffic**.

BOARDS

Re-check live boards before launch. Do not invent CFS or stage.

WIND

Fetches turn after mid-morning — plan lee shores.

ACCESS

DEC launches and parks — hours verify live.

Schedules change — verify dam boards before you go.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Hydrate; September mornings can start cool then warm. Restricted dam/lock zones off-limits. Hudson Freshwater: Public parks, launches, and safe rocky shoreline early/late. Stay above salt influence for this product; watch tides and footing. Access: NYSDEC freshwater boating access where posted.

KAYAK

Hudson Freshwater: Protected pockets and lee shores; tidal current is real even in freshwater — plan exits. PFD on. Avoid commercial traffic lanes.

BOAT

Plan: first light current seams, rock, and dock edges; midday channel swings; evening shade. Kingston hub — treat tide/current as the generator schedule.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking topwater (chrome / bone / white) at dawn

Popper on bait dimples

Buzzbait over calm weed edges

MID

Spinnerbait (white / chartreuse shad)

Medium diving crank or swimbait (shad)

Lipless along weed edges / points

BOTTOM

Tube or ned (green pumpkin / smoke)

Drop-shot or shaky

Football or finesse jig (brown craw)

Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed this window. Lean natural / smoke / green pumpkin on clearer water; darker craw if storms dirty backs.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on tidal-fresh riverine water. Largemouth and smallmouth both in play on current and cover.

What's on the menu: Most likely **baitfish** and **crawfish** on rock and current seams.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

STRIPED BASS NOTES

Possible in broader Hudson — soft; this Cast stays freshwater bass-first above salt.

PANFISH · CATFISH

Soft secondaries.

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Regs live-link only: NYSDEC freshwater creel & size limits (confirm live).

Looking ahead (next 1–3 weeks): Cooling nights next 1–3 weeks tighten fall patterns. Re-check agency boards and trail calendars. Next Cast: Friday window Fri–Sun.

ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

Current prices (as of Sun Sep 20, 2026 evening) — may change; verify at the pump.

Pure-Gas.org search — Kingston / mid-Hudson freshwater · ethanol-free listings · price not listed — verify at pump

Listed E0 stations from Pure-Gas.org (crowdsourced). Call ahead — availability changes. If you cannot confirm E0 at the pump, do not assume regular unleaded is ethanol-free. Station-specific pump prices were not confirmed at this gather. Do not invent a dollar amount.

Sources: National Weather Service forecast for the Kingston / mid-Hudson freshwater area pulled Sunday evening Sep 20, 2026; Pure-Gas.org for ethanol-free station identity; NYSDEC / Hudson River freshwater; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation freshwater guidance. Schedules and conditions change — verify dam boards before you go. **Schedules change — verify boards before you go.**

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