



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW YORK

Lake Champlain (NY) Cast

Lake Champlain New York side (Plattsburgh hub) · Mon Sep 21 – Thu Sep 24, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times ET

NY shore

Shared with Vermont

Times ET

New York Champlain gives you grass largemouth and rocky smallmouth in one Monday Cast — fish the New York shore; Vermont publishes its own shore product.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

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

National Weather Service forecast was thin at this gather — re-check the local forecast before you launch.

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thursday evening ET

PRIMARY SPECIES

Largemouth and smallmouth (dual-mode New York shore)

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named trail event pulled for Monday through Thursday. Soft weekday pressure; popular bays still see residual weekend traffic.

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

● DAM & CURRENT CHEAT SHEET

Lake Champlain — New York shore — large inland sea. This Cast is **New York shore only** (Plattsburgh hub). Vermont publishes a separate Vermont-shore product.

STAGE / SEICHE

Lake stage detail was thin at gather — re-check local lake context before launch.

WIND

Fetch rules which bays fish. Always keep a lee plan.

SHARED WATER

Home-shore pins on both states; no duplicate rewrite of the Vermont Cast.

STATUS: stage thin; New York shore framing.

Schedules change — verify dam boards before you go.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

New York public parks, launches, and shoreline access around the Plattsburgh hub reward anglers who fish weed edges and rocky points at first light. Keep casts tight to visible cover, watch for recreational traffic near ramps, and give private docks a wide berth. A dual box — frog or weightless worm for grass, tube or ned for rock — lets you adapt without walking a mile between patterns. If a park is crowded after work, slide to the next public access rather than forcing short casts into a circus.

KAYAK

Kayaks shine in weedy bays for largemouth and along protected rocky points for smallmouth when the wind is down. Stay inside the New York shore story for this product, wear a PFD, and avoid long open-water crossings when Champlain stands up. If the main lake chops, slide into a creek mouth or lee bay and keep fishing instead of fighting fetch. Pack a spare paddle leash and a simple soft-plastic kit so you can finish the session even if you leave half the box in the truck.

BOAT

Boat anglers should decide grass versus rock before the first cast, then commit long enough to learn the depth. Graph offshore rock and reefs for smallmouth; fish matted grass and reed lines for largemouth. Wind direction on Champlain changes which shore is fishable — plan a lee option before you leave the ramp. This is the New York shore Cast; Vermont's Burlington-side product is separate and already shipped this cycle.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Frogs and walkers over grass early and late. Compact walkers on calm rocky pockets for smallmouth.

MID

Spinnerbaits and swim jigs along grass edges; small cranks on rock transitions.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigs in grass for largemouth; tubes, ned rigs, and dropshots on rock for smallmouth.

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

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early fall dual-mode fishing — largemouth still relating to grass and shade, smallmouth on rock and bait. Cooling nights should help both without forcing a winter pattern.

What's on the menu: Most likely a mix of baitfish, bluegill, and crayfish depending on grass versus rock. Match the neighborhood you are fishing.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

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Northern pike and panfish are honest secondaries in Champlain bays — short where/how only.

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

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Regs live-link only: confirm live state freshwater creel & size limits.

Looking ahead (next 1–3 weeks): Next one to three weeks: cooling water and any trail calendars. Vermont peer shipped a separate Vermont-shore Champlain Cast this cycle.

ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Source: [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) station identity · pulled **Sun Sep 20, 2026 evening**

Current prices — may change; verify at the pump. Station-specific pump prices were not confirmed at this gather for the Plattsburgh / Champlain Bridge corridor corridor. Do not invent a dollar amount. Prefer the ethanol-free / premium grade that matches the Pure-Gas listing when you find a station.

Pure-Gas.org search — Plattsburgh / Champlain Bridge corridor area · ethanol-free listings · **price not listed — verify at pump** · [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

If you cannot confirm E0 at the pump, do not assume regular unleaded is ethanol-free.

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