



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW YORK

Ontario — Chaumont Bay Cast

Chaumont Bay · eastern Lake Ontario NY · Mon Sep 21 – Thu Sep 24, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times ET

Primary: smallmouth

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Bay seas

Chaumont Bay week — fish the embayment first light and treat open Lake Ontario seas as a hard stop.

• 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 Chaumont Bay / eastern Lake Ontario 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

Smallmouth bass (primary);
largemouth secondary

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

● WIND & SEAS CHEAT SHEET

NYSDEC / eastern Lake Ontario — 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. Ontario — Chaumont Bay: Public access and safe shoreline in the embayment early/late. Great Lakes weather can turn — watch footing and waves. Access: NYSDEC freshwater boating access where posted.

KAYAK

Ontario — Chaumont Bay: Stay inside the bay and lee pockets; open Ontario is not beginner kayak water when seas build. PFD on; plan exits.

BOAT

Plan: first light inside bay rock and weeds; midday deeper embayment edges; evening revisit shallow. If Ontario seas rise, stay in the bay — do not invent offshore runs.

● 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 an eastern Lake Ontario embayment. Smallmouth headline on rock; largemouth in softer weeds.

What's on the menu: Most likely gobies / baitfish and crawfish on rock.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

PIKE · WALLEYE

Soft secondaries in the embayment.

PANFISH

Around weed edges.

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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 — Chaumont Bay / eastern Lake Ontario · 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 Chaumont Bay / eastern Lake Ontario area pulled Sunday evening Sep 20, 2026; Pure-Gas.org for ethanol-free station identity; NYSDEC / eastern Lake Ontario; 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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