



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · OHIO · OH

Erie Western Basin / Bass Islands: Midweek Pattern — Smallmouth bass

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Erie Western Basin / Bass Islands · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening focus · times ET

Precip risk Wednesday ~51%

Mon ~65° · Thu ~62°

NWS CLE · Put-in-Bay, OH

Primary: Smallmouth bass

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS CLE (Put-in-Bay, OH) for the pin: **Monday** ~65°F, Chance Rain Showers (~47% precip); **Tuesday** ~63°F, Chance Rain Showers (~31% precip); **Wednesday** ~61°F, Chance Rain Showers (~51% precip); **Thursday** ~62°F, Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny (~34% precip). Times in this Cast are Eastern Time (ET). This Cast window is **Mon morning through Thu evening** — weekend leftovers are outside scope.

Primary species focus: **Smallmouth bass** (localized, not bass-by-default). Forage cue: Emerald shiner / goby / young yellow perch — wind-driven bait walls on island edges. Dam/current: No USACE dam — wind / seiche driven. Watch Small Craft when NW–NE builds.

MONDAY SEP 21

~65°F

Chance Rain Showers · ~47% precip · 25 to 29 mph NE

Primary window: dawn through mid-morning; second chance late day

A chance of rain showers. Cloudy, with a high near 65. Northeast wind 25 to 29 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an...

Local times below use **Monday** water zone

TUESDAY SEP 22

~63°F

Chance Rain Showers · ~31% precip · 26 to 30 mph NE

Primary window: dawn through mid-morning; second chance late day

A chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. Northeast wind 26 to 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts less than a tent...

Local times below use **Tuesday** water zone

WEDNESDAY SEP 23

~61°F

Chance Rain Showers · ~51% precip · 28 mph E

Primary window: dawn through mid-morning;
second chance late day

A chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possib...

Local times below use **Wednesday** water zone

THURSDAY SEP 24

~62°F

Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny · ~34% precip · 21 mph E

Primary window: dawn through mid-morning;
second chance late day

A chance of rain showers before 8am. Partly sunny, with a high near 62. Chance of precipitation is 30%....

Local times below use **Thursday** water zone

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

No USACE dam — wind / seiche driven. Watch Small Craft when NW–NE builds.

Re-check boards evening-before and morning-of. Access: Put-in-Bay / South Bass boat; Catawba / Port Clinton mainland ramps. OH waters only.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shore limited on islands;
mainland rock/jetty edges
at Port Clinton /
Marblehead.

KAYAK

Calm mornings only —
Great Lakes chop builds
fast. Wear PFD; stay inside
island lee.

BOAT

Graph bait walls on island
tips; drift / slow troll when
wind allows. Respect MI
boundary.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · PUT-IN-BAY / CATAWBA CORRIDOR

Source: [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) · gather note **Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:50 PM CT**

Pure-Gas.org + GasBuddy — verify at pump (island pricing spikes). Cross-check [GasBuddy](https://gasbuddy.com) for posted price the morning you launch.

Caveat: Station identity from Pure-Gas.org; prices move — verify grade (E0) and price at the pump. Freshwater Cast does not guarantee availability.

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walking bait / popper at dawn

Buzzbait on cloudy edges

Whopper-style for wind ripples

MID

Spinnerbait / chatter on points

Fluke / soft jerk (shad)

Squarebill on rock / wood

BOTTOM

Jig / creature in cover

Ned / shaky on clear rock

Dropshot when pressured

● BASS LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Primary: Smallmouth bass — late-summer / early-fall transition into midweek cool-down. Fish relating to bait and shade / current depending on water.

What's on the menu: Emerald shiner / goby / young yellow perch — wind-driven bait walls on island edges.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Walleye** — in season / bycatch on this water
- **Yellow perch** — in season / bycatch on this water
- **Freshwater drum** — in season / bycatch on this water

Localized primary species policy LOCKED — not bass-by-default.

● HEAVY TRAFFIC

Watch: Holiday / ferry weekend boat traffic; charter pressure on islands. Confirm no major trail weigh-ins Mon–Thu.

No named national trail weigh-in confirmed for this Mon–Thu window at gather time — re-check local club calendars morning-of. Commercial / recreation traffic still applies on rivers and destination lakes.

● **LOOKING AHEAD**

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thu evening ET

NEXT GATHER

Thu 11pm local

Friday Cast

SOURCES

NWS CLE · Pure-Gas.org ·
GasBuddy · USACE/GRDA/ODNR
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