



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · OHIO · OH

Ohio River — Meldahl / Greenup: Midweek Pattern — Smallmouth bass

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Ohio River — Meldahl / Greenup · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening focus · times ET

Mon ~82° · Thu ~72°

NWS ILN · Chilo, OH

Primary: Smallmouth bass

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS ILN (Chilo, OH) for the pin: **Monday** ~82°F, Chance Rain Showers (~28% precip); **Tuesday** ~75°F, Slight Chance Rain Showers (~24% precip); **Wednesday** ~73°F, Mostly Cloudy then Chance Rain Showers (~34% precip); **Thursday** ~72°F, Partly Sunny (~14% 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: Shad / skipjack — current seams below L&Ds and wing dams. Dam/current: USACE Meldahl / Greenup locks & dams — GENERATION/CURRENT is the bite. Check boards.

MONDAY SEP 21

~82°F

Chance Rain Showers · ~28% precip · 3 to 8 mph NE

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

A chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. Northeast wind 3 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth ...

Local times below use **Monday** water zone

TUESDAY SEP 22

~75°F

Slight Chance Rain Showers · ~24% precip · 7 mph NE

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

A slight chance of rain showers between 8am and 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. Northeast wind around 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%...

Local times below use **Tuesday** water zone

WEDNESDAY SEP 23

~73°F

Mostly Cloudy then Chance Rain Showers · ~34% precip · 2 to 7 mph NE

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

A chance of rain showers after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. Chance of precipitation is 30%....

Local times below use **Wednesday** water zone

THURSDAY SEP 24

~72°F

Partly Sunny · ~14% precip · 5 to 8 mph NE

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

Partly sunny, with a high near 72....

Local times below use **Thursday** water zone

• DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

USACE Meldahl / Greenup locks & dams — GENERATION/CURRENT is the bite. Check boards.

Re-check boards evening-before and morning-of. Access: OH-shore ramps near Capt. Anthony Meldahl L&D; Greenup callout.

• HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank access limited — public parks/jetties where legal.

KAYAK

Only in protected backwaters; main stem current is hazardous.

BOAT

Current seams, wing dams, lock outflow edges when open. OH-primary pools only.

• ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · NEW RICHMOND / MOSCOW OH CORRIDOR

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

Pure-Gas.org — verify at pump. 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: Shad / skipjack — current seams below L&Ds and wing dams.

• ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Largemouth bass** — in season / bycatch on this water
- **Catfish** — in season / bycatch on this water
- **White bass** — in season / bycatch on this water

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

• HEAVY TRAFFIC

Watch: Commercial traffic + recreational; stay clear of lock approaches.

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 ILN · Pure-Gas.org ·
GasBuddy · USACE/GRDA/ODNR
boards as applicable · pin
38.795,-84.175