



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

## Sharpe: Pulsing Big Bend water — white bass & walleye midweek

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Lake Sharpe (Big Bend Dam) · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening focus · times CT

Window Mon–Thu CT

Primary: white bass

Gen boards thin Mon–Thu

Big Bend sitting on multipurpose pool with active releases — current edges and white-bass schools lead.

### • MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

**\*\*NWS\*\*** pin forecast for Lake Sharpe (pulled Sun Sep 20 ~8:45–8:55 PM CT). Monday reads **\*\*Rain Showers\*\*** (~59°F); Thursday trends **\*\*Slight Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny\*\*** (~74°F). All clock times **\*\*CT\*\***.

Barometer: KPIR baro ~30.13 in, air ~57°F at pull. Clarity unconfirmed — do not invent stain.

#### WINDOW

### Mon–Thu

through Thu evening CT

#### PRIMARY

### white bass

localized — not bass-by-default

#### CROWD / PRESSURE

Weekday recreational soft Mon–Thu after residual weekend traffic Monday.

**No named trail event pulled** for this window on this water — re-check local clubs before launch.

### MONDAY

High ~59°F / night ~46°F \*\*CT\*\* · 12 mph E ·  
PoP ~76%

Rain Showers

Primary \*\*white bass\*\*: fish weather pauses and  
forage edges — not a bass-by-default week.

### TUESDAY

High ~63°F / night ~50°F \*\*CT\*\* · 7 to 17 mph  
SE · PoP ~2%

Partly Sunny

Primary \*\*white bass\*\*: fish weather pauses and  
forage edges — not a bass-by-default week.

### WEDNESDAY

High ~68°F / night ~54°F \*\*CT\*\* · 18 to 22 mph  
SSE · PoP ~31%

Chance Rain Showers

Primary \*\*white bass\*\*: fish weather pauses and  
forage edges — not a bass-by-default week.

### THURSDAY

High ~74°F / night ~54°F \*\*CT\*\* · 9 to 14 mph  
SSE · PoP ~16%

Slight Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny

Primary \*\*white bass\*\*: fish weather pauses and  
forage edges — not a bass-by-default week.

Verify local CT sunrise/sunset at pin (~7:05–7:10 AM CT class Monday Pierre/Watertown corridor). All Cast times CT.

## ● GENERATOR / POOL CHEAT SHEET

Live \*\*USACE Missouri River Basin Water Management\*\* board pulled \*\*2026-09-20 ~8:13 PM CT\*\* ([https://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/pdfs/MRBWM\\_Reservoir.pdf](https://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/pdfs/MRBWM_Reservoir.pdf)). Sunday elev/inflow/release only — \*\*Mon–Thu hourly unit blocks not on this bulletin\*\*; soft re-check language.

| LAKE                              | SUN OBSERVED                  | INFLOW / RELEASE                 | NOTES                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Big Bend Dam (Lake Sharpe)</b> | Elev **1420.82 ft** (Δ +0.19) | In ~23,000 cfs · out ~15,200 cfs | MP ~100.0% · re-check before launch |

### USACE MISSOURI · BIG BEND DAM

Primary story: **white bass**.  
Secondaries: walleye, smallmouth bass.

### FAILOVER

Re-check USACE/USBR/  
NWS boards before launch  
— Sunday numbers age fast.

Schedules change without notice — re-check USACE / USBR / NWS before launch.

## ● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

West Bend / Hipple / public Sharpe access: listen for birds and surface pops along dams and points.

Cast small spoons/jigs into white-bass boils, then step to walleye underneath — white bass primary this week.

Respect Big Bend Dam generation caution zones — live USACE signs only.

Wind-blown banks after showers if safe; clay ramps get slick after Monday rain.

Cooler midweek widens morning bank windows on riprap and points.

Verify ramp fees and conditions live.

### KAYAK

Run windward shorelines where bait pins; keep a second rod for walleye once whites show depth.

Avoid Big Bend tailrace restricted water — not paddle water when units stack.

First light—~9 AM CT; re-check Big Bend board (Sun multipurpose pool with active release).

Midweek storms: take-out plan; lightning ends open-Sharpe paddles.

PFD on; chop builds fast on the mainstem.

Soft recreational midweek; weekend leftovers Monday only.

### BOAT

Chase birds and graph arches under whites; vertical jig or small crank once schools found.

Have walleye bait ready when whites fade deeper on breaks.

Launch early; re-pull Big Bend elev/in/out before midday — no invented Mon–Thu hourly blocks.

Evening revisit points when wind lays; distance from boil.

Clarity unconfirmed — white/chartreuse for whites, natural for walleye underneath.

No named trail event pulled Mon–Thu — cards say soft recreational.

## ● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

### TOP

Small walking bait only if whites are crashing — rare midweek.

Keep topwater as an opportunistic rod.

Skip constant topwater in cool rain.

### MID

1/4–3/8 oz jigs, small spoons, white/chartreuse plastics.

Lipless crank along wind lanes.

Troll small shad cranks to locate.

### BOTTOM

Walleye jig once whites mark deeper.

Blade bait on rock.

Live bait on adjacent breaks.

**Stain/clear:** Clarity unconfirmed at pull — start natural/chrome and darken only if you see stain.

## ● LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

**\*\*White bass schooling on bait\*\*** with early-fall cool-down. Walleye and SMB are the honest secondary story.

**\*\*What's on the menu\*\*** (seasonal, not a dated hatch): shad/minnow schools — whites advertise the bait; walleye often sit under.

## ● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

### PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · NEAR THIS WATER

Source: [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 ~8:55 PM CT. **Current prices — may change; verify at the pump.**

**Lynn's Dakotamart**, 117 Hwy 249, Ft. Thompson, SD — ~16.5 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 87; GPS entered by Jonathan Lathburyprice not listed — verify at pump

**Dakota Shell**, 101 E Hwy 16, Oacoma, SD — ~29.8 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free SHELL 87 91; GPS entered by Jonathan Lathburyprice not listed — verify at pump

**Casey's General Store**, 202 East King, Chamberlain, SD — ~31.5 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free CASEY'S 87; GPS entered by Glenn Bprice not listed — verify at pump

**Circle K**, 520 N Garfield Ave, Pierre, SD — ~31.5 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free CIRCLE K 87 91; GPS Located from address.price not listed — verify at pump

## ● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- walleye — honest secondary this week
- smallmouth bass — honest secondary this week
- Regs: [SD GFP Fishing](#) live-check only — do not hardcode inches/creel.

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**Looking ahead (1–3 weeks):** Cooler nights deepen fall bait/walleye patterns into late September. Looking ahead 1–3 weeks: watch SD GFP reports and any late-season trail announcements — none pulled for this Cast window.

Sources: NWS [api.weather.gov](https://api.weather.gov) forecast+obs · USACE MRBWM Reservoir bulletin 2026-09-20 ~8:13 PM CT · [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) E0 POI CSV · SD GFP regs live-check only · Drafted Sun Sep 20, 2026 ~8:55 PM CT

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