

Relevant Lake Superior weather Links:

It is very important to start looking at the weather a few days before you are going to go for a paddle. It is good to take notes on the forecasts for the days leading up to your outing and what the weather you can expect. The more effort you put into this the better you will be at reading the weather and making good judgment calls whenever you want to go paddling on big bodies of water like Lake Superior. We can't suggest more on top of all of these forecast reports that you use "www. Lookoutthewindow .com" as often as you can while you take into consideration any information you get off the internet. Your observations are critical to put together with your forecast information to make a good judgment call.

Environment Canada - Marine Forecast for Western Lake Superior

https://weather.gc.ca/marine/forecast_e.html?mapID=09&siteID=08507

- this site is what is broadcasted on the VHF marine radio and if you have internet it is much more convenient to get the forecast here.

forecasts are issued continuously and updated at 3:30am, 10:30am and 6:30pm

This is a large area but you can get a sense for what kind of weather to expect though the winds may vary considerably due to shoreline effect. Before all the apps this was the only way to get the forecast off the continuous marine broadcast on the VHF radio and if you venture out into more remote parts of lake superior it is important to obtain this forecast and then use your observations to make a solid judgment on how it will affect your paddling conditions with your group for the day.

Windy

<https://www.windy.com/?48.257,-88.991,9>

- this is a usual favorite because you can pinpoint any location and get an animated weather forecast. What we are most concerned about is wind so you can click on the area say anywhere just on the outside of the Rosspport Islands or between Thunder Bay and Isle Royale. Then you can pan through the forecast and see what the wind speed and direction is for up to 7 days into the future.

Windfinder

https://www.windfinder.com/forecast/slate_island

https://www.windfinder.com/forecast/welcome_island_thunder_bay

https://www.windfinder.com/forecast/rock_of_ages

https://www.windfinder.com/forecast/passage_island

- I like to look at these live weather buoys. It can give you a pretty good idea of a live buoy report to give you an idea of wind speed and direction but wind will vary considerably due to the shoreline effect of the islands so you must consider this when looking here. They can give you a good idea of what is going on there and then you can observe and make your call then on how it will affect your paddling conditions. For Rossport you want to look at Slate Island and Passage Island. For Thunder Bay and Neebing you want to look at Rock of Ages, Welcome Island and Passage Island reports.