

Entries open 8 am on August 6, 2025 and close at the Trial Secretary's Office at 5pm, August 30, 2025 after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or substituted.

PREMIUM LIST

PWDCA WATER TRIAL

Hosted by
Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.



**Deer Lake
101 Paper Mill Rd.
Killingworth, CT 06419**

Saturday & Sunday, September 20 & 21, 2025
Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier & Master Trial Levels

Practice on Friday, September 19 for those who have volunteered for the Trials
BBQ immediately after Saturday's Trial

Judge both days: Susan Lefebvre, Loudon, NH

****These Water Trials are dedicated in loving memory to Cheryl Rutz****



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Trial Secretary:

Jane Freeman

244 Talcott Notch Rd

Farmington, CT 06032

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TOTAL ENTRY LIMITS

Entries will be limited to 35 teams or 8 hours of judging per day.

NOTE: The Water Trial Committee reserves the right to lower the number of teams for each trial should the make-up of the levels for that day exceed 8 hours of judging.

ORDER OF JUDGING

Saturday, September 20, 2025: Junior to Master

Sunday, September 21, 2025: Master to Junior

OPENING DATE/CLOSING DATE

Opening Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Closing Date: Saturday, August 30, 2025

Draw Period/Waiting List: The Draw Period will be from August 6 - August 16 at 5:00pm.

If entry limits are exceeded during this period, a random drawing for each trial will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the current Water Trial Manual. All entries not drawn will be put on a waiting list. Random Drawing will take place at the Trial Secretary's home on **8/17/25** at 5pm. Cancellations after the close date, **August 30**, will not receive refunds.

Day-of-Trials Entries: If entry limits are not reached by the closing date, day-of trial entries will be accepted from 7:30am-8am on a first come, first serve basis with an additional fee of \$5 per entry, and as space and time are available.

For-Exhibit or Non-Regular Entries or Multiple Entries: For-exhibit or non-regular entries will be accepted after all regular entries are accommodated. Entries of the same dog in more than one class will **only** be accepted if the trial doesn't fill and all dogs have been allocated at least one spot at one level. If the trial doesn't fill, second entries will be filled from first received forward.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Saturday

8:00am Site set up

Equipment check for Junior and Apprentice levels

Judge's briefing for Junior level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Apprentice level followed by judging

Equipment check for Working, Courier and Versatility levels

Judge's briefing for Working level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Courier level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Master level followed by judging

BBQ to follow completion of the Trial

Sunday

Site set up

Equipment check for Master, Courier and Working levels

Judge's briefing for Master level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Courier level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Working level followed by judging

Equipment check for Apprentice and Junior levels

Judge's briefing for Apprentice level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Junior level followed by judging

Site breakdown

**** Breaks and lunch will be taken at the discretion of the judge. Following the completion of judging each day, awards will be presented and photos taken. ****

NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

The water trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, as revised through 2025 (the “Manual”). Copies of the Manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website (www.pwdca.org).

Eligibility: Minimum age of dogs for Trial: 6 months to enter Junior and one year of age to enter the Apprentice level and above, unless the dog has successfully passed the Junior level. Minimum age of handlers: 9 years. A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog Title to enter the Working Water Dog test, must have a Working Water Dog Title to enter the Courier Water Dog test, and must have a Courier Excellent title to enter Master. A Junior Water Dog Title is not required to enter the Apprentice Water Dog test except as mentioned above.

Event Secretary: All entries should be mailed to **Jane Freeman, 244 Talcott Notch Rd, Farmington, CT 06032** Questions regarding the Trial should go to **Jane Freeman: 401-225-0570** or **Freestylepwd@gmail.com**

Entries and Closing Date: Entries must be made on the Official Entry Form or photocopy thereof. Entry forms without a signed Participation Agreement or without fees will not be accepted. Entries received before the opening date are invalid and will be returned. Acknowledgment of entries will be made as soon as practicable. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. A collection fee of \$25.00 will be added to the amount of each returned check. Check should be payable to Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.

Entries close August 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm or on any earlier date when the entry limit is reached. After the Closing Date, entries cannot be accepted or canceled; there will be no refunds. There will be no substitutions of dogs after entries have closed. If, on the date that closes the trial, more entries are received than can be accepted, those entries will be placed on a waiting list, in the order they are received by the Trial Secretary, and will be accepted as positions become open due to withdrawals, etc.

Please let the Trial Secretary know immediately if you cannot compete so that we may fill the space with someone from the waiting list.

Day of Trial Entries: Will be accepted if time allows and must be submitted by 8:00 am. See above for entry details.

Day of Trial Move Ups: If time allows, dogs will be allowed to move up to the next trial level after receiving consent from the trial judge and the trial secretary and paying the appropriate fees.

Entry Limits: The following spaces will be reserved: Junior: 3 Apprentice: 3, Working: 3, Courier: 3, Master 3. 5 spaces will be reserved for weekend volunteers.

Waiting list: After 8 hours of judging time has been initially allocated, all remaining trial entries will be put on a waiting list. The waiting list entries will be given judging time if any entry is withdrawn before or after the closing date. See above for additional details.

Change of Entry Level: If a dog entered in a title level test earns that title at another PWDCA water trial before this trial, the dog may be moved up to the next test. These changes must be sent to the Trial Secretary, to **Jane Freeman, 244 Talcott Notch Rd, Farmington, CT 06032** or **Freestylepwd@gmail.com**.

Non-Regular Entries: Non-regular entries received before the closing date includes “exhibition entries”. These are entries of: (1) dogs that have earned titles/certificates at the level entered more than 30 days before the trial date and (2) dogs that have earned a title before the trial date and are entered at the Junior Water Dog level. Non-regular entries also include: (3) entries received after the closing date (“post entries”), including day of trial entries, (4) day of trial move-ups and (5) any other entries which do not qualify as regular entries.

Refunds: Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event the dog is absent, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbance or other acts of God beyond the control of the Trial Committee, it is impossible to open or complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.

Bitches in Season: Bitches in season are eligible to enter the Trial, but owners must notify the Trial Secretary of the bitch's condition before the day's judging. The bitch must be crated in a separate area designated by the Trial Site Chair and will not be allowed near the trial area until they are to be judged. Bitches in season will be judged last.

Order of Judging and Judging Program: The order of judging within each test level will be determined by random drawing on or around the closing date and entrants will be notified as soon as practicable thereafter.

Substitute Stewards: A substitute steward must be named in the entry form for him/her to participate in the Trial. A handler is allowed the use of one substitute steward when competing at the Courier and Master level. The use of a substitute steward is allowed for the Timed Swim at the Junior or Apprentice levels. For all other exercises at any level, the use of a substitute steward must be approved by the judge and the Trial Chair prior to the briefing.

Equipment: Exhibitors may use their own water trial equipment provided such equipment conforms to the PWDCA's Water Trial Manual.

Vests and Footwear: Any person in or near the water must wear a USCG approved life vest and protective footwear as stated in the PWDCA Water Trial Rules & Regulations.

All Dogs Present: must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged. All dogs must be under control at all times.

What to Bring: Crate, USCG-approved life vest (**mandatory**), appropriate protective footwear (**mandatory**), towels, chairs, shade devices, foul weather gear, trial equipment, leash, water dish, dog food, food for yourself, poop-scoop bags, sun screen, etc.

Trial Grounds Availability: The Trial Grounds are NOT available before Saturday, except for volunteers who will have access for a practice day on Friday.

Registration/Equipment Inspection: Begins at approximately 8:00 am each day and will be available half an hour before the Judge's briefing for each level. The Judge's briefing for the first level will begin at approximately 8:30. The Trial starts at approximately 9:00 am and runs until the judge's assignment is finished. We reserve the right to adjust times if necessary.

Clean Up: You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog and yourselves. Please bring the necessary items for this purpose. Carry in/carry out.

Veterinarian on Call: There will be a veterinarian on call.

Awards: NPWDC Rosettes will be awarded on the day of the Trial to all qualifying teams. Each team which successfully passes all exercises required at its test will receive a certificate from the PWDCA, Inc. reflecting the title earned.

All rights: to video tape, televise, advertise, photograph, promote and otherwise exploit this event are vested in the host club. All persons and animals in attendance who appear in any resultant effort grant the use of their likeness and voice without further consent.

HOTEL INFORMATION

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Motels that take dogs: Please check with the individual hotel for pet policy specifics

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND COVER YOUR BED WITH A SHEET

Sheraton Hartford South
100 Capital Blvd.
Rocky Hill, CT
Approx. 27 miles from trial site

860-257-6000

Motel 6 New Haven
320 E. Main St.
Branford, CT
Approx. 15 miles from trial site

203-483-5828

Red Roof Plus & Suites Guilford
2300 Boston Post Rd.
Guilford, CT
Approx. 11 miles from trial site

877-843-7663

PHOTOGRAPHER

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LUNCHES AND DINNER

Saturday Night BBQ

Following Saturday's trial, as Nutmeg's guests, hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and desserts will be provided to exhibitors. If you are bringing a guest, there is a \$10 charge.

\$10/non-participant number attending # _____

Lunches

Sandwiches can be purchased for \$17 and include a cookie and chips. See menu below:

(Please indicate quantity for each day)	Saturday	Sunday
Roast Turkey, bacon, cheddar, romaine, tomato, lemon mayo, Sourdough	# _____	# _____
Italian Combo	# _____	# _____
Roast Beef, Gorgonzola, arugula, sun dried tomato aioli	# _____	# _____
Balsamic roasted vegetable, fresh Mozzarella and pesto	# _____	# _____

CALCULATE YOUR TOTAL FEES:

My entries (\$48 per entry - from separate entry form) \$ _____

My BBQ guest fee (\$10 per exhibitor's guests) \$ _____

My food reservation: (\$17 per sandwich per day) \$ _____

TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT (to be attached to entry) \$ _____

PLEASE INCLUDE ONE CHECK WITH TOTAL FEES made payable to Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc. and mail to the Trial Secretary:

**Jane Freeman
244 Talcott Notch Rd
Farmington, CT 06032**

WATER TRIAL VOLUNTEER FORM

Water trials are great fun. But they can only take place with the help of dedicated volunteers. We need your help! Please fill out the form below and send it along with your entry and meal choices to: Jane Freeman, 244 Talcott Notch Rd, Farmington, CT 06032 or email to: Freestylepwd@gmail.com

If you are entering the trials, please indicate which class or classes you are entering. Include classes in which you are substitute stewarding.

Saturday ☐ Junior ☐ Apprentice ☐ Working ☐ Courier ☐ Master
Sunday ☐ Master ☐ Courier ☐ Working ☐ Apprentice ☐ Junior

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Do you have water trial experience? Briefly explain. (Don't worry if you don't!)

Here are some of the tasks for which we may need volunteers. Please check the ones you are interested in helping with. Don't worry if you don't understand the jobs involved. Someone will help you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Steward | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds set-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Steward | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds clean-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gate Steward | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment check-in |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality (Dinner) | <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to help wherever I'm needed |

I have read and agree to be bound by the agreement printed on the entry form as well as the stipulations contained in the premium list, plus any directive received from any official involved in staging the event.

Signature of volunteer* _____ Date _____

*If the volunteer named herein is under 18 years of age, this form must be signed and acknowledged by his/her legal guardian.