



# Mayflower PWD and Nutmeg PWD Clubs' WINTER Dry Dock WORKSHOPS

March 7 & 8, 2026  
With Lauren McDermott



**Indoors at Waggin' Tails, 67 Broadway St, Westford, MA 01886**

Saturday March 7-Junior and Apprentice 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

(Daylight savings begins) Sunday March 8-Working through Master 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Come join us to work on your water skills this winter. Entries are limited to 10 working teams Saturday (5 entries per club), unlimited auditor spots. Entries are limited to 12 working teams Sunday (6 entries per club) This workshop is limited to 1 dog per household, per day. You may bring 2 dogs but must choose exercises each dog will practice.

**Saturday:** Junior and Apprentice level teams must have basic obedience skills (sit, down, come, stay), and should be able to work around other dogs and people and must have a retrieve on command.

**Sunday:** Working through Master working teams must have an Apprentice level title.

Registrations will be accepted beginning January 21, 2026 and open only to club members until February 4<sup>th</sup>. If the allocated spots are not filled by February 4<sup>th</sup>, registration will open to non-Mayflower or Nutmeg members.

If all working spots are filled, you will have the option of either going on a wait list or auditing.

Dogs must be at least 6 months old. No bitches in season.

Snacks and lunch will be provided.

## **Equipment Required:**

1. a long line
2. pause table (Cato board or Klimb)
3. clicker
4. dog's favorite toy
5. marker / go on marker

## **There is a small area for crating so please bring:**

1. a lot of high value treats
2. a crate
3. a chair
4. a pad for under your crate

5. water bowl
6. a crate cover
7. a notebook & pen
8. water
9. a **HUNGRY** dog

## **Instructor: Lauren McDermott**

*I got my first Portuguese Water Dog in 1993 primarily because of the sport of water work. I trained and trialed my first six PWD's to Courier Water Dog Excellent titles, and I am now training my 7th, 8th and 9th PWDs. We will be trialing at the Apprentice, Working and Courier levels this summer.*

*I've been a member of the PWDCA since 1994 and chaired the PWDCA Water Trial Committee for seven years in the 1990's and I am again serving as the chair of the committee since 2023. I have been an approved PWDCA Water Trial Judge since 2003, and have had the opportunity to judge water trials and offer seminars and workshops for many of the regional PWD clubs across the US and Canada.*

*I recently retired after teaching Industrial Design at the University of Notre Dame and Arizona State University for 37 years. I live in Phoenix Arizona with my husband John and our three PWDs.*

For more information: email or call: Patrice Lattrell (413) 443-1601 or [plattrell@pittsfield.net](mailto:plattrell@pittsfield.net)

**Please fill in and return form below with attached waiver**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:** Junior & Apprentice Saturday, March 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Auditor Saturday, March 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Working/Courier/Master Sunday, March 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Auditor Sunday, March 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Call name of dog \_\_\_\_\_ Highest PWDCA water title earned \_\_\_\_\_

What is the most important skill you would like to work on in this workshop? Where specifically in the exercise is the dog getting confused?

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**Please check one of the following:**

I am registering as a member of: Mayflower PWD Club \_\_\_\_\_ Nutmeg PWD Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Preference will be given to members of the Mayflower and Nutmeg PWD Clubs.**

Club Members: \$ 135 Working with a dog      Non-Club members: \$ 150 Working with a dog  
Auditors \$ 75

**Registration fee payable to: Mayflower PWD club**

There will be a \$25.00 returned check fee.

Full refund if the booked spot is cancelled within a week of event, no refunds after March 1st, unless the spot can be filled by someone from the waitlist.

Please sign attached waiver.

Mail registration & waiver to: Susan Lefebvre, 7323 Oak Hill Rd. Loudon, NH 03307

*\* Snail mail can be very snail-like so please don't put off mailing in your registration!*

## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The Dry Dock workshop is open only to purebred Portuguese Water Dogs. The dogs must be in good health and proper fitness and condition for the seminar that they are registering for.

I/we agree that the Nutmeg and Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Clubs, Inc. has the right to refuse this entry or any entry for any cause(s) which it deems sufficient.

I/we accept full responsibility for the care of my/our dog(s) before, during and after, the seminar.

I/we agree to hold the above-listed [clubs and organizations], [their] [its] members, directors, governors, officers, agents, judges, instructors, volunteer organizations, individual helpers, superintendents and/or show secretary(ies), the owner or lessor of the premises and/or any employees of the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my/our dog(s) while in or upon the Exercise Finished premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto; and I/we personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claims.

I/we agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of my/our dog(s) by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog(s), whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I/we hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself/ourselves, or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my/our participation in this dry dock seminar, however such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

Notwithstanding any of the above, in the event that I/we or my/our dog(s) suffer any damage, injury, illness, or loss (including the death of my dog(s)), during the Dry Dock workshop or am in any way involved in any other party's claim of damage, injury, illness, or loss during the workshop I/we agree to arbitrate the claim according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association. I/we further agree to arbitrate any question of whether any such claim is subject to such arbitration. I/we agree that any such arbitration shall take place at an agreed upon site in the greater Stamford, Connecticut area within 45 days of the incident giving rise to the claim, or at such other place and time as the arbitrators shall agree. I/we agree that I/we will pay a pro-rated share of the costs of any such arbitration.

Signed by Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_