

Entries will open on June 5, 2024 and close at secretary's office at 5 p.m., July 30, 2024 after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or substituted, except as provided in the Notice to Exhibitors.

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PREMIUM LIST

PWDCA, INC. WATER TRIAL



***First Annual Water Trial***

Hosted by: Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club  
Camp Lyndon, Sandwich, MA 02563

Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th, 2024  
Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier & Master Trial Levels

Judge Both Days:  
Suzanne Malick  
Beaverton, Oregon

**Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.**

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**Trial Chair:** Patrice Lattrell

**Trial Co-Secretary:** Cathy Abbruzzese & Susan Lefebvre

**MPWDC Water Committee**

Patrice Lattrell, Susan Lefebvre, Cathy Abbruzzese, Lisa Mederios, Tobi-Ann Kocher

**Photographer:** Jeremy Kezer [www.jeremykezerphotography.com](http://www.jeremykezerphotography.com)

**NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

The water trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDC Water Trial Manual as revised through 2024 (the "Manual"). Copies of the Manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDC website ([www.pwdca.org](http://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 in order to enter the Working Water Dog level, must have a Working Water Dog Title in order to enter the Courier Water Dog level, and must have a Courier Excellent title to enter the Master level. A Junior Water Dog Title is not required in order to enter the Apprentice Water Dog level except as mentioned above.

**Event Secretary:** All entries should be mailed to **Cathy Abbruzzese 338 Mayo Road Orange, MA 01364** Email: [cabbruzze@aol.com](mailto:cabbruzze@aol.com) Questions regarding the trial should go to **Cathy Abbruzzese (774) 392-1144**.

**Entries and closing Date:** Entries must be made on the Official Entry Form or a photocopy thereof. Incomplete Entry Forms ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Entries received without fees will not be accepted. 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 each return check. **Separate checks advised if entering more than one per dog. All checks payable to: MPWDC.**

**Entries close July 30, 2024 at 5:00 pm** or on an earlier date when the entry limit is reached. Entries will be accepted by the date received. After the closing date, entries cannot be accepted or canceled. There will be no refunds except as mentioned elsewhere in this notice. There will be no substitutions of dogs after entries have closed. If, on close of entries, more entries are received than can be accepted, those entries will be wait listed by date received. The waiting list entries will be given judging time if any entry is withdrawn before or after the closing date. Any entries taken from the waiting list will be on a first come first served basis.

***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.

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

**Entry Limits:** Properly completed entries will be accepted within each test level in the order received until 35 dogs or 8 hours of judging is reached. On each day a dog may only be entered and exhibited once at any test level.

**Change of Entry Level:** If a dog entered in a title level test earns that title at another PWDC water trial before this trial, the dog may be moved up to the next level test. These changes must be sent to the Trial Secretary, **Cathy Abbruzzese 338 Mayo Road Orange, MA 01364** Email: [cabbruzze@aol.com](mailto:cabbruzze@aol.com).

**Non-Regular Entries:** (1) Entries received before the closing date for dogs who earned titles at their test level more than 30 days before the trial date ("Exhibition Entries") will be accepted if the trial does not fill with regular entries. (2) Applications for move-ups and day of trial entries will be accepted to the extent time is available for judging such teams. Move-ups will be given preference.

**Refunds:** No refunds of entry fees shall be made after the closing date except to owners of bitches in season who choose to withdraw and provide a bitch in season excuse from a veterinarian. **Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season are eligible to enter the trial, but owners must notify the judge or 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 chair and will not be allowed near the test area until they are to be judged. Bitches in season will be judged last.

**Order of Judging and Judging Program:** Properly completed entries will be accepted within each test level in the order received. Applicants will be notified as soon as practicable thereafter. The order of judging for the various levels will be - August 17: Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier, Master. August 18: Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier, Master. The running order will be reversed within each level for Sunday.

**Substitute Stewards:** A substitute steward must be named in the entry form in order 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 test equipment provided such equipment conforms to the PWDCA's Water Trial Manual.

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

**All Dogs Present:** Must be held on leash or confined to a crate except when being judged. All dogs must be under control at all times.

**What to Bring:** Crate, USCG-approved life vest, appropriate protective footwear, towels, chairs, shade devices, foul weather gear, test equipment, leash, water dish, dog food, poop-scoop bags, sun screen, bug spray, etc.

**Trial Grounds Availability:** Grounds will be available for set up only Friday evening after 6 p.m. and at 7:00 am Saturday and Sunday.

**Registration/Equipment Inspection:** Will begin at approximately 8:00 am each day unless otherwise notified and will be available one half hour before the judge's briefing for each level. The judge's briefing for the first level will begin at approximately 8:30 am. The Trial will start at 9:00 am and run until the judge's assignment is finished. We reserve the right to adjust times as necessary.

**Miscellaneous:** The site will be open for set-up beginning at 6 pm on Friday August 16, 2024. There are shade areas for you and your dog. Day of trial: Lunch will be provided. Saturday evening BBQ potluck or a monetary donation (would be appreciated).

**Clean Up:** You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog and yourselves. Please bring the necessary items for this purpose. Trash bins will be available.

**All Rights** to videotape, 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.

**Directions to Camp Lyndon:**

Use 495 S, Continue onto MA-25 E, Take exit 10 toward US 6/Bourne/Hyannis, At the traffic circle, exit onto US-6 E/Main St, Slight right to merge onto US-6 E toward MA-6A/Hyannis, Take exit 63 to merge onto Chase Rd toward S. Sandwich, Continue on Chase Rd to your destination.

**Pet Friendly Hotels:**

- Best Western Cape Cod Hotel 1470 Iyannough Road Route 132 Hyannis MA 508-771-4804

***A Block of 10 Rooms have been reserved at the Best Western. Rates are \$239.00 per night (14.45 % tax per night for room. The 14.45 % tax is mandated by the state because Cape Cod is a vacation destination) and a \$30 pet fee, breakfast included. This rate is available for August 16 to August 18, 2024. Tell them you are booking the rooms reserved for the Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club water trial. Note: Rooms must be booked by July 15, 2024 to get the special rate. There is a two night minimum.***

**Other hotel possibilities:**

- Comfort Inn Hyannis 259 Mains St. Hyannis MA 508-775-7000
- Hampton Suites and Inn Yarmouth 99 Route 28 West Yarmouth MA 508-862-9010
- Econo Lodge Hyannis 59 East Main St West Yarmouth MA 508-771-0699
- Veranda Cape Cod Family Resort South Yarmouth 1261 Rt 28 South Yarmouth, MA 508-398-2311
- Towne Place 50 Rosebrook Place Wareham MA 508-291-1800
- Cape Codder 1225 Iyannough Road Hyannis MA 508-771-3000
- Hampton Inn And Suites Plymouth MA 10 Plaza Way Plymouth MA 508-747-5000

**\* Prices not included as they increase for high season. When booking a hotel please check if the hotel is still pet friendly, if there is a weight restriction, and/or an added pet fee.**

**Camping:**

**\* Small RV parking is available at Camp Lyndon parking lot (at no charge). There is no hook-up or electricity, but the camp's rest rooms and hot showers are available.**

**Other RV options:**

- Sun Retreats Peters Pond 185 Cotuit Rd, Sandwich, MA 02563 508-477-1775
- Scusset Beach Campground Scusset Beach State Reservation, Sandwich, MA 02563  
<https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/scusset-beach-state-reservation/MA/32620/overview>
- Dunroamin' Trailer Park 5 John Ewer Rd, Sandwich, MA 02563 508-477-0541

**\* Prices not included as they increase for high season. When booking a spot please check if the campground is still pet friendly, if there is a number restriction, and/or an added pet fee.**

**Emergency Vet Info:**

Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists, 11 Bourne Bridge Approach, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532. (508) 759 5125

**WATER TRIAL VOLUNTEER FORM**

Camp Lyndon, Sandwich, MA  
Saturday, August 17, 2024• Sunday, August 18, 2024

Hosted by Mayflower PWDC

**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 form, to: Cathy Abbruzzese 338 Mayo Road Orange, MA 01364**

**You may also email your volunteer form to Cathy at [cabbruzze@aol.com](mailto:cabbruzze@aol.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  Junior  Apprentice  Working  Courier  Master

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.

- Land Steward       Grounds set-up       People check-in  
 Boat Steward \*       Grounds clean-up       I'd like to help where needed  
 Gate Steward       Equipment check-in

\* Except at the Junior level, Boat Stewards should be good rowers

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.