



Please Join us in Celebrating the
21st Annual
Southern Splash
Water Trials

HOSTED BY
MOVERS & SHAKERS PWD CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS

MONTAGUE LAKE
10305 Penny Rd
Raleigh, NC 27606

SATURDAY & SUNDAY JULY 19-20, 2025
(Practice Day: Friday July 18, 2025)

JUDGES
Jan Allred, Fort Worth TX
John Ellery, Temple GA

Entries Open: 8:00am EDT, Wednesday May 14, 2025
Entries Close: 6:00pm EDT, Wednesday June 18, 2025

To Enter the Water Trial

We are using [PerfDog.com](https://www.PerfDog.com) to accept all entries.

Enter online and pay with a credit card at www.PerfDog.com
For help entering online, please contact: support@perfdog.com

Entries received prior to opening date and time WILL NOT be accepted
Entry limited to 35 entries or 8 hrs judging time per judge per day

MOVERS & SHAKERS HOST WATER TRIAL COMMITTEE

Trial Chairperson	Ana Donlan
Trial Secretary	Beth Dixon
Chief Steward	Kim Kluckman
Site/Equipment Managers	Irv Smith/Jim Smedley
Equipment Check-In	Nancy Nelson/Karen Latham
Judge's Liaison	Janice Reilly
Hospitality Coordinator	Pam Smith
Practice Day Coordinator	TBD
Raffle & Auction	Jim Smedley
Quack 'n Fetch	Ana Donlan
Senior Challenge Coordinator	Jill Flebotte

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General Trial Questions contact Ana Donlan, Trial Chair, anabsn@aol.com Mobile: 203-430-9359

Entry Questions contact Beth Dixon, Trial Secretary, bethdixon2141@gmail.com Mobile: 919-696-6778

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

The water trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual. Participants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the regulations. The manual may be downloaded from the PWDCA website (www.pwdca.org).

ELIGIBILITY

Minimum age of handlers is 9 years old. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian present at the trial site while they participate. Minimum age of dogs is six months old on the day of the trial. Dogs six months old but under one year old must earn a Junior Water Dog title before entering at the Apprentice level.

A dog may only be entered and exhibited once at any test level on each day. The Junior Water Dog title is an optional title, may be earned before or after earning the Apprentice Water Dog title and after higher-level titles. A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog (AWD) title to enter the Working Water Dog (WWD) level, a WWD title to enter the Courier Water Dog (CWD) level, and a Courier Water Dog Excellent (Cwdx) title to enter the Master Water Dog level.

An owner or handler must notify the Trial Secretary if a dog earns a water title or certificate after the dog has been entered in this water trial.

ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES – FEES, OPENING DATE, CLOSING DATE, ENTRY LIMITS

All fees include non-refundable PerfDog Processing Fees and a non-refundable 4% Electronic Processing Fee. The fees are combined and referenced as Processing Fees within the Premium.

Entries Open: 8:00am EDT Wednesday May 14, 2025

- All entries MUST be made online through PerfDog.com
- **A dog may compete only once per trial day.**
- **Entry fee is \$55 per entry and includes a \$5 Processing Fee to be paid by the competitor**
- Online entries will not be accepted unless they are properly completed, and the appropriate fee has been paid.
- Properly completed entries will be accepted in the order received.

Entries Close: 6:00pm EDT Wednesday June 18, 2025, ACCEPTABLE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE, after this time, entries may not be accepted or substituted.

Properly completed entries will be accepted in the order received up to 35 entries or 8 hours of judging time per judge per day, whichever is greater. The host club has the right to refuse any entry for any cause they deem to be sufficient.

NON-REGULAR ENTRIES

As per the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, a dog may enter as a non-regular entry at the same level he or she has previously earned a title.

Exhibition Only entries will be accepted if the trial does not fill with regular entries. A dog may not be entered as both a regular and exhibition only in the same trial. Post entries, including day of trial move-ups by teams who have qualified at their regular test levels, will be accepted up to the previously stated judging limits.

Non-Regular entries, including Exhibition Only, will be waitlisted until after the closing date. If space is/or becomes available, these entries will be moved off the waitlist at that time.

WAITING LIST

After 35 entries or 8 hours of judging per judge per day is reached, a wait list will be created by 'first received'. Entries will be moved off the wait list, in the order they were received, if space becomes available. If a space is available, the Trial Secretary will notify the competitor by email of the available space through PerfDog. The competitor has 48 hours to accept and pay for the space to be accepted into the Trial. **If the space is not accepted and paid within 48 hours of the notice, the dog entry will be cancelled (removed from waitlist), will no longer be available to the competitor, and the space will be offered to the next competitor. The Trial Committee is not responsible for competitor's email issues. Note: PerfDog does track sent and delivered emails.**

REFUNDS

Prior to close of entry: Fees for entries and any extras (events, activities, meals, etc.) may be cancelled or changed online prior to close of entry, with refunds (less the PerfDog and Electronic Processing Fees) available to keep as PerfDog credit, refund to credit card, or mail via check (less a \$3 Check Fee).

After close of entry: Entries and extras may be cancelled online after the closing date, but no refunds will be given.

Entry and activity fees shall not be refunded if the dog is absent, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee.

Contact the Trial Secretary with any other changes to your entry after the closing date.

CHANGE OF ENTRY LEVELS

A regular entry may be moved to a higher test level before either trial if the dog is eligible for the higher level. Eligible dogs may be moved up to a higher test level if the trial secretary has received a written request at any time before 6:00 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, June 30, 2025. Email requests are acceptable. Day of move-ups: If space is available, the Trial Secretary must be notified in writing, email is acceptable at before 8:00am of the trial day, before the judging begins.

Note: Requests to move down from the entered level, "Move Downs", will not be accepted after the close of the trial.

Acceptance of Entries: The Club has the right to refuse any entry.

TRIAL SITE RULES AND CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT SITE UPDATE: Dogs will not be allowed in the building. Dogs must be kept on leash or confined in crates at all times, except when participating in a warm-up session in the test area or while being judged. The test area will be clearly marked, as well as crating, spectator, parking, and practice areas. The practice area will not be available during the trial. Only dogs actively being judged are allowed in the test area. Please ensure crates are in the shade with adequate ventilation and water. Participants are responsible for picking up after their dogs.

TRIAL & EQUIPMENT CHECK-IN

Exhibitors may use their own equipment if approved, after inspection by the Host club or judge's designee. Equipment will also be available by the Host club. Please get your equipment checked in as soon as possible. You cannot check in with the Trial Secretary for your armband until your equipment has been approved.

Check-In begins Friday 12:00pm – 3:30pm and will continue Saturday & Sunday 7:30am – 10:00am.

LIFE VESTS & FOOTWEAR

Any person in the test site must wear a USCG approved life vest and closed-toed protective footwear.

SUBSTITUTE STEWARDS

A handler may use his or her own substitute steward. The substitute steward must be named on and sign the entry form. In PerfDog, substitute stewards are to be named as the "Alternate Handler" when entering. If the Substitute Steward is not an entrant, then the Substitute Steward must accept the Participation Agreement in the Documents section of PerfDog. Substitute stewards must be familiar with the Water Trial Manual and must conduct themselves according to the applicable provisions of the Manual. Request for a change of steward must be made before the start of judging of that level and must be approved by the Trial Secretary and the Judge.

PRACTICE DAY

The trial site will be available for practice on **Friday, July 18th from 8:30am – 3:30pm** for teams entered in the trial. Practice will end promptly at **3:30pm** to allow club members to set up the trial site.

- **Sign-up: You must be present to sign up** for a timeslot (10 min timeslot per dog)
- Only one practice slot is allowed per dog entered for the weekend
- Bitches in season will be allowed to practice, but only at the end of the day. Please let the Trial Secretary know as soon as possible to make accommodations.
- **Practice Day Sign-up Link**
- **Cost: \$0**

VOLUNTEERS

The efforts of many people are required for a Water Trial to run successfully. By applying for entry into our Water Trial, you are expected to help in a position once for each day you are entered.

Volunteer assignments can be selected through Signup Genius:

[Friday Practice Day Volunteer Link](#)

[Saturday/Sunday Trial Day Volunteer Link](#)

We depend upon and greatly appreciate your help in making the event run smoothly and successfully. All volunteers must complete a Participation Agreement. If a volunteer is not competing, a Participation Agreement can be completed via the Extras section in PerfDog at no cost. Contact kimkluckman@earthlink.net for more information regarding volunteering.

ORDER OF JUDGING AND JUDGING PROGRAM

To balance entries as evenly as possible over the two trial sites, the Host Committee will determine judging assignments after entries have closed. A judging program containing the days' event schedules and the order of judging of teams will be emailed to each exhibitor with the final entry confirmation. The test level order of judging will be Saturday Deck Side Trial Site: Master, Apprentice, and Junior. Playground Trial Site: Working and Courier. Sunday the test level order will be reversed. The following are time estimates for each level:

Junior (10 min) Apprentice/Working (15 min) Courier/Master (20 min)

The presentation of the colors and the National Anthem will proceed the judges briefing at 7:50am Saturday. Judges' briefings will begin at 8:00am on Saturday & Sunday. Lunch, and other breaks, will be at the discretion of the judges.

BITCHES IN SEASON

Bitches in season will be judged after all other canines have been judged for the Trial (this means both sites if there are more than one trial site).

- The owner or handler of any such bitch must notify the Trial Secretary of the bitch's condition before the start of the day's judging.
- Handlers may not bring bitches in season to the test area or the surrounding area until they are instructed to do so by the Judge or the judge's designee.
- **There will NOT be a separate briefing for Bitches in season, you are expected to attend the regular briefing with the other handlers in your dog's level.**
- Practice Day: Please notify the Practice Coordinator before bringing your bitch into the practice area. The same procedure will be followed for the practice day as for the trials.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If there is lightning and/or thunder during the trial, teams will be required to leave the water. This will be at the sole discretion of the judge. Resumption of the trial is also at the sole discretion of the judge, but no sooner than 30 minutes after the last thunder. Testing will resume where it left off and continue as scheduled.

Depending on the total time of the delay, the Trial Chairperson and Trial Secretary will determine if there is sufficient time to complete the trial in the allotted time or whether a "one and done" policy will be adopted.

DOG AGGRESSION POLICIES & LAW

Movers & Shakers will follow the guidelines set forth in Chapter 5 of the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual and North Carolina state law.

VETERINARIAN

Blue Pearl Pet Hospital: 6405-100 Tryon Rd, Cary, NC 27518 Phone: 919-233-4911

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

More information for each event/activity can be found below.

MEALS

Meals are still being finalized and will be updated here. **Lunch:** We will be working with Jason Deli. Limited box lunch menu will be available. Deadline for submitting lunch choice is 03Jul25.

Dinner: The Awards/Auction & Raffle Dinner will be held at the trial site Saturday at **5:30pm**. This year's dinner will be Mexican cuisine.

Water will be provided by the club. We ask that you BYODrink if you would like something other than water (alcohol is permitted).

Please contact Pam Smith with questions: pam_irv@yahoo.com.

SENIOR CHALLENGE

The Senior Challenge will take place on **Saturday** immediately following the completion of the trial. This non-regular water event is being offered to celebrate our Senior Dogs. This event offers the senior dog an opportunity to participate with their handler in a water activity and continue their engagement in the sport.

If your dog is not physically sound enough to safely participate, please do not enter this event.

Senior Challenge Details:

- Senior Challenge Judge: Janice Reilly
- Open to dogs who turn 10 years old in 2025 or older
- Only dogs deemed physically sound will be allowed to participate
- Life jackets for dogs are required
- Required to successfully complete three water exercises of the handler's choosing
 - Choose 3 levels (1 exercise): Apprentice, Working, Courier and Masters
- Regulation equipment is required
- **Important Entry Processing Information:**
 - The Entry Form is available from this link: [Senior Challenge Entry Form](#)
- **Entry Fee is \$24 payable through PerfDog**
- Dogs who successfully complete the challenge will be awarded a special activities rosette during the Saturday evening Awards Dinner.

QUACK 'N FETCH

The ever-popular Quack 'n Fetch will take place on **Saturday**. Buy a chance on a rubber duckie. Ducks will be offered through lunch on Saturday, or until all ducks have been claimed. This event is not limited to owner/handlers of entered dogs, nor is it limited to one duck per person. The more ducks you buy, the better your chances you win.

What is the Quack 'n Fetch?

Immediately after a trial site has finished, all ducks that have been purchased will be released into the Lake. Three PWDs will be selected in advance to swim from shore to fetch a duck. The first dog and duck back to shore will be award 3rd place, the second dog back will be awarded 2nd place, and the third dog back will be awarded 1st place.

Proceeds from the ducks will be split in the following manner:

Movers & Shakers – 50%,

First Place (last dog back) – 25%

Second Place (second dog back) – 15%

Third Place (first dog back) – 10%

Cost: Each Duck is a \$5 donation and is available for purchase at the Trial before this activity.

AUCTION & RAFFLE

AUCTION & RAFFLE: Please consider supporting our fundraising activities by donating raffle or auction items. Items do not have to be dog related. Any donation is welcome, so be creative. You can bring your donations to the water trial site on Friday or Saturday, before the Awards Dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Donlan anabsn@aol.com.

*** SPECIAL AUCTION ITEM: Used, "As Is" Dinghy. See MSPWDCC website for more info *****

Lodging Information

HOST HOTEL

LaQuinta Inn & Suites: 191 Crescent Commons, Cary, NC 27518 Phone: 919-851-2850

Special Rate: \$99.00 + tax and a one-time pet fee of \$25. Book prior to June 17, 2025

Rate Code: Portuguese Water Dog Club

A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

- Contact the hotel directly at 919-851-2850 Option 5, speak with front desk.
 - Booking code: Portuguese Water Dog Club 2025
- Book via special web link: [LaQuinta Inn & Suites booking link](#) To modify arrival/departure dates, select appropriate dates and then select "UPDATE" to see the changes.

Other area pet-friendly hotels can be found at www.bringfido.com

RV ACCOMMODATIONS

The trial site is not equipped to handle RVs. There is no RV parking at the trial site.

NC State Fairgrounds (approximately 20 minutes away): contact 919-612-6767

Jordan Lake State Recreation Area Campgrounds: <https://www.ncparks.gov/jordan-lake-state-recreation-area/home>

TRIAL LOCATION

Montague Lake: 10301 Penny Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606

There will be a Movers & Shakers banner at the entrance of the trial site.

Directions to the Site:

From US Route 64

Take the Tryon Rd East Exit (98A)

Turn Right onto Kildaire Farm Rd

In 2 miles, turn Left onto Penny Rd

In ½ mile, turn Right into Lake Montague's Property

From Host Hotel

Make a right out of the hotel parking lot

Turn right onto Kildaire Farm Rd

In 2 miles, turn Left onto Penny Rd

In ½ mile, turn Right onto Lake Montague's Property