

ENTRIES OPEN May 23, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. (EDT). ENTRIES CLOSE July 5 at 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PREMIUM LIST

Two PWDCA Water Trials hosted by
Great Lakes Portuguese Water Dog Club
2025 Water Trials

Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27, 2025
(Practice Day: Friday, July 25)

In Memory of David Swank and Pat Vokes

Engelhardt Park
11293 Block Road
Birch Run, MI 48415



All Test Levels Offered Both Days
Junior | Apprentice | Working | Courier | Master

JUDGE
Jules Asbed, Williamston, NC

TO ENTER THE WATER TRIAL

By mail/check:
Hillary Snyder
GLPWDC Water Trial Secretary
733 Conneaut Ave
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Payment also accepted via Paypal: glpwdc@gmail.com

Entry Fee by mail: \$55 per entry
Entry fee by Paypal: \$58 per entry

NO REFUNDS AFTER CLOSING DATE

Entries received prior to opening date and time WILL NOT be accepted

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GLPWDC Water Trial Committee

Co-Chair..... Susan Curfman; 419-704-1773, curfmans@bex.net
Co-Chair..... Betsy Hodges; 248-892-0580 jbnerh@comcast.net
Secretary..... Hillary Snyder; 419-308-0529, Hillary_Harms@yahoo.com
Chief Steward..... Janet Malecki
Members: Pat Heinzelman, Valery Huberts, Melissa Liebaert, Stan Liebaert

Veterinarian on Call

Great Lakes Pet Emergencies

(989) 752-1960

1221 Tittabawassee Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604

Weekdays: 5 PM - 8 AM; Weekends: 24 Hours

Accommodations

Host Hotel

America's Best Value Inn

9235 E. Birch Run Road, Birch Run, MI 48415

(989) 624-4440

Call hotel directly and specify the "GLPWDC Group Rate". The hotel is expected to fill for the weekend.

Must Reserve by June 24, 2025

RV Camping

Jellystone Park Camp Resort

1339 Weiss Road, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

(989) 652-6668

Pine Ridge RV Campground

11700 Gera Road, Birch Run, MI 48415

RV Camping Onsite with NO electric (dry camping)

Onsite (Engelhardt Park) camping available. More information on the last page of this premium.

Directions to Site

Engelhardt Park

11293 Block Road, Birch Run, Michigan 48415

From I-75:

Take Exit 136, Go East for 3 miles on Birch Run Road to Block Road

Turn Left on Block Road and go North for 0.7 miles.

Park is on the right.

Awards

A trophy and a rosette will be given to each team that passes all exercises at its test level. Each team which earns a title at the Water Trial will receive a certificate by mail from the PWDCA.

Hospitality

Bring your own lunch. There are several fast-food restaurants nearby. The club will provide bottled water, plus morning coffee and donuts. **Join us Saturday evening for a cook out, with s'mores to follow!** More information on the last page of this premium.

Practice Day

One 8-minute practice session per entry will be allowed on Friday July 25, 2025 between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet on the trials grounds and is first come, first served. Additional information will be sent with the final entry confirmation.

Order of Judging and Judging Program

The order of judging on Saturday will be Master through Junior. The order of judging on Sunday will be Junior through Master. Within each test level, the order of judging will be determined using a random draw. The Committee reserves the right to modify the order to avoid conflicts. A judging program containing the running order will be emailed to each entrant with the final entry confirmation.

Each day equipment check-in is at 7:30 AM and the Judge briefing at 8:00 AM. If you don't compete until the end of the day (e.g., Apprentice and Junior on Saturday), we will TRY to accommodate a later equipment check-in.

Exhibitor numbers will be handed out by the equipment check-in steward after equipment has been approved. You must have your equipment inspected prior to the Judge's Briefing for your class.

Lunch is at the Judge's discretion.

Notice to Participants

The trial will be held in accordance with the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual available at <http://www.pwdca.org>. Participants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the Water Trial Manual.

Eligibility: A dog may be entered and exhibited only once and at one test level at a trial.

Dog Age—Junior--A dog must be at least six months of age on the day of the trial to enter the Junior Water Dog level. *Apprentice and Higher*—A dog must be at least one year of age to enter the Apprentice level and above, unless the dog has successfully passed the Junior level. *Handlers and Stewards Age*—handlers and stewards must be at least 9 years old.

Apprentice—A Junior Water Dog certificate is not required to enter Apprentice unless the dog is under 12 months old.

Working—A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog title to enter Working.

Courier—A dog must have a Working Water Dog title in order to enter Courier.

Master—A dog must have a Courier Water Dog Excellent title to enter Master.

Acceptance of entries; opening date; closing date: Entries will only be accepted if they include the Waiver/Indemnification Agreement on the entry form, properly signed and initialed. Entries must be received by the closing date, 8:00 pm (EDT) July 5, 2025, after which they may not be accepted, canceled or substituted. Entries will not be accepted before 8:00 am (EDT) May 23, 2025.

Priority of Entries: Entries will be accepted on a first-received basis until the closing date. An entry consists of the completed entry form AND payment. Payment via Paypal alone does not constitute an entry. Regular entries have the first priority for spaces at a trial.

Entry Limits: Saturday and Sunday limited to 8 hours (judging time) and/or 35 dogs. Judging time will be calculated using the PWDCA formula: 6 JWD/hrs, 4 AWD/hrs, 4 WWD/hrs, 3 CWD/hrs, and 3 M/hrs.

Non-regular Entries: Exhibition entries will be accepted if Saturday's or Sunday's trial does not fill with regular entries.

Late Entries: Entries received after the Closing Date will not be accepted.

Waiting List: If entries in excess of the limits are received before the closing date, the excess entries will be assigned to a waiting list according to the order in which they are received, regardless of the test level. Entries received on the same day will be assigned waiting list positions by random drawing.

Day of Trial Entries: Space permitting, day of trial entries will be accepted.

Move-ups: Eligible dogs may be moved up to a higher test level if the trial secretary has received a written request. Email requests are acceptable. Saturday to Sunday move-ups can occur if the trial secretary is notified in writing no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Saturday trial.

Refunds: No refunds of entry fees will be made after the closing date.

Bitches in Season: Bitches in season will be judged after all other dogs have been judged. 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.

Substitute Stewards: A handler is allowed the use of one substitute steward at the Courier and Master levels. A substitute steward is also allowed for the Timed Swim at the Junior and Apprentice levels.

For all other exercises at any level, the Judge and Trial Chair must approve the use of a substitute steward prior to the briefing. Host Club Stewards are available to assist handlers as designated within the rules. Handlers who are physically challenged should address the situation with the Host Club Trial Secretary or Trial Chair and Judge prior to the trial so provisions can be made. If a physically challenged handler has designated a substitute steward to handle the dog for an exercise, the non-participating handler must remain quietly in the judge's area during the time the dog is working with the steward. The steward performs the entire exercise with the dog.

Equipment: Exhibitors may use their own water trial equipment provided such equipment conforms to the PWDCA'S Water Trial Rules and Guidelines. Additional or substitute equipment will be available each day at site. Any person working a dog in or near the water and any Steward (substitute or official) must wear a USCG approved life vest and protective footwear.

Site Rules and Conditions: Dogs must be on leash or confined to crates at all times except when participating in a warm-up session or being judged. The test area will be clearly marked and only the dog competing will be allowed in the test area. All dogs must be under control at all times. Participants are responsible for picking up after their dogs.

What to Bring: USCG approved life vest and protective closed-toe footwear (both mandatory), crate, towels, foul weather gear, sun protection, trial equipment, leash, water dish, dog food, poop bags, etc. Chairs and shade devices are useful but not mandatory. The site has some picnic tables and shade. This is a private park with plenty of parking and room for pop-up tents.

Veterans Challenge

The Senior Challenge will be held after regular levels on Saturday, July 26.

The purpose of this non-regular water event is to afford veteran dogs an opportunity to participate with their handler in a water activity that contributes to their continued love of the sport.

- ❖ Open to PWDs 10 years of age or older the date of the event
- ❖ Must have a PWDCA water title
- ❖ Can not be entered in the water trial, other than this veteran event
- ❖ Regulation equipment is required
- ❖ Officiated by a GLPWDC Water Committee Member
- ❖ All teams will receive an award
- ❖ If we need to limit entries, the priority will be to the oldest dogs
- ❖ Entry fee is \$15.00 per dog, \$16.00 if paying via Paypal

Complete the entry form on next page and submit one of two ways:

- Mail entry form to Hillary Snyder, 733 Conneaut Ave, Bowling Green, OH 43402 with a check made out to GLPWDC,
- Pay via Paypal to glpwdc@gmail.com, or
- Email your entry form to Hillary_Harms@yahoo.com and pay at the event

Questions: email Hillary Snyder at Hillary_Harms@yahoo.com

Entry forms are due by July 14, 2025

Veteran Challenge Entry Form

Saturday July 26, 2025, Engelhardt Park

Dog's registered name:

Dog's call name:

Birth Date:

Owner and/or Handler Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Instructions: Choose no more than one exercise per level, for a total of THREE exercises. For example, if you choose a Junior level exercise, you may not want to choose a Courier level exercise. Choose based on your dog's ability.

Junior:

Retrieve dummy from shore

Board boat, ride with handler

Call dog from shore to boat

Apprentice:

Underwater retrieve

Retrieve dummy from shore

Dummy carry, boat ride, recall

Retrieve float line from shore

Working:

Gear bag retrieve

Retrieve dummy from boat

Retrieve dummy between two boats

Blind retrieve of float line

Courier:

Pouch Exchange

Directed double retrieve from boat

Dog's Profile:

In 25-50 words, briefly tell us about your dog. This can include their accomplishments, fun facts, or anything you would like everyone to hear. This information will be read to the spectators during the event.

Saturday Night Social Cook Out!

Saturday evening we will have a cook-out with cheeseburgers and sides. Only \$15 (or \$16 via Paypal). Last year nearly all water trial participants attend the dinner and it was a blast!

You must RSVP and pay for this dinner by July 12, 2025. Please use the following link to register:

<https://forms.gle/aSWy1PYvSQH5u96x6>

Following the dinner, we will have a campfire and s'mores for all to enjoy, at no cost.

Camping

GLPWDC water committee members have the first option at camping spots with electricity. Others are welcomed and encouraged to dry camp on-site. Campers can arrive Thursday July 24 at 5:00 PM. Dry camping is \$20/night (\$22/night via Paypal).

Available Thursday (7/24) through Saturday night (7/26). We do not have the park rented for Monday so there are no exceptions to these dates.

In the registration form, there will be a question asking if you'd like to be notified of a site with electrical hook-up (30 amp), if one becomes available. Do NOT pay for an electrical site if you are not a GLPWDC water committee member.

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Merchandise

2025 GLPWDC Engelhardt Park Water Trial shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase! You can indicate that you'd like to pick up your merchandise at the trial or have items shipped to you. Go online to order: <https://great-lakes.itemorder.com/> or see more information below.





Great Lakes Portugese Water Dog Club 2025

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://great-lakes.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Wednesday July 2nd, 2025 (11:59pm EDT)**

Gildan Heavy Blend™ Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt



4 Colors

\$40.00

Gildan Youth and Adult Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt



5 Colors

\$40.00

Gildan Heavy Blend Crewneck Sweatshirt



6 Colors

\$32.00

Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover



3 Colors

\$45.00

Sport-Tek Ladies Sport-Wick Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover



4 Colors

\$45.00

Bahama Performance Hooded Long Sleeve T-Shirt UFP Protection



6 Colors

\$35.00

Bella + Canvas Youth and Adult Unisex Jersey Short Sleeve Tee



5 Colors

\$21.00

Next Level Unisex Tri-Blend Tee



6 Colors

\$28.00

BELLA + CANVAS Unisex Jersey Long Sleeve Tee



6 Colors

\$30.00

Participation Agreement

Conditions: These trials are open to pure bred Portuguese Water Dogs. I/we understand that the dogs must be in good health, proper fitness and condition for the test they are about to enter and must be at least 6 months of age in order to compete in the water trials. I/we agree to these terms. I/we accept full responsibility for the care of my dog(s) during the water trial.

Special Rules: The water trial is located within the confines of _____.
I/we agree to become familiar with and adhere to all site rules and regulations including but not limited to the following:

- Dogs must be on leash or confined to a crate at all times except when participating in practice sessions or when actually being judged.
- If my dog soils the grounds, I am responsible for cleanup and disposal
- Nothing (dogs, banners, etc.) is to be attached to any tree in the park.

General Rules: The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc., (hereinafter "PWDCA") rules, regulations, policies and guidelines for water trial participants (hereinafter "the rules") are in the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual available on the Web site, www.pwdca.org. I/we have received the current Manual and/or have read the rules via the Web site and I/we agree to obey the rules.

Hold-harmless: I/we agree to hold the PWDCA and the event-giving club, their members, directors, officers, agents, and judge(s) at this event, the owner and/or lessor of the premises, any provider of services for this event and any employees or volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss, injury, or illness which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person, animal or thing by the act of my dog while in or upon the trial grounds or while entering or leaving same, and I/we further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, disappearance or theft of, or damage injury or illness to, my dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, injury or illness is caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any other parties aforementioned, by the negligence of any other person, or by any other cause or causes.

Indemnification: 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 there from, 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 water trial, howsoever such 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.

Arbitration: Notwithstanding any of the above, in the event that I/we or my dog(s) suffer any damage, injury, illness, or loss (including the death of the dog(s) arising from the water trial), I/we agree that any claim arising out of or related to the entry, exhibition or attendance at the event or as to the construction, interpretation and effect of this agreement shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association. I/we agree that any such arbitration will take place in _____ within 60 days of the incident giving rise to the claim, or at such other time and place as the parties may agree. I/we agree to pay a prorated share of the costs of any such arbitration.

I/we agree that these clubs have the right to refuse this entry or any entry for any cause which they deem to be sufficient.

Owner/Handler's initials: _____ Substitute Steward's initials: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

Entry is not valid unless signed, dated, and submitted with correct fees by the closing date.

PWDCA Water Trial Entry Form

Entry Fees: _____ per entry/per day. **Entries open** _____ and close at the trial secretary's mailbox on _____ after which time entries cannot be cancelled for refund. **If using an overnight service, please indicate "no signature required" for delivery. Mail entries to:**

Level entered (one level per dog): Junior Apprentice Working Courier Master

What leg are you working on? Working _____ Courier _____ Master _____

Days Entered: _____ _____ _____ _____

Make checks or money orders payable in U.S. funds to _____

I enclose \$ _____ for entry fees.

Fill out form completely. Use the TAB key to move from field to field.

Prefix Titles _____ Registered name of dog _____

Suffix Titles (include PWDCA titles) _____ Sex _____ Call Name _____

Date of Birth _____ AKC # or Foreign Reg # (list country) _____

Breeder _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Owner(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Owner(s) Email _____

Handler _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Handler's Email _____

Substitute Steward _____ Phone _____

I hereby certify I am the actual owner of the dog or duly authorized agent of or handler for the actual owner whose name has been entered above. I have read and agree to be bound by the agreement printed on the reverse side of this entry form as well as the stipulations contained in the premium list plus any directive received from any official involved in staging the event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is over 6 months of age (at the time of this event) and is not a hazard to persons or other dogs.

Signature of owner/handler* _____ Date _____

Signature of substitute steward* _____ Date _____

*If the handler and/or substitute steward named herein is under 18 years of age (must be at least 9 or older), this entry form must be signed and acknowledged by his/her legal guardian.

Entry is not valid unless accompanied by the signed and dated Participation Agreement.