

MAIL ENTRIES: to the Trial Secretary  
Mary Sebera, 105 Woodlawn Rd, Baltimore, MD 21210  
ENTRIES CLOSE: 5:00 pm, August 31, 2019, or when trial limits are  
reached. Method of Entry is First Received.

*Premium List*

# Water Trial

*Hosted by the*

**DelMarVa Portuguese Water Dog Club**

**September 20 & 21, 2019**

LOCATION OF TRIAL

Camp Pecometh, 136 Bookers Wharf Rd, Centreville, MD 21210

*Limited Entry*

Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier and Master

**JUDGE (ALL LEVELS)**

**Frank Cardillino**

**Easton, MD**



**DelMarVa Portuguese Water Dog Club**

*Trial Chair:* Mike Mobley

*Trial Secretary:* Mary Sebera

*Chief Steward:* Carol Mattingley

The Water Trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, as revised through 2019 (the “Manual”). Copies of the Manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website ([www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org)).

**Eligibility:** Minimum age of human participants: nine years. Children aged nine through 18 years must have a parent or legal guardian present at the trial site while they participate. Minimum age of dogs: six months for Junior; one year for Apprentice and above unless the dog has passed Junior.

Each dog may only be entered and exhibited once at any test level in one day.

A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog title to enter the Working Water Dog level and a Working Water Dog title to enter the Courier Water Dog level and a Courier Excellent title to enter the Masters level. A Junior Water Dog Certificate is *not* required to enter the Apprentice Water Dog level provided dog is over one year old.

**Acceptance of entries, closing date:** Entries will only be accepted if they include the Participation Agreement on the entry form, are properly signed, initialed, and are accompanied by the proper entry fees. Entries must be received by 5:00 pm (EDT) on August 31, 2019, after which they may not be accepted, canceled, or substituted. Entries may not be faxed, emailed, or telephoned, but must be mailed. Entries will not be accepted via UPS or FedEx if the signature is not waived.

**Trial spaces:** Properly completed entries will be accepted within each test level in the order received. Entries are limited to 30 teams *or* 8 hours of judging for the trial day. The trial will close when the number limit for that trial is filled. For Exhibition only entries (dogs in class more than 30 days after receiving title in that class) will be accepted on a first come-first served basis if the trial does not fill. If multiple entries are received on the day that brings the closing entry, entries from that mail will be chosen by random drawing as necessary for the total. Space permitting, Day-of-Trial entries will 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 were received, regardless of test level. Entries received on the same day will be assigned waiting list positions by random drawing.

**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.

**Changes of entry level:** Day-of-trial move-ups will be accepted if time permits. Move-ups from Saturday to Sunday will be accepted if time permits.

**Working Water Dog Excellent:** WWDX is a new, optional certificate. It is not a title. Therefore, it will be offered only if the trial does not fill with regular entries. If you enter the trial for WWDX, after entries close the Trial Secretary will advise you whether or not WWDX will be offered.

**Substitute Stewards:** A handler may use his/her own substitute steward. The substitute steward must be named on the entry form and must sign said entry form. Substitute stewards must be familiar with and conduct themselves according to the applicable provisions of the Manual. Requests for any change of steward must be approved by the trial secretary and judge prior to the start of judging of a team's test level.

**Equipment:** Exhibitors may use their own equipment if approved after inspection by the judge or judge's designee. The DelMarVa Portuguese Water Dog Club will provide equipment for use by exhibitors if needed.

**Vests and Footwear:** Any person in the test site must wear a USCG-approved life vest and closed-toe footwear. The judge may excuse the land stewards from this requirement.

**Dogs on Leash:** Dogs must be kept on leash or confined to crates at all times, except when participating in a warm-up session or while being judged.

**Order of judging and judging program:** The order of judging within each test level will be at the judge's discretion, decided before the trial. A judging program containing the days' tentative event schedules and order of judging teams will be e-mailed to each entrant prior to the trial.

**What to bring:** *USCG-approved life vest and closed-toe protective footwear are mandatory.* Also bring a dog crate, towels, foul weather gear, sun protection, trial equipment, leash, water dish, dog food, poop bags, human food and snacks. The site has indoor restroom facilities and large crating area but limited outdoor shade. Chairs and shade devices will be useful.

**Lunch will be free to exhibitors and stewards; additional lunches will be available for others at \$8 per lunch. Please notify the trial secretary by Sept 14th if you want to order additional lunches.**

## JUDGING PROGRAM AND NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Judge's instructions will begin at 9AM. Judging will proceed in catalog order except for bitches in season who will be judged out of order after all other dogs have been judged. Owners of said bitches should notify the trial secretary and judge upon their arrival at the test site.

Lunch break will be at the Judge's discretion and will be announced.

Check in and equipment check will begin at 8 AM or when judge arrives on site. Please have your equipment checked as soon as possible. All exhibitors, handlers, and stewards are required to wear USCG-approved life vests and closed-toe footwear. The judge may exempt the land stewards from this requirement.

**Test area:** The test area will be clearly marked, as will areas for spectators, crating area for dogs, and practice area. The practice area will not be available during the trial period. Only the dog competing will be allowed in the test area. Dogs not in the test area must be on leash or crated and controlled at all times.

**Dog Aggression:** DelMarVa PWDC will follow the guidelines set forth in the PWDCA 2019 Water Trial Manual Changes as well as Maryland State Law. The full text of the PWDCA manual changes can be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website (<http://www.pwdca.org>).

**Excusals:** A judge SHALL excuse any dog that in the opinion of the judge menaces, threatens, or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached in a normal manner by the judge or official trial stewards. Signs may include growling, showing of teeth, snapping of teeth, or rolling of eyes.

**Disqualification By Event Committee:** Any dog that in the opinion of the Host Water Trial Committee members attacks a person or another dog at a sanctioned water trial and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs shall be disqualified by the Event Committee.

**Disqualification By A Judge** A judge shall disqualify any dog that in his/her opinion attacks any person in the ring or leaves the ring to attack any person or another dog. An attack is defined as a bite or an attempt to bite anyone, including its own handler, without valid extenuating circumstances such as accidental play biting.

**Veterinarian.** Middletown Veterinary Hospital, 366 Warwick Rd, Middletown, DE 19709, 302-378-2342

## **Accommodations**

The River Inn - limited rooms reserved for DelMarVa (Ask for Sandy)  
1008 Rolphs Wharf Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620  
410-778-6389

Holiday Inn  
150 Scheeler Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620  
410-778-0778

Best Western Inn (Kent Narrows)  
3101 Main Street, Grasonville, Md. 21638  
410-827-6767

RV Accommodations - contact Mike Mobley 410-778-0194 or  
[msquared44@yahoo.com](mailto:msquared44@yahoo.com).

Other Hotels in the area can be found at [www.bringfido.com](http://www.bringfido.com)

## **PWDCA OFFICERS**

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