



DelMarVa Portuguese Water Dog Club

Water Trials depend on volunteers to run smoothly – please help make ours a success! Not all duties are difficult or need experience, so there is a job for everyone! We will need stewards and rowers for all levels of competition.

Gate stewards check to be sure the competitor is wearing a life jacket and appropriate shoes, that the dog is wearing a harness, and that there are no tags etc. attached to the collar. The Gate steward takes the dog's leash when the team enters the ring and returns it after trialing.

Land stewards' tasks vary by level, but include placing equipment on the shore for the dog to retrieve at Courier and Master levels, holding the harness of a Junior dog before the dog swims to the boat, and throwing the dummy in Apprentice. The 60-foot dummy throw is the most challenging, but the other tasks are pretty easy!

Boat stewards steady the boat when Junior and Apprentice teams board; at the Apprentice level, they drop the float line off the stern of the boat for the dog to retrieve.

Rowers are needed at all levels, with the lower levels being less demanding than the upper levels. Our boats are light and easily maneuvered. Junior and Apprentice competitions require one actual rower and another person to steady the boat when the teams board the boat. For Working, Courier and Master levels, two rowers are needed. Some rowing experience is required, particularly if conditions are windy. A rower may be asked to throw a dummy.

Below is a form you can use to sign up – please return it to Peter Paige, who is organizing the volunteers. You may indicate which tasks you feel are best suited to your interests and abilities.

Your participation will make the Trial a success – please volunteer!!

Please fill out the questionnaire below, and we will put you into the volunteer pool. Encourage adult family and friends to volunteer as well, whether they are trialing or not. Complete one form per person.

Name

Email address

Please indicate which jobs you would like to do

	Saturday	Sunday
Equipment Table (check in Trial participants)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land Steward (no rowing, possibility of throwing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boat Steward (no rowing, some throwing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rowing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate which classes you can work

Junior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apprentice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Courier	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Masters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site set up (before Trial starts)	<input type="radio"/>	-
Site tear down (after Trial ends)	-	<input type="radio"/>

I have experience rowing a boat

I can throw a dummy 60 feet

Please mail Volunteer Form to Peter Paige, 317 South Queen Street, Chestertown, Maryland 21620