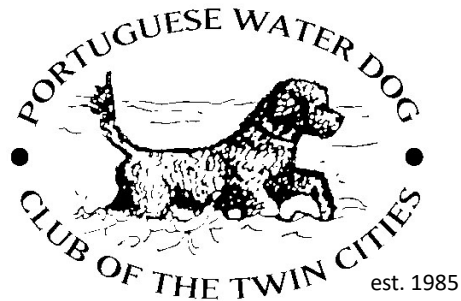


# PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA WATER TRIALS



Hosted by the

**Portuguese Water Dog  
Club of the Twin Cities**

**Saturday, September 12, 2026  
and  
Sunday, September 13, 2026**

Orchard Lake Beach  
17195 Judicial Road  
Lakeville, Minnesota

**Junior, Apprentice,  
Working, Courier & Master Trial Levels**

**WATER TRIAL JUDGES**  
Ms. Janice Reilly

**Water Trial entries limited to 30 teams total each day**

**Entries open, Monday, July 6, 2026. Entries close at the Trial Secretary's Office at 5pm, Wednesday, August 26, 2026, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or substituted, except as provided in the Notice to Exhibitors.**

## **WATER TRIAL COMMITTEE**

Trial Co-chair: Trial Co-chair  
Karen Derr (612) 747-0156 Kristi Portugue (612) 240-1721

Trial Secretary:

Linda Hunt (651) 699-7018  
P.O. Box 16088, St. Paul, MN 55116

*Committee Members:* Stacy Runkle, Anna Saterdalen, Deb Scofield, Dy Drake

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*A practice will be held at the trial site on Orchard Lake on Friday, September 11th. Priority will be given to water trial exhibitors. Entrants will receive a separate email with details after trial pre-entries close and are confirmed. In addition, you may sign up on our website by navigating to <https://www.pwdctc.org/calendar> and selecting the Water Trial Run-Thru event.*

**The Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Twin Cities wishes to express its gratitude to the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for its financial and advertising support.**

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- Trial Levels Offered - Tests will be conducted for Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier and Masters Levels. Dogs who successfully pass all exercises required in their test level will receive a Certificate or Title as appropriate from the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America.
- The PWDCTC will forward to the PWDCA Water Trial Committee, the records of all dogs who pass one or more test levels at this Trial. Title Proclamations will be awarded to passing teams by the PWDCA after its review of the Trial Records. Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Twin Cities Rosettes will be awarded on the day of the Trial. Entry Fees - **\$45.00 ALL levels / classes. Late entries or day of trial entries will be accepted after the closing date if the entry limit has not been reached. The fee for late entries and day of trial entries is \$50.00 ALL Levels. Make checks payable to PWDCTC.**
- Opening date for Entries – Entries open Monday, July 6, 2026 at the trial secretary's address.
- Closing Date for Entries - Advance entries are due at the Trial Secretary's address on or before Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. **Entries should be mailed to: Linda Hunt, Trial Secretary, P.O. Box 16088, St. Paul, MN 55116.**
- Limited Entry - Entries will be accepted in the order received. If more than 30 entries are received, entries will close on the day of receipt of the 30th entry.
- Order of Judging - On Saturday, levels will be judged in this order: Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier and Masters. On Sunday, levels will be judged in this order: Masters, Courier, Working, Junior and Apprentice. Order of judging will be determined by a random drawing to be conducted after entries close on August 26, 2026. In the event more than 30 entries are received, those teams who are not selected to exhibit will be assigned to a waiting list in the order received.
- Bitches in Season: Bitches in season will be exhibited at the end of the day. The owner or handler of such a bitch must notify the trial secretary of the bitch's condition before the start of the day's judging. Bitches in season shall not be brought to the test area or the surrounding area until their handlers are instructed to do so by a judge or judge's designee.
- Judging Program - A judging program listing the time and order of judging will be sent by August 28, 2026. Additional directions to site, Trial personnel and other information will also be included.
- Refunds: Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event the dog is absent, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbance or other acts of God beyond the control of the Trial Committee, it is impossible to open or complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.
- There will be a \$30.00 service charge for any returned checks.
- NOTE: Entry fees are payable in **U.S. funds only**. If you send entries by express carriers, we suggest waiving the signature requirement for receipt; otherwise, entries may not be received in time. Entry forms may be photocopied or handwritten, but **MUST** include the signed agreement in its entirety, as well as all other handler/dog information. The entry must be signed by both the handler and substitute steward (if applicable). A separate entry form must be submitted for each dog.
- Water Trial Requirements - The water trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, as revised for 2026 (v.2026-02-10). Copies of the Manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website ([www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org)).

- Equipment - Exhibitors may use their own equipment if approved after inspection by the judge or judge's designee unless the exercise requires the use of club equipment. Equipment will be available from the Host Committee.
- Substitute Stewards - A handler may substitute an individual of his/her choice to perform any or all of the functions otherwise assigned to a steward during that handler's test, provided that the individual selected has trained with the handler and dog in question before the trial. A substitute steward should be named in the handler's official entry form or, at the discretion of the judge and/or Trial Secretary, may be approved on the day of the trial no later than the end of the judge's briefing for the test level in which the handler is competing. In either case, the substitute steward must sign an official entry form acknowledging the "hold harmless" agreement before he/she will be allowed to participate in the handler's test. Substitute Stewards shall be responsible for knowledge of the Water Trial Rules and Guidelines and shall obey the Trial Judge.
- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times. Any person working a dog in or near the water and any Steward (Substitute or Official) must wear a USCG approved life vest and closed-toe footwear.
- PWDCA sanctioned water trials shall be open only to purebred Portuguese Water Dogs individually registered with the AKC or individually registered with a foreign registry organization recognized by the AKC or Portuguese Water Dogs with AKC PAL/ILP (Purebred Alternate Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege) numbers. A dog must be at least six months of age on the day of the trial to enter the Junior Water Dog level and one year of age to enter the Apprentice level and above, unless the dog has successfully passed the Junior level. All dogs must be in good health and in proper condition for the test level in which they are entered.
- The minimum age for water trial participants is 9 years old. Participants between the ages of 9 and 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at the site while they participate.
- The Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Twin Cities, its agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children.
- It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Water Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- This trial will be held outdoors in a public park on Orchard Lake, rain or shine. By afternoon, shade is limited so please plan accordingly.
- **All dogs must be on leash or confined at all times except when in the test area or designated warm-up area.**
- There is NO overnight parking at the site - make plans accordingly.
- **Lunch/Refreshments - There will be no food available to exhibitors or spectators on site. Exhibitors and spectators are advised to bring any lunch, refreshments or beverages that they will need for themselves and their dogs.**
- All rights to video tape, 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.

- We are guests of the City of Lakeville. There may be “non-dog” people in attendance, please be considerate. Please answer any questions about the water trial courteously.
- **You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog and yourselves. Please bring the necessary items for this purpose. Trash bins will be available.**

### **Substitute Stewards**

A Substitute Steward shall be any person designated by the handler to act in the capacity of Steward during the entirety of that handler’s test and is bound by the same rules as the official Trial Steward. A handler shall notify the Trial Secretary and the Judge of the Name(s) of any Substitute Steward(s) before the beginning of the test exercises.

If a handler elects to perform the trial exercises with the Substitute Steward, a handling error by the Substitute Steward may result in a failing score for the exercise in which the error was made. An error by the Steward provided by the Host Water Trial Committee is not grounds for a failing score.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

A water trial cannot happen without volunteers. Experience is NOT necessary. If you are interested in volunteering to help steward in some capacity during the water trial, please fill out the volunteer form: <https://forms.gle/5D2PS4S4X6NbYpzZ8>. Contact Kristi Portugue at [kportugue@gmail.com](mailto:kportugue@gmail.com) or 612-240-1721 with any questions.

### **DIRECTIONS TO WATER TRIAL SITE:**

I35W South from Minneapolis or I35E South from St. Paul. Continue South on I 35 to exit 85 (Kenwood Trail / County Road 50). Go right on Kenwood Trail to Kenyon Avenue (it’s close). Turn left on Kenyon and then right on 172nd. 172nd becomes Kodiak Avenue. Turn right on 175th. 175th becomes Judicial Road. Orchard Lake Beach is on your right on the southwest side of the lake. Orchard Lake Beach is approximately 1 mile beyond the boat landing.

### **VETERINARIAN ON CALL**

South Metro Animal Emergency Care  
14690 Pennock Ave., Apple Valley, MN 55124  
PH: 952-953-3737

## PWDCTC Water Trial 2026 Donors

### **JUNIOR**

Lori Decheine

Moe Flaherty in memory of "Fiddle" Kalista's Little Dob'll Do Ya RA OA OAJ NJP NF AWD and "Moxie" Kalista Hitherandthithering CD RAE MX MXJ MJB OF AWD

Chris & Christine Peper

Deb Scofield in memory of "Krickie" Kalista's Knee Jerk Reaction RN SCA SIA SEN THDD CGCA TKA

### **APPRENTICE**

Chuck Johnston and Dy Drake in memory of "Kew" Kalista's Naturally A Prince RN NAP NJP TKI JWD

Pat and Nancy Pellowski in memory of Snow and Boo and in honor of Scooby and Haven

Kristi & Mike Portugue in honor of Hydro, Sprite and Splash for the joy they bring us, and all their accomplishments in and out of the water. We love you!

### **WORKING**

Stacy Runkle in memory of "Tiger" Dragao Tigereye of Driftwood CD RA OA OAJ WWD SROM

Nicole Bearman in memory of "Breaker" HIT Kalista's Icebreaker UD RAE AX OAJ WWD GROM

Nancy Dyer in honor of "Jagger" CH Kalista's Ready To Rock UD BN GN RE CGC TKP WWD SROM

Anna & Josh Saterdalen in honor of "Wall-E" Kalista's Ensign E-Wall DCAT TKA JWD

### **COURIER**

Karen Derr in memory of "Marley" MACH2 PACH Kalista's Harley Marley BN RA TKI MXS MJG MJP4 MJPB PAX OF T2B THDX CWD & "Mocha" Kalista's Lil' Sip Of Mocha BN RA MX MXJ MJS OF THDX TKI JWD

Tiffani Rimstad in memory of "Queixo" MACH3 Kalista's Just What The Dr Ordered UDRAE FDC C-ATCH2 MXG MJB2 MJP2 MFB MFP T2B BCAT DN CGC TKI CWDX SROM and "Y" MACH3 PACH Kalista's Now What CD BN RA FDC MXC MXP3 MXPB MJP4 PAX MFB MFP T2B CAX BCAT CGC TKI CWDX SROM

Kristi & Mike Portugue in loving memory of Neptune, Ocea and Moby. We miss our wonderful waterdogs, devoted companions, and all the athletic pursuits we enjoyed in loving partnership with them.

### **MASTER**

Linda K Hunt & Krista K Altendahl, Kalista in memory of "Lily" BISS/BOSS/BVISS CH MACH Neocles Water Lily CDX RE CWDX VersatilityX6 CGC TDI GROM