



Please Join us in Celebrating the
Brand New Location for
Blue Ridge Splash
Water Trials

HOSTED BY
MOVERS AND SHAKERS PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS
AT THE

TRYON INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER
25 International Blvd. Mill Spring, NC 28756

WATER TRIAL SITE is at the CROSS COUNTRY POND

Located on the back side of the same property about 5 miles from Tryon International entrance.

Cross County Pond at 2659 Sandy Plains Rd. Tryon, NC 28782

Host hotel **Overmountain Lodge** at 46 International Blvd. Mill Spring, NC 28756

SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2025

SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2025

(Practice Day: Friday August 15, 2025)

JUDGE

Karen Pratt, Colleyville, TX * Saturday & Sunday

Entries Open: 8:00am EDT, Wednesday June 4, 2025

Entries Close: 6:00pm EDT, Wednesday July 16, 2025

To Enter the Water Trial

We are using 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 hours of judging time per judge per day

MOVERS & SHAKERS HOST WATER TRIAL COMMITTEE

Trial Chairperson	Kent Nelson
Trial Secretary	Beth Dixon
Chief Steward	Kim Kluckman
Club Equipment	Adrienne LaFar
Practice Day Leader	Halcyon Rigdon

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

President	Karen Latham
Vice President	Irv Smith
Secretary	Kim Kluckman
Treasurer	Beth Dixon
Directors	Paul Bynum, Ana Donlan, Heather Kelly, Toni McHugh, Nancy Nelson,

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Corresponding Secretary	John Ellery
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General Trial Questions contact Kent Nelson, Trial Chair, DiamondLake@mich.com Mobile: 828-894-2800

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 6 months old on the day of the trial. Dogs 6 months old but under 1 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 (MWD) 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 June 4, 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 the Processing Fee to be paid by the competitor.**
- Online entries will not be accepted unless they are properly completed, and correct fee has been paid.
- Properly completed entries will be accepted in the order received.

Entries Close: 6:00pm EDT, Wednesday July 16, 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: Entries and any extras (events, activities, meals, etc.) can be cancelled or changed online prior to closing date, with refunds (less the PerfDog and Electronic Processing Fees) available to keep as PerfDog credit or refund to credit card or mail via check (less a \$3 Check Fee).

After close of entry: No refunds after the close of entry.

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, August 28, 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 LOCATION

Cross Country Pond located on the same property as Tryon International.

Must drive around to the back side of the Tryon International property to:

2659 Sandy Plains Rd. Tryon, NC 28782

Directions from Host Hotel:

Exit Tryon International turn left, go ½ mile turn left onto Moore Rd, go 2 miles turn left onto Sandy Plains Rd, go about 2 miles turn left at the 2659 Sandy Plains Road PRIVATE DRIVEWAY. Follow sign about 1 mile back to Cross Country Lake.

There will be Movers & Shakers signs leading to the water trial site.

WHAT TO BRING No shade is available by water trial site * bring things to keep your dog cool.

Tents, crate(s), towels, chair(s), foul weather gear, sun protection, leash, water, dog food / treats, etc.

RESTROOMS

Porta John's are available for all participants.

TRIAL SITE RULES AND CONDITIONS

No Shade is available. Bring your own source of shade.

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, August 15, 2025 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.
- **Cost: \$0**

Practice Day Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AE2CA2FFC34-57179699-2025#/>

Contact Halcyon Rigdon greghalcyon@msn.com for more information regarding Practice Day.

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 needed to help or be trained** in a position at least once for each day you are entered.

Volunteer assignments can be selected through Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AE2CA2FFC34-57179699-2025>

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, 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 Ring 1 Trial Site: Master, Courier, Working, Apprentice and Junior

Sunday Ring 1 Trial Site: Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier and Master.

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 judge's briefing at 7:50am Saturday. Judge's briefing will begin at 8:00am on Saturday & Sunday. Lunch, and other breaks will be at the discretion of the judge.

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.

SENIOR CHALLENGE

No Senior Challenge

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

Western Carolina Regional Animal Hospital & Veterinary Emergency Hospital 828-697-7767
205 N Highland Lake Road Flat Rock, NC 28731

MEALS

Lunch: \$19 Box Lunches contact Kent Nelson DiamondLake@mich.com 828-894-2800

Dinner: 25 International Blvd. Mill Spring, NC 28756

The Awards Dinner will be held at Legends Grille Banquet Hall on Saturday **6:00pm**.

Cost is \$40 and includes the Processing Fee payable through PerfDog in the Extras Section.

Enjoy a delicious **South Of The Border Platter**.

Cilantro Lime Chicken

Pork Carnitas

Warm Soft Corn & Flour Tortillas

Guacamole Mash, Lettuce, Shredded Cheeses, Diced Tomato, Pickled Onion

Spanish Rice

Black Beans

Cookies: Ancho Chilli-Mexican Chocolate With Pepita Seeds

Coffee and Iced Tea

Coke products are additional

Cash Bar

Lodging Information

HOST HOTEL

Overmountain Lodge: Phone: 828-863-1015 * 46 International Blvd. Mill Spring, NC 28756

Special Rate: \$149 per night + tax and \$75 one time dog fee per stay, limit 2 dogs per room.

Special Rate Code: Portuguese Water Dog Club **Call 828-863-1015 for discount - Cannot do online**

Rooms rates are good for August 14 -17 Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

<https://tryon-lodging.mydirectstay.com/overmountain-lodge.html>

RV SITES

Tryon Equestrian Center RV Park Office 828-863-1015

\$80 per night

30/50 amp hookups

Water, electric/power and sewage at each space

Access to showers, washers/dryers and TV in Lodging Center

Pet friendly

<https://tryon-lodging.mydirectstay.com/rv.html>

FOOD AT TRYON INTERNATIONAL

Food available at Tryon International

General Store & Pony Express Deli

Campagna Italian Cuisine

Gertie Mae's featuring Blue Ginger Sushi

Legends Grille

Roger's Diner

Silver Spoon Saloon

Taco Mundo

Jennifer's Creamery for Ice Cream

The Silo Bar for Drinks