



DIP Into SPLASH AWAY WATER TRIALS

**Two PWDCA Water Trials
Hosted by the United Sunshine States PWD Club
Saturday and Sunday June 4 – 5, 2022**

**Location of Both Trials:
DeFore Pond - 320 Powerline Road
New Smyrna Beach, FL**

**Saturday: Junior – Apprentice ONLY
Sunday: Apprentice – Junior ONLY**

**ENTRY LIMITED TO: The Greater of 35 Entries or 8 Hours Judging Time Per Day
PRACTICE DAY: Friday June 3, 2022**

**JUDGE:
Chuck Bubert – St. Augustine, FL**

ENTRIES OPEN **ON-LINE ONLY AT USSPWDC.org
8:00 am EDT Monday May 2, 2022
ENTRIES CLOSE 5:00 pm EDT Monday May 16, 2022**

Day of Trial entries will be accepted if space available.



United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club Host Committee

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Directions to Trial Site:

Southbound I-95 – Exit 261B west bound US-92 / International Speedway, .3 miles turn left onto Tomoka Farms Road, 10 miles, turn right on Kersey Rd, .9 miles turn right onto Powerline Rd, .6 miles DeFore Pond on the left.

Northbound I-95 – Exit 249A FL-44 West, 4.9 miles turn right on Tomoka Farms Rd, .5 miles turn left on Kersey Rd, .09 miles turn right on Powerline Rd, .6 miles to DeFore Pond on the left.

Eastbound I-4 – Exit 118B-A FL-44 East towards New Smyrna Beach, 10 miles turn left onto Tomoka Farms Rd, .5 miles turn left on Kersey Rd, .9 miles turn right on Powerline Road, .6 miles to DeFore Pond on the left.

24 Hour Veterinarian: Animal Emergency Hospital of Volusia, 696 S. Yonge St., Ormand Beach, FL 386-252-0206

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Judging Program and Notice to Exhibitors
Judge: Chuck Bubert

Judge's briefings will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. Judging will proceed in catalog order as determined by lot, except for bitches in season who will be judged out of order each day after all other dogs have been judged. Exhibitors whose bitches have come in season should notify the trial secretary or judge upon arrival at the site. Lunch and other breaks will be at the judge's discretion. The following is offered only as a guide to help estimate trial time.

Junior	6 per hour
Apprentice	4 per hour

Trial and Equipment Check-In will be available as follows: Friday 10:00 to 2:00, Saturday and Sunday 7:00 to 9:00 for late arrivals and move ups. Please have your equipment checked as soon as possible.

All exhibitors, handlers and stewards are required to wear USCG approved life vests and protective footwear. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Teams earning a title on Saturday and wishing to move up on Sunday should complete a "Move Up" form, available from the trial secretary, as soon as the first title is earned.

The test area will be clearly marked, as will areas for spectators, crating of dogs. Only the dog competing will be allowed in the test area. Dogs not in the test area must be on leash or crated, and under control at all times. **Please note there WILL NOT be a practice site during the trials.** A garden hose will be available to cool dogs down if necessary.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

The Water Trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual 2020 edition. Copies of the manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website (www.pwdca.org).

Eligibility: Minimum age of handlers is 9 years old. Participants aged 9 through 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at the trial site while they participate.

On each day a dog may only be entered and exhibited at one test level. Minimum age of dogs is six months old on the day of the Trial to enter the Junior Water Dog Level and one year of age to enter the Apprentice level, unless the dog has successfully passed the Junior Level.

A Junior Water Dog Certificate is NOT required to enter the AWD level (provided dog is over one year of age).

Acceptance of Entries: ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON-LINE AT USSPWDC.ORG. If you need assistance in completing the on-line entry, please contact Vickie Baker at usspwdc4me@gmail.com. Entries open at 8:00 am EDT on Monday May 2, 2022.

Your entry will be deemed as valid at the time PAYMENT FOR YOUR TRIAL ENTRY FEES, via Pay Pal or Credit Card, are received on the Club's website.

Each trial will close when the maximum number of entries for that trial is reached. **Entries must be received by the closing date, 5:00 pm EDT Monday May 16, 2022,** after which they may not be accepted, canceled, or substituted.

Wait List: If entries in excess of the limits are received before the closing date, the excess entries will be assigned to a wait list.

Refunds: No refunds of entry fees or other purchases will be made after the closing date, for any reason. Entry fees and other purchases will be refunded in full if you do not clear the wait list or if requested prior to the closing date; however, the refund will not be issued until after closing.

Move-Ups: A regular entry may be moved to a higher test level before either trial if the dog is eligible for the higher level. The Trial Secretary must be notified in writing by filling out a move-up form **at least one-half hour before judging begins for the day.**

Non-Regular Entries: Exhibition (FEO) entries will be accepted if either trial does not fill with regular entries. Day of trial entries will be accepted up to judging limits. If day of trial entries exceed available openings, entries will be chosen by random drawing.

Substitute Stewards: A handler may use his/her own substitute steward only in the circumstances as prescribed in the Water Trial Manual. **The substitute steward must complete a Substitute Steward Participation Agreement on-line at USSPWDC.org.** Substitute stewards must be familiar with and conduct themselves according to the applicable provisions of the Manual. The Trial Secretary must be notified of any change of Substitute Steward **at least one-half hour before judging begins for the day.**

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

Restrooms: Portable bathroom facilities will be available at the site.

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. **This will be enforced.**

Practice Day: Practice runs will be offered in **15-minute increments** on Friday from 8:30 until 2:00 (last slot 1:45). **You must sign-up via the USSPWDC.org website.** You can only practice dogs you are handling and are entered in the trial. You can sign up for only one spot. Stewards and rowers will be made available from volunteers on the day. **Please note there WILL NOT be a practice site during the trials.**

Order of Judging and Judging Program: The order of judging within each test level will be determined by a random drawing on or about May 18, 2022. A judging program containing the days' tentative event schedules and order of judging teams will be e-mailed to each entrant. **The order of judging of test levels will be: Saturday – Junior Water Dog followed by Apprentice Water Dog; Sunday – Apprentice Water Dog followed by Junior Water Dog.**

Bitches in Season: Bitches in season will be judged at the end of each day 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. Bitches in season must be housed in the handler's car except during a practice or competition run. 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.

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for each qualifying performance at all levels including FEO entries. In addition, club mementos will be given for all new Titles or Certificates earned.

The Following Special Trophies are also being provided by the Club for Members Only:

Inaugural Junior / Apprentice Water Trial Trophy: This is a onetime only trophy to recognize the Club's inaugural Junior / Apprentice Only Water Trial. At both the Saturday and Sunday trials, a trophy will be given to the Member's Junior Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the 4 exercises in the fastest total time. FEO entries are not eligible.

The Meg DeFore Apprentice Water Dog Trophy: In honor of Meg DeFore, a founding member of the Club. For the Inaugural Junior / Apprentice Only Water Trial this award will be given at both the Saturday and Sunday trials to the Member's Apprentice Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the 5 exercises in the fastest total time. FEO entries are not eligible.

LODGING:

Home 2 Suites by Hilton
200 Fentress Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
386-400-2300

Queen studio for \$129 plus tax per night. **Pet fees have been waived.**

Book via the website link listed on the website or call the hotel and identify yourself as part of the usspwdc group.

The special rates are available until May 13, 2022, after which current rates plus pet fee will apply. Reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to planned stay.

RV Park Reservations – there are numerous RV Parks in the Daytona Beach / New Smyrna Beach area

New Smyrna Beach RV Park and Campground
1300 Old Mission Rd, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
(386) 427-3581

Daytona Beach Sun RV Resort
4601 S. Clyde Morris Blvd, Port Orange, FL 32129
(844) 725-9414

Please complete the on-line entry forms for Practice Day Sign-Up, Volunteer Positions and Meals, T-Shirts, and Raffle Items at USSPWDC.ORG.

VOLUNTEERS: We would not be able to host and run our Water Trials successfully without our volunteers doing everything from site set-up / tear-down, hospitality, rowing, stewarding and much more. **Please volunteer for at least one position or more during the trial.**

MEALS:

Breakfast: Dunkin' Donuts coffee and donut holes will be available on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Lunches: Friday pizza lunch will be provided to all trial volunteers courtesy of the USSPWD Club.

Saturday and Sunday Lunches will be boxed sandwich and salad lunches catered by Panera Bread. Sandwiches will include chips and a cookie; salads will include bread and a cookie. Soft drinks and water will be provided. Please see selections and cost on the website.

Saturday Dinner will be held at the trial site location upon completion of the Saturday trial. The dinner will be catered by local eatery Yellow Dog Eats which will include pork and chicken bar-b-q, sides, and vegetarian options. See cost on the website. **This is a BYOB event.**

RAFFLE and AUCTION: A raffle basket drawing and merchandise auction will be held in conjunction with the Saturday Dinner. Tickets will be sold at the dinner. **Donations of raffle items and auction items, both dog and human related, are appreciated. Please indicate you will be bringing a raffle or auction item on the on-line entry form** and bring any suitable items with you to the dinner. All proceeds will go directly to the club and support donations to PWD Health Issues

PHOTOGRAPHER: We are excited to have secured **Blue Dog Photography** www.bluedogphotos.com for this event. Kim Langevin has been photographing mainly dog sports since 2016. Blue Dog Photography has a state-of-the-art gallery hosting platform which enables exhibitors to select prints, digital or even products. Kim will take photos of all participating dogs and post them on her website where you can review and decide what images / packages to purchase.

EVENT T-SHIRTS: Don't miss out on purchasing the Dip Into Splash Away Junior & Apprentice Inaugural Trial T-Shirt. We are offering T-Shirts in women's and men's styles. Please see the detailed information listed in the t-shirt section of the water trial entry on USSPWDC.org. The t-shirt logo was designed by Meg DeFore and Tim Wagoner.

NOTICE ON DOG AGGRESSION:

USSPWD Club will follow the guidelines set forth in the current PWDC Water Trial Manual which specifies:

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 or snapping its teeth, and rolling its eyes.

Disqualifications:

By Event Committee:

Any dog, in the opinion of the Host Water Trial Committee, that attacks a person or another dog at a sanctioned water trial warm-up day or during the actual trial, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee.

By The Judge:

A judge SHALL disqualify any dog, in his or her opinion, that attacks any person in the ring, or leaves the ring to attack anyone else or another dog. **An attack is defined as a bite or an attempt to bite anyone, including its own handler, without valid extenuating circumstances, for example accidentally play biting.**