

USSPWD Club

Land and Boat Steward and DIVA Responsibilities

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Junior Water Dog

LS Land Steward / Gate Steward **BS** Boat Steward

Rowing Difficulty: Intermediate – Junior Boat BS

Note: The Land Steward also acts as Gate Steward for all Levels except Apprentice

LS Take leash from handler at entry gate.

1. Retrieve Dummy From Shore

- **LS** Throw dummy 25' from shore or if handler is throwing, give handler the dummy. Take dummy to outside basket when task is completed

2. Board and Boat Ride with Handler

- **LS** Standing in the water, secure the boat, keeping it in water deep enough that it will float freely once the team has boarded. After dog boards, rock boat for 30 seconds. When possible secure boat on the handler side, not the side the dog is sitting on.
- **BS** Sits in rowing position with oars inside boat; does not row

3. Call Dog from Shore to Boat

- **LS** If requested, hold dog by harness/collar until it's called
- **BS** Row handler out to 60' marker

4. Timed Swim With Handler

LS Give leash to handler **on beach** after Judge says "Exercise Complete"

Apprentice Water Dog

Land and Boat Steward Responsibilities

LS Land Steward / Gate Steward **BS** Boat Steward

GS Gate Steward / Flopper - Apprentice

Rowing Difficulty: Difficult – Apprentice Boat BS

Note: The Land Steward also acts as Gate Steward for all Levels except Apprentice

GS Take leash from handler at entry gate. Take articles not being used in warm-up.

1. Underwater Retrieve
 - **LS** Give handler the underwater retrieve article, take article when exercise complete and store in outside basket
2. Retrieve Dummy From Shore
 - **LS** Throw dummy 60' from shore or if handler is throwing, give handler the dummy.
3. 25' Carry to Boat, 1 Minute Ride and Recall
 - **LS** Secure the boat keeping it in water deep enough that it will float freely once the team has boarded. Accept dummy from handler.
 - **BS** Row handler and dog approximately 60 feet out and back to free-floating position at shore
 - **LS** Approaching the boat from the handler side, steady free-floating boat while handler disembarks and dog stays on platform until recall
4. Retrieve Float Line From Shore
 - **GS** Board back of boat with float line
 - **BS** Row boat and **GS** out 60' to one marker and then turn and row in a straight line toward the second marker
 - **GS** When boat is almost at center of markers, flop the float line three times and drop
 - **BS** Return **GS** and boat to shore outside test area
5. Timed Swim With Handler

GS Give leash to handler **on beach** after Judge says "Exercise Complete"

Working Water Dog

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LS Land Steward / Gate Steward

BS1 Handler Boat Steward BS2 Second Boat

Rowing Difficulty: Intermediate – Working Handler Boat **BS1** – Need to be able to throw dummy 50'; **Difficult** – Working Second Boat **BS2** - Need to control stern to stern position

Note: The Land Steward also acts as Gate Steward for all Levels except Apprentice

LS Take leash from handler at entry gate. Take articles not being used in warm-up.

1. Gear Bag Retrieve
 - **LS** Bring handler items not used in warm-up. Have handler place items in the bag and tie the bag. On judge's signal place bag on spot marked by judge. Leave the ring.
2. Retrieve Dummy From Boat
 - **BS1** Row team out to marker where handler will tie-off. If handler is not throwing for themselves, throw dummy 50' to opposite marker.
3. Retrieve Overboard Articles
 - **BS1** If possible, keep oars in boat. Keep stern facing the opposite marker.
4. Retrieve Dummy Between Two Boats
 - **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
 - **BS2** After completion of exercise 3, row Boat 2 out to Boat 1, approaching stern to stern. Hold boat steady as handler passes float line to rower and dog boards. Row to the opposite marker and hold steady as dummy is thrown.
 - **BS1** If handler is not throwing for themselves, throw dummy halfway between two boats and at 45 degrees away from shore
5. Blind Retrieve of Float Line from Boat
 - **BS2** As dog returns to boat in exercise 4, drop line near marker, then row to shore outside test area
 - **BS1** Return dog and handler to shore after completion of exercise

LS Give leash to handler as the boat comes to shore, **before dog exits the boat.**

Courier Water Dog

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LS Land Steward / Gate Steward

BS1 Handler Boat Steward **SS** Substitute Steward **BS2 SS** Boat

Rowing Difficulty: Easy – Courier Handler Boat BS1; Easy – Courier SS Boat BS2

Note: The Land Steward also acts as Gate Steward for all Levels except Apprentice

LS Take leash from handler at entry gate.

Note: **SS** should have all articles not being used in warm-up and should put the appropriate articles in the handler and **SS** boat after warm-up is complete.

BS1 After handler and dog board, row out to marker where handler will tie-off.

BS2 After **SS** boards, row out to marker where **SS** will tie-off.

1. Courier Pouch Exchange
 - **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
 - **BS2** Keep stern facing the other marker
2. Blind Retrieve of Float Line
 - **LS** As dog is returning to handler boat in exercise 1, place float line on shore as directed by judge
 - **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
 - **BS2** Keep stern facing the other marker
3. Directed Double Retrieve From Boat
 - **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
 - **BS2** Keep stern facing the other marker
4. Retrieve Fishing Net
 - **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
 - **BS2** Keep stern facing the other marker until dog gives net to handler. **SS** will un-tie. Leave test area quickly and row to shore as **SS** pulls in net
5. Buoy Ball Placement
 - **BS1** Keep stern facing marker. Row handler to shore after completion of exercise.
 - **BS2** Retrieve buoy ball if needed

LS Give leash to handler once the boat has come to shore

Master Water Dog

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LS Land Steward / Gate Steward

BS1 Handler Boat Steward **SS** Substitute Steward **BS2 SS** Boat

Rowing Difficulty: Intermediate - Master Handler Boat BS1; Difficult – Master SS Boat BS2

Note: The Land Steward also acts as Gate Steward for all Levels except Apprentice

LS Take leash from handler at entry gate. Take articles not being used in warm-up.

Note: The **SS** will stay outside the test area with the necessary articles until the dog is returning to the boat after exercise 2.

1. Double Directed Retrieve Between Two Boats

Both boats free floating approximately 20' apart.

- **BS1** Row handler to marker where handler will tie-off
- **BS2** Row dog to opposite marker without **SS**. When dog leaves boat to retrieve dummies, row to shore outside test area to retrieve **SS** after exercise 2

2. Shore Retrieve with Discrimination

- **LS** Place shore retrieve articles 6-ft apart 3- to 25-ft behind 3-ft line, as directed by judge, as dog is returning to boat with the second retrieved dummy in exercise 1. Leave the ring.
- **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
- **BS2** When dog is half-way back to handler's boat, row to marker with **SS** who will tie-off

3. Net Retrieve with Dummy Distraction

- **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
- **BS2** Keep stern facing the other marker

4. 3-Way Equipment Exchange

- **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
- **BS2** Keep stern facing the other marker

5. Overboard Blind Retrieve / Buoy Ball Placement

- **BS1** Keep stern facing the other marker
- **BS2** Row **SS** to within 25 feet of handler's boat. Turn boat such that the stern is away from shore and wait until the **SS** places the article in the water on the side away from the dog. Row DIRECTLY to shore within the ring. Stay with **SS** in boat until exercise is completed. Retrieve buoy ball if needed.

LS Give leash to handler once the boat has come to shore

TRIAL DIVA RESPONSIBILITIES

Keep the trial running as quickly, smoothly, and efficiently as possible.

CONFLICTS – Participants requesting a change in the Running Order due to a conflict must see the Trial Secretary. Divas can only make Running Order changes with Trial Sec approval.

1. Judges' Briefing – Round up all the participants and gate / rowers for the judges' briefing. Please be at the Diva station after the last class finishes so you can ask the judge when the briefing will start and begin the round-up.
2. Running Order – Make sure the first person is ready at the time stated by the judge. Make sure the next person is in the "On Deck" position. Ensure there is always someone in the ring and on deck. Remind participants "on deck" that once they run, they should leave the ring as quickly as possible so the next dog can enter. They can talk to the judge outside the ring. While we want to progress quickly, we also want to be safe so the next dog should not enter until the dog in the ring exits.
3. If there is a volunteer change within the class running, make sure the next up volunteers are assembled and ready to go when indicated on the volunteer schedule.
4. After each run, mark each entry on the running order to indicate qualify or not qualify, using a Smiley Face sticker or Q for passes and a NY (Not Yet) for fails.
5. At the end of the class, take a picture of the marked running order and post to the USSPWD FB page.