

Join us for the Great Lakes
Newfoundland Club Water Test
September 6th - 7th 2025 at
Romana Park
Portage, MI
All Newf enthusiasts are welcome!



Judges
Sue Marino
Joyce Butler



Chair: Sheila Tatman - sheilatatman@gmail.com

Secretary: Beth Mares - beth.mares@gmail.com



Great Lakes Newfoundland Club 2025 Newfoundland Club of America Water Test September 6th -7th 2025

Ramona Park 8600 Sprinkle Road Portage, Michigan 49002

2 days - all 3 levels

Judges: Sue Marino and Joyce Butler

Test limits: 25 on Saturday and 20 on Sunday Non - Newf entries will be accepted if Newf entries do not fill.

All Newfoundlands, including bitches in season, MUST be tested prior to Non Newfs

Entries open for NCA members on 7/22/2025 Entries open for non NCA members 8/1/2025

ALL ENTRIES CLOSE AT 11:59 PM ON 8/13/2025

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Water Test Committee

Test Chair-Sheila Tatman 727-282-9291 sheilatatman@gmail.com
Test Secretary-Beth Mares 248-561-2699 beth.mares@gmail.com
3rd Committee Member -Jennifer Gamache
Chief Steward - Jenny Zablotney
Safety Officer - Christine Wilson

Emergency Vet

VCA Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center of Kalamazoo 5348 S. Westnedge Avenue Portage, MI 49002 269-382-5228

Follow Carrie Ln to S Sprinkle Rd
Head southwest toward Carrie Ln
Turn right onto Carrie Ln
Take Portage Rd and E Milham Ave to Trade Centre Way
Turn right onto S Sprinkle Rd
Turn right onto Portage Rd
Turn left onto E Milham Ave
Turn right onto S Westnedge Ave
Continue on Trade Centre Way to

5348 S Westnedge Ave

About the Site

There is over 190' in length of beach that we can use (circled on the satellite picture). There is plenty of parking, modern bathrooms, lots of shade in the spectator/test area and two pavilions. There is little to no shade in the parking area so please come prepared to crate your dog near you in the shaded spectator area near the beach. Please note: This is a City Park and is open to the public—be sure to clean up after your dog.

NOTE: There will be NO practice at the test site. Dogs are NOT allowed on the beach. We have a special permit which allows the dogs on the beach during test hours ONLY. The test site may be OBSERVED after 5:00 on Friday, September 8, 2023. Site closes at dusk. Please respect this.





Accommodations

Candlewood Suites 3443 Retail Place Dr Kalamazoo, MI 269-270-3203 Pet Fee, 5.2Miles, 10 minutes

Baymont Inn 3800 E. Cork Kalamazoo, MI 269-344-8300 5.6 Miles, 10 Minutes Quality Inn 3820 Sprinkle Rd Kalamazoo, Mi 269-381-7000 4.4 Miles, 7 Minutes

RV: Fort Custer National Recreational Park 5163 Fort Custer Drive Augusta, MI 269-731-4200 17.8 Miles, 24 minutes

RV: Cold Brook County Park 14467 E. MN Ave Climax, MI 269-746-4270 13.6 Miles, 17 minutes

Please confirm pet policy prior to booking



Important Dates

Entries
Opening Dates
NCA Members: July 22, 2025

Non NCA Members: August 1, 2025

Closing Date August 13, 2025

Catalog Ad Closing Date

August 20, 2025

Meal Order Closing Date

August 30, 2025

Logo Gear Closing Date

August 11, 2025

Newfoundland Water Rescue Tests

Saturday, September 6 - Test Max 25 Entries, WD, WRD, WRDX,& Requalifiers. (4 spots reserved for WRDX) Sunday, September 7 - Test Max 20 Entries, WRDX, WD, WRD, & Requalifiers (4 spots reserved for WRDX)

Priority will be given to entries that have not earned titles in the division entered. If the WRDX positions do not fill, they will be filled with WD or WRD entries.

No Entries will be accepted with a postmark prior to July 22, 2025 (NCA members) or August 1, 2025 (non NCA members)

ENTRIES CLOSE on Wednesday, August 13, 2025-11:59 P.M. at the test Secretary's home. After this time, entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted.

If entries exceed daily allotted positions a lottery will be conducted, and an alternate list will be made.

Online Entry is highly recommended as USPS is experiencing a significant slow down in delivery of first class mail. If you choose to mail your entry, please do so as early as possible to avoid entries received too late due to delivery time frames.

ENTRIES are limited by day and division with a minimum entry of 5 required on each day.

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00/test

To enter the Water Test ONLINE, please visit: https://www.ncanewfs.org/wdc/

Non-Newf Entries must be sent by USPS

If making an entry by USPS - please make checks payable to GLNC

Include both a signed Working Event Agreement and a copy of your dog's AKC registration

Please mail entries to Beth Mares 161 Edith St Oxford, MI 48371

In order to ensure that your entry has a legible postmark date, it is suggested that you request that your entry be hand-stamped at the post office (you may be charged an additional fee). If you use ExpressMail, you MUST waive the signature.

Verification of Entry Receipt

Any entrant may request confirmation of receipt of their entry by either enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope with their entry or supplying an email address. You are also welcome to text the Test Secretary at 248-561-2699 for confirmation.

Entries submitted electronically will be assigned a postmark with the same date the entry is entered. Entries submitted by mail will be assigned the postmark given as per usual. Entries submitted electronically and via post will be considered equally, in date order, for slots in the test. NCA members will have the same early-entry window with both paper entry and electronic entry.

Entry slots will be filled according to postmark date. In the event that the number of entries with the same postmark date received exceeds the limit, vacancies will be filled and alternates will be determined by a random drawing for each day. Entries received after the entry limit has been reached will be placed on an alternate list in order of postmark. Alternates will be notified immediately should an opening occur.

Exhibitors Notes

EACH EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING HIS/HER OWN WATER TEST EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE AND SUITABLE FOOT PROTECTION TO BE WORN IN THE WATER

These Newfoundland Water Tests are sanctioned by the Working Dog Committee (WDC) of the Newfoundland Club of America and sponsored by the Great Lakes Newfoundland Club. All tests will follow the NCA's Water Test Regulations copyrighted in 1999 and updated in October 2024. Entrants are responsible for obtaining and reading the regulations governing NCA Water Tests. A copy of the official Water Test Regulations may be found online at https://www.ncanewfs.org

GLNC Safety Observances

- Dogs must be crated or leashed at all times.
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 3. When on leash, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX feet and
- may NOT be a retractable leash.
- When on leash, dogs must be under control at all times. Dogs showing uncontrolled or aggressive behavior will be asked by the event chair, a board member, safety officer or other official to leave the site promptly or be crated for the duration of the event.

OUT OF CONTROL DOG POLICY

Approved by NCA Board of Directors November 11, 2023

At all NCA Events dogs must be kept under control to prevent harm to themselves or others. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control for the duration of the event. At NCA events dogs must be crated or leashed and collared at all times, except when the dogs are required to perform off leash. When dogs are leashed, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX (6) feet and the leash may NOT be a retractable leash. Dogs should not be allowed to approach another dog without permission from the other dog's owner/handler. Any dog that, in the opinion of the judges, event committee or designated safety officer representing the event, appears dangerous, shall be asked to leave the event promptly or be crated for the duration of the event and is excused from further participation in the event. Anyone who witnesses a dog appearing to be dangerous should bring their concerns to the judges, event committee or safety officer. Part of upholding good sportsmanship is to take action through the appropriate channels. Examples of out of control behavior would include but is not limited to: Aggressive vocalization such as barking and growling, or aggressive behavior toward any person or animal such as snapping, biting, lunging, charging, attacking or attempting to attack at any time while on the test grounds. Owners and handlers are responsible for monitoring the well-being and safety of their dog(s). If left unattended the owner/handler must check on them frequently to ensure they are safe. If the dog is excused from the test grounds for aggression, the automatic grievance policy of the NCA is enacted. If an injury to dog or person occurs, the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows Ch 11, section 15 goes into effect. (References, chapter 2, section 14 in both water and draft regulations)

Water Retrieve Article Change:

Underwater retrieve articles have been a difficult item to find for many years now. The 'old favorite' Splunky was discontinued years ago, and while people can use WHATEVER item they choose to meet the regulations, the WDC and NCA Board have put into place a change to the

current regulations that impacts this particular item. The height for underwater retrieve articles has been adjusted to 4.5 inches, from the original 4 inches in accordance with the 2024 revision of the regulations.

Dogs Eligible to Compete:

The NCA Water Rescue Tests will be open to purebred Newfoundland dogs at least six (6) months of age. The word 'dog' in the NCA Water Rescue Test

Regulations refers to either sex. All entered dogs must have an AKC/CKC registration number, AKC ILP/PAL number, foreign registration number, or AKC or foreign litter number.

BITCHES IN SEASON may participate in NCA Water Rescue Tests. Bitches in season will be tested at the end of the competition after all male dogs are judged. When not being tested, bitches in season must be contained in a designated area well away from male dogs and the official test area.

DOGS NOT BEING TESTED AT THE TIME are not permitted in the official Test Areas.

UNENTERED DOGS (except bitches in season) are welcome to join us at the test site. Please remember that all unentered dogs must remain well away from the main test area during judging so as not to disturb any competing dogs.

Waiver of Rights -- Animals In Distress

The Newfoundland Club of America, Inc, and the regional club hosting this event reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waives any claim for damages against the Club for such removal. The NCA regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the event grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. If the owner cannot be found in a timely manner, we will take whatever action is necessary for the safety of the dog, whichmay include breakingwindows to entera vehicle. Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distressed, or in harm's way (for example, left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed to safety. Exposing a dog to an unsafeenvironment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

GLNC Water Test Catalog Advertising

An advertisement in the GLNC Water Test catalog is a great way to honor a mentor or friend, promote your kennel, brag about a new title, show off your dog or send special wishes to the entrants.

All ads must be 'camera ready'

Ads must be received by August 20, 2025

Make checks payable to GLNC

Full page (8.5x11) @10.00

\$\frac{1}{2}\$ page @ 5.00

Please send ads to Beth Mares - email: beth.mares@gmail.com





Continental Breakfast will be provided by GLNC

Lunches for Saturday and Sunday may be preordered - Sandwich Platter with assorted chips, cookies, and variety of fresh fruit.

Saturday Night Dinner will be at a local restaurant to be determined. Order from the menu.

To properly prepare for this event, please RSVP using the Meal Reservation form



Meal Reservation Form Due August 31, 2025

Name						
Email						_
Phone						
Number	of	lunches	on	Saturday	(\$12) total	
Number	of	lunches	on	Sunday	(\$12)	
Number	of	people 1	for	Saturday	total Dinner	

Please make checks payable to GLNC and mail to: Sheila Tatman 9880 East Bingham Road Traverse City, MI 49684

or Venmo @Sheila-Tatman





Merchandise featuring our 2025 logo will be available for order

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Sheila Tatman 9880 E Bingham Road Traverse City, MI 49684

Orders close August 11, 2025

There will be an online ordering option. Please email sheilatatman@gmail.com for information.

Womens V-Neck T-shirt	Royal	Navy	Heather	Size	\$23.00	
how many				S M L XL 2XL		
Unisex T-shirt	Natural	Maroon	Sport Grey	Size	\$21.00	
how many				S M L XL 2XL		
Ladies Fleece Crew Neck			Dark			
Pullover	Royal	Navy	Heather	Size	\$42.00	
how many				S M L XL 2XL		
Fleece Crewneck						
Pocket	Dark Grey	Navy	Oatmeal	Size	\$29.00	
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Travel Tumbler					\$20.00	
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Commuter Mug					\$20.00	
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T-Shirts



Womens V-Neck T-shirt Royal, Navy, Dark Heather \$23 ea (+\$2 for all XXL and UP)



Unisex T-shirt Natural, Maroon, Sport Grey \$21 ea (+\$2 for all XXL and UP)

Pullovers/Sweatshirts



Ladies Varsity Fleece Crew Neck Pullover Royal, Heather Navy, Dark Heather \$42 ea (+\$2 for all XXL and UP)



Fleece Crewneck Pocket Sweatshirt Dark Heather Grey, True Navy, Oatmeal Heather \$29 ea (+\$2 for all XXL and UP)

Full Zip Hoodies



Fleece Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt Graphite Heather, Blue Stone, Heather Red \$39 ea (+\$2 for all XXL and UP)



Port Authority Tote - \$25

EMBROIDERED



Relaxed Twill Hat Sawgrass, Lake Blue, Stone \$28 ea



Drinkware



Travel Tumbler or Commuter Mug \$20 ea

TEST SCHEDULES

NOTE: ALL LEVEL entrants MUST BE checked in by 7:30am!
Saturday/Sunday September 6-7, 2024

test schedule is tentative and may be subject to change

7:00 - 7:30 AM Entrants Check in (All Levels)

7:30 AM Judges meet with WRDX Entrants and WRDX equipment check

7:45 AM Judges meet with WRDX stewards and WRDX pre-swim (15 minutes)

8:00 AM WRDX Test begins

Following the conclusion of the WDRX Exercises

- Judges meet with WD Entrants and WD equipment check
- Judges meet with WD stewards and WD pre-swim (15 minutes
- WD Test begins

Following the conclusion of the Junior Exercises

- Judges meet with WRD Entrants and WD equipment check
- Judges meet with WRD stewards and WRD pre-swim (15
- minutes)
- WRD Test begins

Lunch break will be at the Judges' discretion.

Awards Presentation shortly after conclusion of test



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: 8600 Sprinkle Rd, Portage MI Test Giving Club: Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

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NCA WORKING EVENT AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the NCA test regulations have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. I (we) agree that I(we) will uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics, and (if applicable) the NCA Judges Code of Ethics. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, or test secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises or grounds and the employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the test premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss of the dog by disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person or any other causes. I (we) agree that any violation of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics and/or the Judges Code of Ethics will be handled pursuant to the Grievance policies listed on the NCA website.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time, resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, or my vehicle arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this test, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or other persons.

Iagree to grant to this club, and its authorized representatives permission to record on photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I fu rther agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote NCA or the regional cl ub, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compens ation.

The Newfoundland Club of America, this regional club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, test committee, reserves the right to remove any animal ib distress from a parked car of crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waive any claim for damages against the club for such removal. I understan that exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress or harm;s way is concsidered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

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