



# THE NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB



## Water Trials 2026

**Lenches Lakes, Hill Barn Orchard, Evesham Road,  
Evesham, WR11 4UB**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**(Camping available Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July inclusive)**

**Please note: Entries for the Water Trial events can be completed in advance and will also be accepted on the day. If sending in advance, please ensure they are posted by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2026** (postmark). Postal entries to be sent to: Alan Godden, Hakuna Matata, Church Road, Gorslas, Llanelli, SA14 7NG**

**All trial entries are £5.00 for the first entry and £3.00 for all subsequent entries and are per dog.**

**The ASHNESS TROPHY is awarded annually to the best overall working dog. This will be awarded on an aggregate points system to dogs competing in all of the following exercises: either Beginners or Advanced Water, either Novice or Open Obedience, and Working Carts.**

**The NORTER TROPHY is awarded to the runner up to the ASHNESS TROPHY.**

**WE ALWAYS NEED HELP TO RUN THIS EVENT. THE TEST MANAGER SHALL ALLOCATE PEOPLE FOR STEWARDING AND STRANGER DUTIES – ANY QUESTIONS SEE ALAN**

**TRIALS MANAGER & ALL ENQUIRIES: Alan Godden, Tel; 07836 522921  
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### WATER TRIALS 2026 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

**All events commence at 9:00am unless otherwise specified**

<b>Class 1</b>	<b>PUPPY SWIM</b>	<b>JUDGE: Rob Dingle</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>VETERAN SWIM</b>	
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>NON-COMPETITIVE SWIM</b>	
	All dogs to swim 15m only. Not timed. Puppies and Veterans, also any other dog not competing in any other water event	
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>BEGINNERS WATER TRIALS</b>	<b>JUDGE: Hailey Webb</b>
	1 – Bring boat ashore (if the dog is under 9 months it cannot tow the boat, instead it should swim to the boat, take the tow rope/toy and bring it back to shore with the boat following behind) – distance 20m	
	2 – Retrieve a provided floating object – distance 6m	
	3 – Rescue a drowning person distance 20m (if the dog is under 9 months it cannot tow the person, instead it should swim to person, turn, and return to shore with the person swimming next to the dog)	
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>ADVANCED WATER TRIALS (min age 18 mths)</b>	<b>JUDGE: Kirsty Hosie</b>
	1 – Dog to jump from boat and tow to shore. Distance 25m. (The dog must NOT be pushed from the boat)	
	2 – Underwater retrieve of a provided article	
	3 – Rescue a drowning stranger, distance 25m	
	4 – Retrieve a provided floating object – distance 15m	

## NOTES ON WATER EVENTS

Newfoundland Club insurance demands that people entering the water have to wear a wet/dry suit and **MUST** wear a buoyancy aid / lifejacket. People in boats **MUST** wear a buoyancy aid.

**Puppy Swim:** for puppies aged up to 12 months at 18.07.2026, who do not wish to compete in other water events

**Veteran Swim:** for dogs aged 7 years at 18.07.2026, who do not wish to compete in other water events

**Non-Competitive Swim:** For other dogs of any age who do not wish to compete in other water events

**Please Note:** Puppy, Veteran and Non-competitive swim will not qualify dogs for the Ashness Trophy.

### Regular Classes

No Dog that has passed B Water Test or above can enter Beginners Water Trials – except dogs not exceeding 18 months of age.

No dog will be allowed to enter both Beginners and Advanced Water Trials.

**Any person seen to push a dog from the boat will be disqualified.**

All exercises will carry a 4-minute time limit.

<b>Class 6</b>	<b>NOVICE OBEDIENCE</b>	<b>JUDGE: Kevin Clarke</b>
<b>Class 7</b>	<b>OPEN OBEDIENCE</b>	<b>JUDGE: Kirsteen Farrar</b>
	Heelwork (on lead for beginners, off lead for open)	
	Recall	
	Retrieve (instant for beginners)	
	Food refusal	
	One minute sit & stay	
	Down and stay, 1 minute for beginners, 2 minutes for open	
	Note: stays will be at set times	
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>WORKING CARTS (min age 12 months)</b>	<b>JUDGE: Pete Lewin</b>
	Follow a set course with left & right turns	
	Negotiate a short slalom course	
	45 second halt	
	Back up 1m	
	NOTE: A cart and harness will be provided if required	
<b>Class 9</b>	<b>DECORATED CARTS</b>	<b>JUDGE: Ronnie Chadwick</b>
<b>5.00pm</b>	NOTE: No dogs under the age of 12 months will be allowed to pull a cart	
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>PRIZE GIVING</b>	

DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES WHEN NOT COMPETING

DOGS UNDER THE AGE OF SIX MONTHS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE (except Puppy Swim)

PLEASE KEEP THE SITE TIDY – REMOVE ALL RUBBISH AND DISPOSE OF IT IN BINS/BAGS

**Please come along to join in the day's events, with your cameras, chairs, and picnics. This is a wonderful day out for all the family, human and canine.**

All persons attending water trials must compensate and/or indemnify the Club for any loss or damage within the designated area caused with or without negligence by any person under the age of 18 years who is brought by them to the event or for whom they are responsible.

Care will be taken to ensure the safety and comfort of those attending.

**Entrants and spectators must ensure that DOGS LEFT IN HOT VEHICLES will not be tolerated.**

Failure to abide by this will result in the Committee refusing to accept entries at future Club shows and events.