

## Mariner Dog Tasks Division Summary of Tasks

### 1. Canine Aquagility and Team Swim Work:

#### Pre-Novice Qualifying Team Swim

- A. Novice Team Swim Merit (Prerequisite to all other task categories).
- B. Two Dog/handler Team Swim Merit
- C. Advanced Team Swim Certificate
- D. Tow & Slalom Merit
- E. Aquagility I (2014)

### 2. Canine Retrieve Work:

- A. Novice Single Retrieve: 60 feet
- B. Single Retrieve: 60 feet
- C. Single Retrieve: 100 feet
- D. Submerged Article Retrieve
- E. Two Article Retrieve
- F. Three Article Retrieve
- G. Directed Retrieve
- H. Verbal Article Discrimination Retrieve
- I. Single 100 ft Shore to Boater Line Retrieve
- J. Shore to Sea Sphere Retrieve
- K. Single 60 ft Sea to Shore Retrieve
- L. Double 60 ft Sea to Shore Retrieve
- M. Single 100 ft Sea to Shore Retrieve from Steward
- N. Single 60 by 60 Sea Retrieve

### 3. Canine Delivery Work:

- A. Novice Deliver Shore to Swimmer: 60 ft
- B. Deliver 100 ft Shore to Swimmer
- C. Directed Delivery shore to Designated Swimmer
- D. Shore Directed Delivery between Swimmers
- E. Shore Directed Delivery between Boat and Swimmer
- F. Deliver Line Shore to Boat
- G. Deliver Shore to Marked Zone
- H. Deliver Sphere Shore to Marked Zone
- I. Deliver 60 ft from Sea to Starter Box
- J. Deliver 100 ft from Sea to Shore Steward
- K. Directed Delivery from Sea to Designated Shore Steward
- L. Single 60 by 60 ft Sea Delivery to Swimmer

### 4. Canine Underwater Work:

- A. Novice Head Submersion
- B. Head submersion Single Retrieve
- C. Head submersion Multiple Retrieve
- D. Head submersion Directed Retrieve
- E. Novice Dive from Swim
- F. Dive Retrieve from Swim
- G. Dive Retrieve from Platform

5. **Canine Water Tow Work:**

- A. Novice Tow of Flotation: 50 ft
- B. Harness Tow of Handler: 60 ft to shore.
- C. Harness Tow of Swimmer: 100 ft to shore
- D. Harness Tow of Swimmer: 30 ft to boat
- E. Tow Swimmer on Flotation: 60 ft.
- F. Tow Boat parallel to & along Shoreline
- G. Tow Boat with person on Board to Shore: 60 ft
  
- H. Tow Swimmer 60 ft from shore to boat Delivery
- I. Tow Swimmer 60 ft from shore to sea Retrieve
- J. Tow Flotation 100 ft from shore to sea Retrieve
- K. Tow Boat 60 ft from shore to sea Retrieve
- L. Tow Handler 60 by 60 parallel to shoreline Travel

6. **Canine Boatwork:**

- A. Novice Single Retrieve
- B. Multiple Retrieve
- C. Directed Retrieve
- D. Retrieve from person on shore: long line
- E. Deliver to Person on Shore: long line
- F. Directed Delivery between Boats: long line
- G. Directed Retrieve between Boats: long line
- H. Tow a Swimmer: life ring
- I. Dive Retrieve
- J. Rescue Tow of Handler, Sea to Shore
- K. Tow Handler Sea to Boat

**Canine Team Swim Work**  
**(1) Qualifying Team Swim Merit Entry Level**

**Task Summary:**

The handler shall remain in the starter's box with the dog for a timed 30 second duration. The team shall then move together into the water to the 35 foot line. The handler shall stop at or beyond the 35 foot marker and face the judge. The handler will then cue the dog to circle the handler. When the dog has made a full circle the team (dog & handler) shall swim to the beginning of the marked swim course on the 60 foot line. The team shall then swim a weave pattern between four water markers and return to the starter's box.

**Time limit:** None

**Time Requirements:** None.

**Team Equipment:** Canine Life Jacket Required

**Site Equipment:**

One water marker, in line with the starter's box, positioned 35 feet out into the water from the shoreline. Four swim markers, anchored separately, about twenty feet apart, set in a row that appears parallel to the shoreline. The row of markers shall be positioned at or about 60 feet from the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None.

**Prescripts:**

The handler may gently restrain the dog by the life jacket before entering the starter's box. Upon entering the box the handler shall place the dog in a static position, such as sit, down or stand, and the dog shall remain in that position for a duration of 30 seconds. The handler may move within the box. The timing shall begin once the dog is placed. Upon entering the box the handler shall not deliberately touch the dog until the end of the task. Upon leaving the box the handler shall walk forward, facing the water, and shall walk or swim forward toward the water until the handler stops at or beyond the 35 foot line near the 35 foot marker. The dog shall remain within a 6 ft radius of the handler at all times. The dog shall not paw, climb on or interfere with the handler's movement during any portion of the swim. After stopping at or beyond the 35 foot line the handler shall make every effort to remain in the same place, facing the judge, while the dog completes the swim around the handler. The handler must swim with the dog when the team leaves the 35 foot line stop over. All travel by the handler, on the waterward side of the 35ft line shall be by swimming. The handler may stop swimming at any time, but all travel motions shall be through swimming, not wading when on the waterward side of the 45 ft line. The handler may wade or walk on the shore side of the 35 ft line. The team may enter the marked swim course from either end, but must enter and pass the first marker from the waterward side, the side furthest from shore. The swim pattern between the four markers shall require the team to enter and swim together toward shore between the 1st and 2nd marker, then swim between the 2nd and 3rd markers going away from shore and then between the 3rd and 4th marker going back toward shore. The dog shall not deviate from the weave pattern and shall not grab or mouth a marker. The dog may not enter the swim markers before the handler initiates the pattern and once the team starts the pattern they shall complete it before going to shore.

**Task:**

- Upon signal from the judge, the team shall enter the starter's box to begin a 30 second stay.
- Upon signal from the judge, the team shall leave the box and walk or swim out into the water, the handler shall stop at or beyond the 35 ft marker line, turn and face the shore.
- Without further direction from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to complete a full circle around the handler.
- The dog shall immediately swim a complete circle around the handler while the handler remains standing or treading water in the same spot.
- Upon completion of the circle, as acknowledged by the judge, the team (handler & dog) shall swim casually, together, to the beginning of the marked swim course.
- The team shall then swim a zigzag or weave pattern between the markers.
- Upon completion of the weave course the team shall swim casually back to shore and enter the starter's box together.
- The task ends upon the judge's signal.

## Canine Team Swim Work

### (1 A) Novice Team Swim Merit

#### **Task Summary:**

The handler shall leave the dog in the starter's box and move into the water a minimum of 35 feet from the shoreline. Upon signal from the judge the handler shall call the dog. When the dog arrives the dog shall swim within 6 feet of the handler for a duration of 30 second while the handler stands or treads water. The team shall then swim a weave pattern between four water markers and return to the starter's box.

**Time limit:** None

**Time Requirements:** None.

**Team Equipment:** None

#### **Site Equipment:**

One water marker, in line with the starter's box, positioned 35 feet out into the water from the shoreline. Four swim markers, anchored separately, about twenty feet apart, set in a row that appears parallel to the shoreline. The row of markers shall be positioned at or about 60 feet from the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None.

#### **Prescripts:**

The handler may gently restrain the dog by the harness or life jacket while inside the starter's box. After leaving the box, the handler shall not deliberately touch the dog until the end of the task. Upon leaving the dog in the box the handler shall walk forward, facing the water, and shall walk or swim forward toward the water until the handler stops at or beyond the 35 foot line near the 35 foot marker. The dog shall remain in the box until called by the handler. Upon joining the handler, the dog shall remain within 6 feet of the handler and shall not paw, climb on or interfere with the handler's movement during the swim. After calling the dog the handler shall make every effort to remain in the same place, facing the judge, while the dog completes the 30 second swim around the handler and until the judge releases the team to move to the swim markers. The handler must swim with the dog when the team leaves the 35 foot line stop over. All travel by the handler, on the waterward side of the 35ft line shall be by swimming. The handler may stop swimming at any time, but all travel motions shall be through swimming, not wading when on the waterward side of the 45 ft line. The handler may wade or walk on the shore side of the 35 ft line. The team may enter the marked swim course from either end, but must enter and pass the first marker from the waterward side, the side furthest from shore. The swim pattern between the four markers shall require the team to enter and swim together toward shore between the 1st and 2nd marker, then swim between the 2nd and 3rd markers going away from shore and then between the 3rd and 4th marker going back toward shore. The dog shall not deviate from the weave pattern and shall not grab or mouth a marker. The dog may not enter the swim markers before the handler initiates the pattern and once the team starts the pattern they shall complete it without deviation before going to shore.

#### **Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge, the handler shall leave the dog, walk or swim out into the water, stop at or beyond the 35 ft marker line near the 35 foot marker, turn and face the shore.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to swim to the handler.
- The dog shall immediately go to the handler and continuously swim within 6 ft of the handler for a timed 30 seconds while the handler remains standing in the same spot or treading water.
- Upon signal from the judge, the team (handler & dog) shall swim casually to the beginning of the marked swim course.
- Without further direction from the judge, the team shall swim a zigzag or weave pattern between the markers.
- Upon completion of the weave course the team shall swim casually back to shore and enter the starter's box together.
- The task ends upon the judge's signal.

## Canine Team Swim Work

### (1 B) Two Dog Team Swim Merit

#### **Task Summary:**

The handler shall leave both dogs in the starter's box and move into the water a minimum of 35 ft from the shoreline. Upon signal from the judge the handler shall call the dogs. When the dogs arrive the dogs shall swim within 6 ft of the handler for a period of 30 second while the handler treads water. The team shall then swim a weave pattern between four water markers and return to the starter's box.

**Time limit:** None

**Time Requirements:** None.

**Team Equipment:** None

#### **Site Equipment:**

One water marker, in line with the starter's box, positioned 35 ft out into the water from the shoreline. Four swim markers, anchored separately, about twenty feet apart, set in a row that appears parallel to the shoreline. The row of markers shall be positioned at or about 60 ft from the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None.

#### **Prescripts:**

After leaving the box, the handler shall not deliberately touch either dog until the end of the task. Upon leaving the dog in the box the handler shall walk forward, facing the water, and shall walk or swim forward toward the water until the handler stops at or beyond the 35 ft line near the 35 foot marker. The dogs shall remain in the box until called by the handler. Upon joining the handler, the dogs shall remain within 6 feet of the handler and shall not paw, climb on or interfere with the handler's movement during the swim. After calling the dogs the handler shall make every effort to remain in the same place, facing the judge, while the dogs completes the 30 second swim around the handler and until the judge releases the team to move to the swim markers. The handler must swim with the dogs when the team leaves the 35 foot line stop over. All travel by the handler, on the waterward side of the 35ft line shall be by swimming. The handler may stop swimming at any time, but all travel motions shall be through swimming, not wading when on the waterward side of the 45 ft line. The handler may wade or walk on the shore side of the 35 ft line. The team may enter the marked swim course from either end, but must enter and pass the first marker from the waterward side, the side furthest from shore. The swim pattern between the four markers shall require the team to enter and swim together toward shore between the 1st and 2nd marker, then swim between the 2nd and 3rd markers going away from shore and then between the 3rd and 4th marker going back toward shore. The dogs shall not deviate from the weave pattern and shall not grab or mouth a marker. The dogs may not enter the swim markers before the handler initiates the pattern and once the team starts the pattern they shall complete it without deviation before going to shore.

#### **Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge, the handler shall leave both dogs, walk or swim out into the water, stop at or beyond the 35 ft marker line near the 35 foot marker, turn and face the shore.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dogs to swim to the handler.
- Both dogs shall immediately go to the handler and continuously SWIM within 6 ft of the handler for a timed 30 second duration while the handler remains standing in the same spot or treading water.
- Upon signal from the judge, the team shall SWIM casually to the beginning of the marked swim course.
- Without further direction from the judge, the team shall SWIM a zigzag or weave pattern between the markers.
- Upon completion of the weave course the team shall swim casually back to shore and all three shall enter the starter's box to complete the task.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## **Canine Team Swim Work**

### **(1 C) Advanced Team Swim Certificate**

#### **Task Summary:**

The handler shall leave the dog in the start box and swim out to a marker 100 ft from shore; upon being called the dog shall swim to the handler; upon reaching the handler the dog shall be directed to swim around a boat and return to the handler; the handler shall then direct the dog to complete a weave-like pattern through four slalom markers; after completing the slalom course the dog shall be directed to shore where the dog will assume a down or sit position for the count of ten (seconds); the dog shall then return to the handler where the dog shall be directed to swim a figure-eight pattern between two swimmers before returning to the start box with the handler.

**Time limit:** None

**Time Requirements:** None.

**Team Equipment:** None

#### **Site Equipment:**

One Swim marker at the 100 ft line from the shoreline. One swim marker at the 35 ft line from the shoreline. One boater and row boat anchored with oars up at a marker 60 ft from the shoreline. Four slalom markers shall be anchored separately, about 3 ft. apart, set in a row that appears perpendicular to the shoreline. The row of markers shall start at the 35 ft line and line up waterward.. The markers shall be set at a minimum depth of three feet and no further than 60 ft from the shoreline. The judge shall approve the location of the markers, boat and swimmers and shall ensure that the travel path between each station is clear and direct and that station placements are approximately the same for each team being tested.

**Classification of Standards:** None.

#### **Prescripts:**

Prior to the start of the test the Judge shall indicate to the handler which behavior, Sit or Down, the dog shall perform during the return-to-shore aspect of the test. Upon leaving the dog in the box the handler shall walk forward, facing the water, and shall walk or swim forward toward the water until the handler stops at or beyond the 100 ft line. The dog shall remain within six feet of the handler when not performing a station and shall not paw, climb on or interfere with the handler's movement during the swim test. The following are performance STATIONS: Row Boat, Slalom Course, Swimmers for Figure 8, and Shore. The handler shall remain a minimum of six feet away from each performance station. The handler shall not deliberately travel once the dog has been directed to perform a station except during the slalom course where the handler may swim or walk six feet away from and on a parallel line with the markers to direct the dog. The handler shall wait until the dog is within arms reach before continuing to the next station. The dog may enter the slalom course from either end and shall swim a continuous weave-like pattern between the markers, without deviation, until completion once the dog has completed the first marker. Once started, the dog shall not deviate from the slalom course and shall not bite or take hold of a marker. Two stewards shall act as swimmers for the figure-eight pattern and may enter the water when the team moves to the 35 ft marker for the return to shore station. The swimmers shall stand or tread water in a minimum depth of three feet, spaced approximately ten feet apart, facing in any direction, but on a line that is perpendicular with the shoreline. The dog shall not attempt to climb on a swimmer. Swimmers may not communicate with the dog except to prevent a risk of injury. The handler may direct the dog to go in either direction around the first swimmer. Once the dog has completed a loop around the first swimmer, the dog shall complete the figure-eight pattern around the second swimmer and cross the center between the two swimmers at least three times. The figure 8 pattern shall appear as one continuous motion. The dog may not return to the handler after looping the first swimmer. The dog shall not qualify if the dog leaves the course once started.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge, the handler shall leave the dog in the starter box, travel to the 100 ft mark in the water, turn, face the dog and wait.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall direct the dog to swim.
- The dog shall immediately go to the handler.
- When the dog arrives within arms reach, the team shall move to the boat station and the handler shall direct the dog to circle the boat.
- The dog shall SWIM around the boat in one continuous direction and return to the handler.
- The team shall travel to the station for the slalom course and the handler shall direct the dog to complete a weave-like pattern between the four slalom markers.
- The dog shall SWIM a weave-like pattern between the slalom markers, exiting between markers #3 and #4, and may return to the handler after completion of the slalom or continue to shore without further direction if the handler is on the waterward side of the 35ft line. The handler shall return and or remain on the waterward side of the 35 ft line before sending the dog to shore.
- The dog shall go to shore, enter the starter box and perform a down-stay or sit-stay as directed by the handler.
- The Judge shall count out ten seconds and signal the handler to call the dog.
- The handler shall call the dog to swim.
- The dog shall return to the handler where the team shall move to the two swimmers for the figure eight station.
- The handler shall direct the dog to swim a loop or circle around one of the swimmers. Upon completing the loop or circle around the first swimmer the handler shall direct the dog to complete the **figure 8 pattern** around the second swimmer. The dog shall SWIM in a continuous motion, cross the center parallel line between the swimmers a minimum of three times, forming a figure 8 pattern, before returning to the handler.
- The team shall return to the starter box together.
- The judge shall indicate the end of the task.

## Canine Team Swim Work

### (1 D) Tow and Slalom Merit

#### **Task Summary:**

The handler shall leave the dog in the start box and swim out to a mark 100 ft from shore; upon being called the dog shall swim to the handler; upon reaching the handler the dog shall be directed to swim to shore while towing the handler; The dog shall tow the handler to the 60 ft mark line where the handler shall let go of the harness tow line and swim with the dog to the slalom markers on the 35 ft line. The dog shall swim a weave-like pattern between four markers. The handler shall then direct the dog to go to the starter's box; the handler will remain at the 35 ft line while the dog returns to shore ; the dog shall enter the starter's box and wait for the handler; the judge shall time 10 seconds and then direct the handler to return to the starter's box; the task is complete when the handler joins the dog in the box.

**Time limit:** None

**Time Requirements:** None.

**Team Equipment:** One harness tow line: a floating line less than five feet in length, no handle, attached to the dog's harness or canine life jacket.

#### **Site Equipment:**

One Swim marker at the 100 ft line from the shoreline and one or more at the 60 ft line. Slalom Markers: four swim markers, set in a row on a perpendicular line to the shoreline, approximately 3 ft apart. The row shall start at the 35 ft line and line up waterward. One starter's box on shore. One boater, whose boat shall be anchored and/or held by oars on or about the 60 ft line and about 30 ft from the center of the test area, either side. The boat may be positioned on either side of the test area at the discretion of the judge. One steward acting as a swimmer.

**Classification of Standards:** None.

#### **Prescripts:**

The boater shall be in place before the team enters the start box. The boater shall not interact with the team nor leave their post until the end of the task. The dog shall remain inside the box until called by the handler. The dog shall be considered on shore when all four paws are in the starter's box. The harness line shall be attached to the dog's harness or life jacket prior to the handler entering the water, it may be left loose or folded up and connected to the harness/life jacket in such a way that the handler can quickly utilize it when the dog swims to the handler. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 100 ft line until the dog arrives within arms reach. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 35 ft line until directed by the judge to return to the starter's box. The dog may not climb on or interfere with the handler. The dog may circle the handler before heading for shore and must keep the direction of the tow toward shore once the handler has sent the dog to shore. If the dog becomes entangled in the line the handler may direct the dog off course and correct the situation before continuing the tow. The swimmer shall enter the water test area when the team reaches the 60 ft line and shall not interact with the team. The swimmer shall walk out about 20 ft from the shoreline and shall stop and remain on a perpendicular line that is about 20 feet right or left of the starter box. The handler may direct the dog to enter the slalom markers from either end and from either side of the first marker, but once directed and the dog enters the first two markers, the dog shall complete the weave-like pattern. The dog shall swim between the first and second marker, then between the second and third and then between the third and fourth marker without missing a marker or leaving the immediate proximity (within three feet) of the markers. The handler must remain a minimum of three feet away from the markers, but may move parallel to the dog's path to direct the dog. The dog may not contact the boat, boater or the swimmer.



**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge, the handler shall leave the dog in the start box, wade or swim to the 100 ft mark in the water, turn, face the dog and wait.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall direct the dog to swim to the handler.
- The dog shall immediately go to the handler.
- When the dog arrives within arms reach, the handler shall take hold of the harness tow line and instruct the dog to tow the handler toward shore.
- The dog shall tow the handler toward shore.
- The handler shall release the harness tow line when the dog has arrived at the 60 ft mark.
- The handler shall swim with the dog to within three feet of the slalom markers.
- The handler shall direct the dog to swim a weave-like pattern between the markers, the dog shall do so.
- Upon completing the slalom markers the handler shall return and remain on the waterward side of the 35 ft line before sending the dog to the starter's box.
- The dog shall return to shore and wait inside the starter's box.
- The steward shall return to shore behind the dog and shall leave the area as the dog enters the box.
- The Judge shall time ten seconds and then signal the handler to return the starter's box.
- The handler shall return to the start box and join the dog.
- The judge shall indicate the end of the task.

## Canine Retrieve Work

### (2 A) Single Novice Shore to Sea Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve an article from 35 ft or 60 ft. and return it to the starter's box.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog is in the box with the article.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Any floating article.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft out from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** Group 1 dogs shall retrieve an article from a minimum of 60 ft from the shoreline. Group 2 dogs shall retrieve an article from a minimum of 35 ft from the shoreline.

**Prescripts:**

The handler may gently restrain the dog by the harness or the life jacket until the dog is released for the retrieve. The handler shall not guide or push the dog forward out of the starter's box. The handler may elect to have a steward toss for the team or the handler may toss the article. The handler must throw from the starter's box. The steward may toss from anywhere in the water or on shore, except in the starter's box.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the handler or steward shall toss the article out into the water.
- The judge shall signal the handler to send the dog for the retrieve.
- The handler shall remove all hand contact with the dog and cue the dog to retrieve.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the article, grasp the article by mouth, immediately return to the starter's box and enter the box with the article.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Retrieve Work

### (2 B) Single 60 ft Shore to Sea Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve an article from 60 ft., return it to the starter's box and deliver it to the handler's hand.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, and shape) floating toys, water articles.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft out from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article to be retrieved. A steward shall toss the retrieve article and may do so from anywhere in the water or on shore, except in the starter's box. The article shall be a minimum of 60 ft from the shoreline when the dog is sent.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starters box
- Upon signal from the judge the article shall be tossed.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to retrieve.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the article, grasp the article by mouth, immediately return to the starter's box, enter the box and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## **Canine Retrieve Work**

### **(2 C) Single 100 ft Shore to Sea Retrieve**

#### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve an article from 100 ft, return it to the starter's box and deliver it into the handler's hand.

#### **Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery.

**Time Requirements:** None

#### **Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, and shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

#### **Site Equipment:**

One or two distance markers set 100 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row boat.

**Classification of Standards:** None

#### **Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article to be retrieved. A steward shall toss the article from a boat, which may be anchored close enough to the 100 ft zone to make a successful toss. The boat may remain in the area during the task, but the steward shall avoid drawing the dog's attention. The article shall be a minimum of 100 ft from the shoreline when the dog is sent.

#### **Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the article shall be tossed.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to make the retrieve.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the article, grasp the article by mouth, immediately return to the starter's box, enter the box and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Retrieve Work

### (2 D) Submerged Shore to Sea Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve an underwater article in shallow water and deliver it to the handler.

**Time limit:**

30 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three different shaped Underwater Retrieve Articles. No attachments.

**Site Equipment:** None

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall select the retrieve article. The dog shall be positioned in the water at a depth that is at or above the dog's elbow. The handler shall drop or toss the article a minimum of 2 ft. in front of the dog and parallel to the shoreline. Once the article has been tossed the handler must remain in the same spot, with hands above the water line at all times, and wait for the dog to return for the delivery. The article, when tossed, must sink immediately and be completely covered by water when it touches bottom. If the judge is not satisfied with the article's drop the judge shall have the handler re-toss the article. The dog may retrieve the article by pawing it to shallow water, pawing it to shore or submerging.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall move into the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall toss or drop the retrieve article and send the dog to retrieve it.
- The dog shall grasp the article by mouth, return to the handler and release the article in the handler's hand.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Retrieve Work

### (2 E) Two Article Shore to Sea Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve two articles from 100/60 ft or 60/35 ft, return each to the starter's box and deliver to the handler's hand

**Time limit:**

5 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery of both articles.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

THREE significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects. The judge shall select two articles among the three to be used in the test.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 100 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row boat.

**Classification of Standards:**

Group 1 retrieve distance between 100 ft. and a minimum of 60 ft. from the shoreline. Group 2 retrieve distance between 60 ft. and a minimum of 35 ft. from the shoreline.

**Prescripts:**

The Judge shall select two water articles belonging to the team from among the three presented. A steward shall row or swim out into the water, scatter the retrieve articles a minimum of 10 ft. apart in a water zone of between 60 ft. and 100 ft. from the shoreline for Group 1 or between 35 ft. and 60 ft. from the shoreline for Group 2 and leave the retrieve area. If natural conditions move the articles a significant distance out of a specific water zone the judge may have a steward quickly move (not throw) the article(s) back into the proper retrieve zone while taking care not to interfere with the dog's work. There shall be no designated retrieve order for the two articles, but the dog may only retrieve one article at a time. If an article becomes entangled on the dog, the judge may direct a steward to retrieve the article and place it back in the water zone.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the articles shall be scattered.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog for the first article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, grasp one article by mouth, return to the starter's box, enter the box and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The handler shall then send the dog for the remaining article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, grasp one article by mouth, immediately return to the starter's box, enter the box and release the last article into the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Retrieve Work

### (2 F) Three Article Shore to Sea Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve three articles from 100/60 ft or 60/35 ft, return each to the starter's box and deliver to the handler's hand

**Time limit:**

6 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery of all three articles.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 100 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row boat.

**Classification of Standards:**

Group 1 retrieve distance between 100 ft. and a minimum of 60 ft. from the shoreline. Group 2 retrieve distance between 60 ft. and a minimum of 35 ft. from the shoreline.

**Prescripts:**

A steward shall row or swim out into the water, scatter the retrieve articles a minimum of 10 ft. apart in a water zone of between 60 ft. and 100 ft. from the shoreline for Group 1 or between 35 ft. and 60 ft. from the shoreline for Group 2 and leave the retrieve area. If natural conditions move the articles a significant distance out of a specific water zone the judge may have a steward quickly move (not throw) the article(s) back into the proper retrieve zone while taking care not to interfere with the dog's work. There shall be no designated retrieve order for the three articles, but the dog may only retrieve one article at a time. If an article becomes entangled on the dog, the judge may direct a steward to retrieve the article and place it back in the water zone.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the articles shall be scattered.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog for the first article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, grasp one article by mouth, return to the starter's box, enter the box and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The handler shall then send the dog for another article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, grasp one article by mouth, immediately return to the starter's box, enter the box and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The handler shall then send the dog for the third and final article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, grasp the article by mouth, return to the starter's box, enter the box and place the article in the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## **Canine Retrieve Work**

### **(2 G) Directed Shore to Sea Retrieve**

#### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve a single, designated article of three articles from 100/60 ft., return to starter's box and deliver it into the handler's hand.

#### **Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery of the article.

**Time Requirements:** None

#### **Team Equipment:**

Three floating articles, the same in all aspects (size, shape, color, weight, throw lines).

#### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 100 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row boat.

#### **Classification of Standards:**

Group 1 shall retrieve at a minimum distance of 100 ft. from the shoreline. Group 2 shall retrieve at a minimum distance of 60 ft. from the shoreline.

#### **Prescripts:**

A steward shall toss or drop three retrieve articles a minimum of 30 ft. apart, parallel to shore and 100 ft. from the shoreline for Group 1 or 60 ft. from the shoreline for Group 2. The judge shall tell the handler which article the dog is to retrieve, "left", "center" or "right". The team may face the designated article. The dog shall complete the course as directed and may not approach within three feet of a non designated target.

#### **Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the articles shall be tossed or dropped.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog for the designated article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the designated article, grasp the article by mouth, immediately return to the starter's box, enter the box and release the article in the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.



## **Canine Retrieve Work**

### **(2 H) Verbal Article Discrimination Shore to Sea Retrieve**

#### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve a designated article by “name” alone, return to the starter’s box and deliver it into the handler’s hand.

#### **Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog into the water and shall end when the judge has observed the dog’s delivery of the article.

**Time Requirements:** None

#### **Team Equipment:**

A PFD (Life ring, life jacket or seat cushion), a tow line, and a small paddle.

#### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 100 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row Boat.

#### **Classification of Standards:**

Group 1 shall retrieve a minimum distance of 100 ft. Group 2 shall retrieve a minimum of 60 ft. from the shoreline.

#### **Prescripts:**

The Judge shall inform the handler which article is to be retrieved by the dog. The handler shall only identify the article to the dog by its verbal label (i.e. cushion, line, paddle) and may give one non directional “take” cue while the dog is still in the starter’s box. The handler shall not use body language or sound to communicate directions, encouragement, or further information. The handler may repeat just the name of the article once the dog has left the starter’s box. Once the dog has the correct article the handler may resume unrestricted communications with the dog. A steward shall place the retrieve articles together in the water, not greater than three feet apart, 100 ft. from the shoreline for Group 1 or 60 ft. from the shoreline for Group 2. If an article becomes entangled on the dog, the judge may direct a steward to retrieve the article and place it back in the water. The dog may not grab or mouth a non-designated article.

#### **Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter’s box
- Upon signal from the judge the articles shall be placed.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog for the named article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the article, grasp the designated article by mouth, immediately return to the starter’s box, enter the box and place the article in the handler’s hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## **Canine Retrieve Work**

### **(2 I) Single 100 ft Shore to Boater Line Retrieve**

#### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve an article from a boater at the 100 ft line, return it to the starter's box and deliver it into the handler's hand.

#### **Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery to the Handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

#### **Team Equipment:**

A Tow Line

#### **Site Equipment:**

One or two distance markers set 100 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row boat.

**Classification of Standards:** None

#### **Prescripts:**

A steward shall row to the waterward side of the 100 ft. line with the tow line. The boat may be anchored. The steward shall avoid drawing the dog's attention until the dog is within 6 ft of the boat. The article may be hung over the side of the boat and visible to the team. The steward shall present the line to the dog when the dog is within 6 ft of the boat. The dog may take the line from the steward or from any portion of the line in the water. The steward shall release hold of the line when the dog has taken the line by mouth. The dog need not bring the entire line into the starter box, but shall have entered the box with a portion of the line to make the hand delivery. The steward may travel to the 100 ft line before the team enters the starter box to begin.

#### **Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the article shall be readied according to the judge's instructions.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to make the retrieve.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the boater, grasp the article by mouth, immediately return to the starter's box, enter the box and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Retrieve Work

### (2 J) Shore to Sea Sphere Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve a Sphere from 60 ft. and return it to the shoreline.

**Time limit:**

4 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the sphere reach the shoreline.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A sphere shaped object like a ball of sufficient density and size that the dog cannot grasp or hold the sphere by mouth. The sphere shall float and have no attachments. If the dog is able to hold the sphere by mouth during the task the team shall not qualify.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft out from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

A steward shall toss or place the sphere in the water on the waterward side of the 60 ft line according to the Judge's instructions. The steward shall leave the test area after placement. The dog may be sent for the sphere immediately after the sphere has been placed. The judges instructions shall take into account wind and water action when instructing the location, method and timing of the sphere placement. The article shall be a minimum of 60 ft from the shoreline when the dog is sent. The dog does not need to beach the sphere, but the sphere must contact the shore. The dog is not required to return the sphere to center of the test area, but shall return the sphere to within 50 ft of the starter box along the shoreline. The judge may allot extra time if the dog has been steadily working against a significant wind or current.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starters box
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall position the retrieve article.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to retrieve the sphere.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the sphere, and move the sphere toward shore by nose, muzzle or paw bumps or pushes. The dog shall continue to move the sphere until it has been grounded.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## **Canine Retrieve Work**

### **(2 K) Single 60 ft Sea to Shore Retrieve**

#### **Task Summary:**

The team shall begin at the 60 ft line in the water. The dog shall retrieve an article from starter box, return it to the 60 ft line and deliver it to the handler's hand.

#### **Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery.

**Time Requirements:** None

#### **Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, and shape) floating toys, water articles.

#### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft out from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

#### **Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article to be retrieved. A steward shall place the retrieve article in the starter box upon signal of the judge. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line once the team has reached the 60 ft line and until the dog has completed the task. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the task and may only be sent for the retrieve article from the waterward side of the 60 ft line. The judge may observe this task from shore or sea.

#### **Task:**

- The team shall enter the starters box
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line in the water and ready themselves on the waterward side of the 60 ft. line
- Upon signal from the judge the article shall be placed in the starter box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to retrieve.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately go to shore, go directly to the article, grasp the article by mouth, immediately bring the article across the 60 ft line and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Retrieve Work

### (2 L) Two Article Sea to Shore Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The team shall begin at the 60 ft line in the water. The dog shall retrieve two articles, one at a time, from the starter's box, return each to the 60 ft line and deliver each to the handler's hand

**Time limit:**

5 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog cross the 60 ft line and deliver the second article to the handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

THREE significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects. The judge shall select two articles among the three to be used in the test.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:**

Same standard for both groups

**Prescripts:**

The Judge shall select two water articles belonging to the team among the three presented. Upon the judge's signal a steward shall place the two articles in the starter box and leave the area. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line once the team has reached the 60 ft line and until the dog has completed the task. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the task and may only be sent for the retrieve article from the waterward side of the 60 ft line. There shall be no designated retrieve order for the two articles, but the dog may only retrieve one article at a time. If an article becomes entangled on the dog, the judge may direct a steward to retrieve the article and place it where the judge deems appropriate. The judge may observe this task from shore or sea.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line in the water and ready themselves on the waterward side of the 60 ft line.
- Upon signal from the judge the articles shall be placed in the starter box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog for the first article.
- Upon signal from the handler, the dog shall immediately go to shore, grasp one article from the box by mouth, bring the article back across the 60 ft line and deliver the article to the handler's hand. The handler may then send the dog for the remaining article.
- The dog shall immediately go to shore, grasp the remaining article by mouth, immediately cross the 60 ft line and release the last article into the handler's hand.

- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### **Canine Retrieve Work**

#### **(2 M) Single 100 ft Sea to Shore Retrieve from Steward**

##### **Task Summary:**

The teams shall begin at the 100 ft line in the water. The dog shall retrieve an article from a Steward in the starter box, return it to the 100 ft line and deliver into the handler's hand.

##### **Time limit:**

4 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog cross the 100 ft line and deliver to the handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

##### **Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, and shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

##### **Site Equipment:**

One or two distance markers set 100 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

##### **Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article to be retrieved. Upon signal from the judge the steward shall stand with the article in the starter box. The steward may communicate with the dog when the dog is within 6 ft. of the steward. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 100 ft line once the team has reached the 100 ft line and until the dog has completed the task. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the task and may only be sent for the retrieve article from the waterward side of the 100 ft line. The judge may observe this task from shore or sea.

##### **Task:**

- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 100 ft. line in the water and ready themselves on the waterward side of the 100 ft line.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall enter in the starter box with article.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to make the retrieve.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately go to shore, enter the box, grasp the article from the steward by mouth, bring the article across the 100 ft line and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Retrieve Work

### (2 N) Single 60 ft by 60 ft Parallel Sea Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The team shall begin at the 60 ft line in the water. The dog shall retrieve a tow line from a point 60 ft away and on a parallel with the 60 ft line and deliver it to the handler's hand.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery to the handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A Tow Line.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft apart and 60 ft out from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

A steward shall place the retrieve article a minimum of 60 ft away from the team and along the 60 ft line. The handler shall remain on the exterior side of the perpendicular line between shore and the 60 ft line and a minimum of 60 ft from shore until the dog has completed the task. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the task and may only be sent for the retrieve article from the exterior side of the perpendicular line between the shore and the 60 ft water line. The judge may observe this task from shore or sea.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starters box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line and ready themselves on the exterior side of the perpendicular line between shore and the 60 ft water line (Marker).
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall place the article on the opposite side of the team, a minimum of 60 ft away and a minimum of 60 ft from the shoreline.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to retrieve.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately go directly to the article, grasp the article by mouth, bring the article over the 60 ft perpendicular line and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## **Canine Delivery Work**

### **(3 A) Novice Deliver Shore to Swimmer 60 ft**

#### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall take an article to a swimmer 60 ft. from the shoreline and leave it within arms reach of the swimmer.

#### **Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has returned to the starter's box.

**Time Requirements:** None

#### **Team Equipment:**

A floating object.

#### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

#### **Prescripts:**

The handler may gently restrain the dog by the harness or the life jacket until the dog is released for the delivery. The handler shall not guide or push the dog forward out of the starter's box. A steward shall swim out about 60 ft. from the shoreline. The dog may take the line from hand or ground, but the transfer must be inside the starter's box. The judge shall immediately stop the task and disqualify the team if the dog climbs on the swimmer. With the handler's approval, the swimmer may communicate with the dog when the dog enters the water.

#### **Task:**

- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall enter the water zone.
- The team shall enter the starter's box
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall give the dog the delivery article and send the dog to the swimmer.
- The dog shall immediately grasp the article by mouth, enter the water, go directly to the swimmer, release the article within arms reach of the swimmer, and return to the starter's box.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.



## **Canine Delivery Work**

### **(3 B) Deliver 100 ft Shore to Swimmer**

#### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall take an article from shore to a swimmer 100 ft. from the shoreline and deliver it to the swimmer's hand.

#### **Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has returned to the starter's box.

**Time Requirements:** None

#### **Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

#### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline. A kick board or lounge-type float.

**Classification of Standards:** None

#### **Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article. A swimmer shall swim out about 100 ft. from the shoreline. The swimmer may use a kick board or other lounge-type float during this task. The judge shall immediately stop the task if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The Handler shall remain in the box during the test.

#### **Task:**

- Upon signal of the judge the steward shall enter the water zone.
- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall hand the dog the delivery article and send the dog to the swimmer.
- The dog shall immediately grasp the article by mouth, enter the water, go directly to the swimmer, release the article to the swimmer's hand, and return to the starter's box.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Delivery Work

### (3 C) Directed Delivery Shore to Designated Swimmer

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall deliver an article to a designated swimmer, from among three swimmers.

**Time limit:**

2 min. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has returned to starter's box.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. Three kick boards or lounge-type floats.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article to be delivered and which of the three swimmers, "left", "center" or "right" shall be the dog's target. Swimmers may paddle out on a kick board or a lounge-type float. Two stewards shall paddle to the 60 ft. distance and shall remain a minimum of 50 ft. apart. The third swimmer shall take up a position in the middle of the other two swimmers and shall be about 20 ft. closer to the shoreline. The swimmers shall form a "V" point pattern in the water. The judge shall immediately disqualified the team and stop the task if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The dog shall complete the course as directed and may not approach within three feet of a non designated target. The handler shall remain in the starter's box during the task.

**Task:**

- Upon signal from the judge the swimmers shall assume their place in the water zone.
- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- The judge shall designate the target swimmer.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall give the dog the delivery article and direct the dog to the designated swimmer.
- The dog shall grasp the article by mouth, immediately enter the water, go directly to the designated swimmer, release the article into the swimmer's hand, return to the starter's box and enter the box.

- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### **Canine Delivery Work**

#### **(3 D) Shore Directed Delivery between Swimmers**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall swim to a designated swimmer, accept an article from the swimmer, then deliver that article to another swimmer at least 50 ft. away and return to the starter's box.

**Time limit:**

4 min. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has returned to starter's box.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article to be delivered and which of the two swimmers, "left", or "right" shall be the dog's first target. The article shall go with the first target swimmer. The swimmer shall avoid drawing the dog's attention with the article until the dog is within six feet. Swimmers shall swim out to the 60 ft line and may use a kick board or a lounge-type float. Swimmers shall remain a minimum of 50 ft. apart. The judge shall immediately disqualified the team and stop the task if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The dog may not approach within three feet of the non designated swimmer. The handler shall remain in the starter's box during the task.

**Task:**

- Upon signal from the judge the swimmers shall assume their place in the water zone.
- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- The judge shall designate the first target swimmer.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall direct the dog to the designated swimmer.

- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the designated swimmer, grasp the article by mouth from the swimmer's hand, swim to the second swimmer, release the article in that swimmer's hand, return to the starter's box and enter the box.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### **Canine Delivery Work**

#### **(3 E) Shore Directed Delivery Between Boat and Swimmer**

##### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall swim to a boat, accept a long line from the boater, take the line to a swimmer at least 50 ft. away and return to the starter's box.

##### **Time limit:**

3 min. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has returned to starter's box.

**Time Requirements:** None

##### **Team Equipment:**

100 ft long line.

##### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

##### **Prescripts:**

The article shall go with the boater. The Swimmer shall swim out to the 60 ft. line and may use a kick board or a lounge-type float. The swimmer shall remain at least 50 ft. from the boat. The judge shall immediately disqualified the team and stop the task if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The dog shall continuously circle or loop around the swimmer until the swimmer has hold of the line. The boater shall feed out the long line as the dog travels to the swimmer. The dog shall complete the course as directed and may not approach within three feet of a non designated target.

##### **Task:**

- Upon signal from the judge the boater and swimmer shall assume their place in the water zone.
- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall direct the dog to the boat.

- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the stern of the boat, grasp the line by mouth from the boater's hand, swim to the swimmer, circle the swimmer until the swimmer grasps the line, release the article, return to the starter's box and enter the box.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### **Canine Delivery Work**

#### **(3 F) Deliver Long Line shore to Boater**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall take a long line 60 ft. from shore to the stern of a boat, release the line to the steward's hand and return to the starter's box.

**Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog into the water and shall end when the judge has observed the delivery and the dog has returned to shore.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

100 ft long line.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row Boat.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

A boater shall row a boat out about 60 ft. from the shoreline. The line shall start in the starter's box and the handler shall feed out the line as the dog swims to the boat. If the line becomes entangled on the dog, the judge may direct a steward to assist the dog. The steward shall accept the line from the dog and shall hold the line until the dog has returned to the starter's box.

**Task:**

- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall set the boat in the target area.
- The Team shall enter the starter's box.

- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall give the dog the end of the long line and send the dog to the boat. The handler shall remain in the starter's box.
- The dog shall immediately grasp the line, enter the water, take the line directly to the boat, release the line to the boater's hand, return to the starter's box and enter the box.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### **Canine Delivery Work**

#### **(3 G) Deliver Shore to Marked Zone**

##### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall release an article within a designated target zone in open water

##### **Time limit:**

3 min. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has returned to starter's box.

**Time Requirements:** None

##### **Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

##### **Site Equipment:**

Four water markers. The markers shall be the corners of a 10 ft. by 10 ft. square shaped zone in the water. The water box shall be set with the first two markers on the 50 ft. line from the shoreline and the second two markers on the 60 ft. line from the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

##### **Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article to be delivered inside the water box. The dog may only transport the article by mouth, either carrying it or towing it. The article shall be released inside the marked zone. The handler may direct the dog as needed to ensure the article is released inside the marked zone. If at any point the article is not released in the proper area the dog may pick it up and complete the task. The article must be in the zone when released. The judge may allot extra time if the dog has been steadily working against a significant wind or current.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall give the dog the article and direct the dog to the target zone.
- The dog shall immediately grasp the article by mouth, enter the water, go directly to the target zone, release the article inside the marked zone and return to the starter's box.
- The judge shall signal when the article has been released inside the marked zone.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Delivery Work****(3 H) Deliver Sphere shore to Marked Zone****Task Summary:**

The dog shall push a large floating ball within a designated target zone in open water

**Time limit:**

4 min. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has returned to starter's box.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A sphere shaped object like a ball of sufficient density and size that the dog cannot grasp or hold the sphere by mouth. The sphere shall float and have no attachments. If the dog is able to hold the sphere by mouth during the task the team shall not qualify.

**Site Equipment:**

Four water markers. The markers shall be the corners of a 10 ft. by 10 ft. square shaped zone in the water. The water box shall be set with the first two markers on the 50 ft. line from the shoreline and the second two markers on the 60 ft. line from the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The dog may only bump or push the sphere by nose, muzzle or paw. The dog may not carry the ball by mouth. The handler may direct the dog as needed to ensure the article is released inside the marked zone. If at any point the ball is not released in the proper area the dog may be directed to complete the task. The

dog shall leave the vicinity of the ball once the ball is delivered inside the zone. The dog shall return to shore. The dog shall not return to shore before the ball is placed inside the zone target, except that if a ball is pushed or drifts ashore, the dog shall be permitted to work the ball back into the water as long as the dog remains working toward that goal. The judge may allot extra time if the dog has been steadily working against a significant wind or current.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall place the ball into the water near the shoreline.
- The handler shall direct the dog to push the ball to the target zone.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to ball and begin pushing the ball to the target zone until the ball is inside the marked zone.
- The judge shall signal when the ball is inside the marked zone.
- The dog shall leave the ball inside the zone and return to the starter's box.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Delivery Work**

**(3 I) Deliver 60 ft from Sea to Starter Box**

**Task Summary:**

The team begins in the water at the 60 ft line. The dog shall take an article from the handler, deliver it in the starter box and return to the handler.

**Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has crossed the 60 ft line and returned to handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line once the team has reached the 60 ft line and until the dog has completed the task. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the task and may only be sent for the delivery from the waterward side of the 60 ft line. The judge may observe this task from shore or from between shore and the 100 ft line.

**Task:**



- The Team shall enter the starter's box with the article.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line and ready themselves on the waterward side of the 60 ft water line.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall hand the dog the article and send the dog to the starter box.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately grasp the article by mouth, go directly to shore, enter the starter box, release the article inside the starter's box and return to the handler.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### **Canine Delivery Work**

#### **(3 J) Deliver 100 ft from Sea to Shore Steward**

**Task Summary:**

The team shall begin in the water at the 100 ft line. The dog shall take an article from the handler and swim to shore, enter the starter box and deliver the article to the steward's hand and return to the handler

**Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has crossed the 60 ft line and returned to the handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline. One or Two markers set at 100 ft from the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article. Upon signal from the judge, steward shall enter the starter box. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 100 ft line once the team has reached the 100 ft line and until the dog has completed the task. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the

task and may only be sent for the delivery from the waterward side of the 100 ft line. The steward may communicate with the dog when the dog is within 6 ft of the steward.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box with the article.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 100 ft line and ready themselves on the waterward side of the 100 ft water line.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall hand the dog the delivery article and send the dog to the shore steward.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately grasp the article by mouth, go directly to shore, enter the starter box, release the article to the steward's hand and return to the handler.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Delivery Work**

**(3K) Directed Delivery from Sea to Designated Shore Steward**

**Task Summary:**

The team begins in the water at the 60 ft line. The dog shall take an article from the handler, deliver it to a designated steward, ignoring the second steward and return to the handler.

**Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog has crossed the 60 ft line and returned to handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line once the team has reached the 60 ft line and until the dog has completed the task. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the task and may only be sent for the delivery from the waterward side of the 60 ft line. The two stewards shall take up positions on a parallel line with starter box, parallel with the

shoreline and approximately ten feet away from the exterior of the starter box. The stewards shall remain approximately 26 feet apart until the dog has delivered the article. The designated steward may communicate with the dog when the dog is within 6 ft of the steward.

**Task:**

- Upon signal of the judge the steward shall enter the water zone.
- The Team shall enter the starter's box with the article.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line and ready themselves on the waterward side of the 60 ft water line.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall hand the dog the article and send the dog to the starter box.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately grasp the article by mouth, go directly to shore, enter the starter box, release the article inside the starter's box and return to the handler.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Delivery Work**

**(3 L) Single 60 by 60 Sea Delivery to Swimmer.**

**Task Summary:**

The team shall begin at the 60 ft line in the water. The dog shall deliver an article to a swimmer from a point 60 ft away and on a parallel with the 60 ft line and deliver it to the swimmer's hand.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery and the dog has returned to the handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A Tow Line.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft apart and 60 ft out from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate the article to be retrieved. A steward shall be in a position a minimum of 60 ft away from the team and 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline. The handler shall remain on the exterior side of the perpendicular line between shore to the 60 ft line and a minimum of 60 ft from shore until the dog has completed the task. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the task and may only be sent for the delivery from the exterior side of the perpendicular line between the shore and the 60 ft water line. The judge may observe this task from shore or from between shore and the 60 ft line.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starters box
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line and ready themselves on the exterior side of the perpendicular line between shore and the 60 ft water line (Marker).
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall travel to the opposite side of the team, a minimum of 60 ft away and a minimum of 60 ft from the shoreline.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to deliver the article to the swimmer.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately take the article from the handler's hand and go directly to the swimmer with the article, release the article into the swimmer's hand and return to the handler.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Underwater Work****(4 A) Novice Head Submersion****Task Summary:**

The dog shall submerge its head in shallow water.

**Time limit:**

30 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's head underwater.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Optional - toy or underwater article.

**Site Equipment:**

Gravel, sand or a submerged tarp may be added to the task area to reduce silt disturbance.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The handler may gently restrain the dog by the harness or the life jacket until the judge signals the handler to cue the dog for the submersion. The handler shall not guide or push/pull the dog forward. The team shall

position themselves at a depth that shall permit the dog to submerge the dog's entire head, including the back skull. The handler may toss or drop the article repeatedly until the end of the time limit.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water and the handler shall set up the dog for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge to send the dog, the handler may toss an article or toy in front of the dog or submerge and hold a toy in front of the dog and shall immediately cue the dog to place its head underwater.
- The dog shall submerge its entire head, including the back skull.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Underwater Work**

**(4 B) Single Retrieve Head Submersion**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall immediately submerge its entire head to retrieve an article, bring it above the water and deliver it to the handler.

**Time limit:**

15 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three different shaped Underwater Retrieve Articles. An underwater retrieve article can be any toy or object that sinks immediately. No floating attachments.

**Site Equipment:**

Gravel, sand or a submerged tarp may be added to the test area to reduce silt disturbance.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The Judge shall inform the handler which article is to be retrieved by the dog. The handler shall inform the judge who is going to make the toss, the handler or a steward. If the steward is to make the toss the handler may consult with the steward and show the steward the placement technique desired by the handler for the dog. The dog shall be positioned at a water depth that permits the dog to submerge the dog's entire head for a retrieve. After the article is released the handler shall remain stationary, with both hands above the water, until the end of the task. If the dog paws the article to an inappropriate water depth or can no longer see the article the judge may direct the steward or handler to re toss the article.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler or steward shall toss or drop the retrieve article a minimum of 2 ft. in front of the dog and parallel to the shoreline.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to retrieve the article.
- The dog shall immediately submerge its entire head including the occiput (back of the skull), grasp the article by mouth, immediately take the article to the handler and release the article in the handler's hand.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

### Canine Underwater Work

#### (4 C) Head Submersions for Multiple Retrieve

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall submerge its entire head to retrieve two articles, one at a time, bring each above the water and deliver each into the handler's hand.

**Time limit:**

20 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery of the second article.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three different shaped Underwater Retrieve Articles. No floating attachments.

**Site Equipment:**

Gravel, sand or a submerged tarp may be added to the task area to reduce silt disturbance.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The Judge shall inform the handler which two articles are to be retrieved by the dog.

The team shall position themselves at a depth that shall permit the dog to submerge its entire head for a retrieve. After the articles have been released the handler shall remain stationary, both hands above the water, until after the delivery of both articles. If the dog paws an article to an inappropriate water depth or can no longer see the article the judge may direct the steward to re-toss the article. The dog shall deliver only one article at a time. The steward shall re toss an article if the dog retrieves and delivers two articles at once.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall toss or drop the retrieve articles together a minimum of 2 ft. in front of the dog and parallel to the shoreline.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to retrieve the articles.
- The dog shall immediately submerge its entire head including the occiput (back of the skull), grasp an article by mouth, return to the handler, and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The handler shall then send the dog for the second article.
- The dog shall locate the second article, submerge its head, grasp the article by mouth, return to the handler and release the article into the handle's hand.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

### Canine Underwater Work

#### **(4 D) Head Submersion Directed Retrieve**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall submerge its head and retrieve a designated article from among three, return it to the box and deliver it to the handler.

**Time limit:**

30 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and end when the dog has delivered the article to the handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three white weighted Wiffle Balls of equal size. No floating attachments.

**Site Equipment:**

Rocks, gravel or sand may be applied the water bed to steady the balls and prevent rolling.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall indicate to the handler which ball, “left”, “center” or “right”, the dog is to retrieve. The starter’s box shall be in line with the center ball. The team may face the designated ball. A steward shall place the three weighted Wiffle balls into a depth that shall cover the balls with at least 4 inches of water for Group 1 and at least 2 inches of water for Group 2. The balls shall be placed about 10 ft. apart and along a parallel line with the shoreline. The handler shall remain in the starter’s box during the task. The dog may locate the article with its paws, but may not paw the ball into more shallow water to make the retrieve. The dog may not grab or mouth a non-designated article.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter’s box.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall place the balls in the water for the task.
- The Judge shall designate the target article.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog for the designated ball.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, submerge as needed to grasp the designated ball by mouth, return immediately to the starter’s box, enter the box and release the ball to the handler’s hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Underwater Work**

**(4 E) Dive from a Swim**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall submerge its entire body.

**Time limit:**

30 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and end when the judge has observed the body submersion.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Optional - Any toy or article

**Site Equipment:** None

**Classification of Standards:** None



**Prescripts:**

The team shall position themselves in the water at a depth that shall permit the dog to submerge its entire body from a swimming position. The dog shall begin the task while swimming in the vicinity of the handler. The dog may make as many dive attempts as needed to complete the task within the time limit. The judge shall take into consideration the length of a dog's coat. The judge shall not disqualify a dog's dive if the entire coat on the dog's back or the tail does not completely submerge. The dog shall not return to shore before the completion of the submersion.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler may toss or hold an article below the surface of the water and shall cue the dog to submerge.
- The dog shall submerge its entire body.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Underwater Work****(4 F) Body Submersion Retrieve from a Swim****Task Summary:**

The dog shall dive from a swim, submerge its entire body, retrieve the article and bring it to the surface.

**Time limit:**

30 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and end when the dog retrieves the article.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Any dive or underwater article.

**Site Equipment:** None

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The handler shall advise the judge who will make the toss of the article, a steward or the handler. If the steward is to make the toss the handler may consult with the steward and show the steward the placement technique desired by the handler for the dog. The team shall position themselves in the water at a depth that shall permit the dog to submerge its entire body from a swimming position. The handler's hands shall not be placed underwater for the purpose of guiding, luring or directing the dog. If the dog is having difficulty locating the article due to test conditions the judge may grant permission for a second article to be tossed or if time permits the first article may be recovered and tossed. The dog may make as many dive attempts as needed to complete the task within the time limit. The judge shall take into consideration the length of a dog's coat. The judge shall not disqualify a dog's dive if the entire coat on the dog's back or the tail does not completely submerge. The dog shall not return to shore before the completion of the retrieve.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge either the handler or a steward shall toss or place the diving article below the surface of the water.
- Without further direction from the judge the handler shall send the dog to retrieve the article.
- The dog shall submerge its entire body, grasp the article by mouth and bring it to the surface.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Underwater Work

### (4 G) Body Submersion Retrieve from a Platform

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall dive from a platform, submerge its entire body, retrieve the article and bring it to the surface.

**Time limit:**

60 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog completes the retrieve.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Any dive or underwater article. The handler may two dive articles on the platform.

**Site Equipment:**

A free standing dive platform positioned at or just above the water's surface.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The handler shall advise the judge who will make the toss of the article, a steward or the handler. If the steward is to make the toss or drop, the handler may consult with the steward and show the steward the placement technique desired by the handler for the dog. The team shall position themselves in the water so that the dog is on the platform and the handler is floating or standing in the water next to the platform. The handler shall remain next to or behind the dog. Neither the steward nor the handler shall cross the extended plane formed on the side of the platform from where the dog is about to jump unless directed by a judge. The handler's hands shall not be placed underwater for the purpose of guiding, luring or directing the dog. If the dog is having difficulty locating the article due to test conditions the judge may grant permission for a second article to be tossed. The dog may make as many dive attempts as needed to complete the task within the time limit. The dog shall dive directly underwater from the platform. Should the dog surface without the article, the handler, if time permits, may assist and bring the dog back on the platform for another jump. The dog may not make the retrieve from a swim-dive unless the dog has first demonstrated a complete underwater dive off the platform. The judge shall take into consideration the length of a dog's coat. The judge shall not disqualify a dog's dive if the entire coat on the dog's back or the tail does not completely submerge. The dog shall not return to shore before the completion of the retrieve.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge either the handler or a steward shall toss or drop the diving article below the surface of the water in front of the dog.
- Without further direction from the judge the handler shall send the dog to retrieve the article.
- The dog shall jump from the platform, diving directly underwater, submerging its entire body, grasp the article by mouth and bring it to the surface.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Tow Work**

**(5 A) Novice Tow of a Flotation 50 ft**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall swim or wade and tow the flotation a minimum distance of 50 ft. parallel to the shoreline.

**Time limit:**

90 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler cues the dog to tow and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow distance.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

The flotation shall be a Life Ring, Large Tow-able Tube or a Kick Board with a tow line. Tow line shall be a maximum of ten feet in length and may have a bumper attached or be knotted to aid in the tow.

**Site Equipment:**

Two sports cones shall be placed 50 ft. apart on shore near the shoreline. Marker #1 shall be the starting point and #2 shall be the finish point.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The dog shall wade or swim parallel to shore and shall not travel further than 35 ft from the shoreline in the water during the task. The dog shall not leave the water once the tow has begun. The handler may gently restrain the dog by the harness or the life jacket until the dog is released for the tow. The handler shall hand or drop the tow line to the dog. The handler shall not guide or push the dog forward when releasing the dog. The dog may begin the tow anywhere within the vicinity of the tow line. Only the flotation need be placed outside of the first distance marker at the start of the tow, the line does not need to be outside the first marker. The dog shall tow only the line, grasping it at any point by mouth, and towing by mouth until the flotation has crossed a point in line with the second distance marker. At the discretion of the handler a steward may steady the flotation in the water to the outside of the first marker until the dog begins the tow. If the flotation becomes entangled or grounded during the tow the handler shall direct the dog to dislodge the flotation, if conditions make it unlikely that the dog can dislodge it the judge may order a steward to dislodge the flotation and the dog shall continue the tow. The handler may move with or at a distance from the towing dog, but shall not interfere with the dog's movement or guide the flotation.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water with the flotation and set up for the task outside of the first marker.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall hand or drop the line to the dog, shall cue the dog to tow the flotation past the second marker.
- The dog shall immediately grasp the tow line by mouth, swim and or wade parallel to the shoreline and tow the flotation past the second marker.
- The judge shall signal the handler when the dog has towed the flotation past the second marker.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### Canine Tow Work

#### **(5 B) Harness Tow of Handler 60 ft Sea to Shore: Travel**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall tow the handler from 60 ft in the water to shore.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler requests the dog to tow and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A floating water lead, no longer than 5 ft., which may be attached to the dog's harness or life jacket.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline. Two markers set in a depth of water 20 inches deep, a minimum of 35 ft apart and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

Team shall swim out to a point 60 ft. from the shoreline. The judge shall immediately stop the task and disqualify the team if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The dog shall stay within reach of the handler until cued to tow to shore. The handler may not grasp the water lead until the judge begins the tow. The handler may assist the dog in getting the tow started by lightly kicking and thereafter may only kick gently to remain balanced or upon direction of a judge to assist the dog in rough conditions. The dog shall continue to tow the handler until the handler's shoulders are past the shallow water mark or the handler is grounded.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall grasp the dog's harness/life jacket or the water lead and send the dog to shore.
- The dog shall immediately tow the handler to shore.
- The Judge shall signal the handler when the dog has completed the tow past the shallow water mark or the handler is grounded.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### Canine Tow Work

#### **(5 C) Harness Tow of a Swimmer 100 ft Sea to Shore: Retrieve**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall tow a swimmer from 100 ft in the water to shore.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog to the swimmer and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A floating water lead no longer than 5 ft shall be attached to the dog's harness or life jacket to facilitate the tow.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline. Two markers set in a depth of water 20 inches deep, a minimum of 35 ft apart and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The steward shall swim out to the 100 ft line and free float. The dog shall circle, loop or move so that the swimmer is able to grasp the floating harness line on the dog's harness. With the handler's approval the swimmer may talk to or direct the dog once the dog is within six feet of the swimmer. The judge shall immediately stop the task and disqualify the team if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The swimmer may assist the dog in getting the tow started by lightly kicking and thereafter may only kick gently to remain balanced or upon direction of a judge to assist the dog in rough conditions. The dog shall continue to tow the Swimmer until the Swimmer's shoulders are past the shallow water mark or the swimmer is grounded.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to the swimmer.
- The dog shall immediately swim to the swimmer and shall circle the swimmer until the swimmer has grasped the dog's water lead.
- The Swimmer shall grasp the dog's water lead and accept a tow to shore.
- The dog shall immediately tow the Swimmer to shore.
- The Judge shall signal the handler when the Swimmer's shoulders are past the shallow water mark or the swimmer is grounded.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Tow Work**

**(5 D) Harness Tow of a Swimmer 30 ft Sea to a Boat: Delivery**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall swim to a swimmer 60 ft. from the shoreline and tow the swimmer 30 ft to a boat.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog to tow and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow distance.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A floating water lead no longer than 5 ft. may be attached to the dog's harness or life jacket to facilitate the tow.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The swimmer shall take up a position in the water 60 ft. from the shoreline and about 30 ft from a row boat. A rower shall take a row boat to the 60 ft line and remain about 30 ft from the swimmer. The dog shall circle, loop or move so that the swimmer is able to grasp the floating harness line on the dog's harness. The judge shall immediately stop the task and disqualify the team if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The Swimmer may assist the dog in getting the tow started by lightly kicking and thereafter may only kick gently to remain balanced or upon direction of a judge assist the dog in rough conditions. The dog shall circle the boat until the swimmer is able to reach out and touch the boat.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to the swimmer.
- The dog shall swim to the swimmer, remain with the swimmer until the swimmer has grasped the water lead and tow the swimmer to the boat.
- The swimmer shall grasp the boat when within arm's reach.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### Canine Tow Work

#### **(5 E) Tow a Person on a Flotation 60 ft Sea to Shore: Retrieve**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall swim to a swimmer 60 ft from shore, grasp the line on the life ring and tow the steward to shore.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog to the steward and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Life Ring or a Kick Board with a tow line.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. Two markers set in a depth of water 20 inches deep, an minimum of 35 ft apart and, parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

A steward shall swim to the 60 ft line with the flotation and shall board the flotation at any point prior to the dog's arrival. The dog shall take the tow line and tow the swimmer. The judge shall immediately stop the task and disqualify the team if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The Swimmer may assist the dog in getting the tow started by lightly kicking and thereafter may only kick gently to remain balanced or upon direction of a judge, assist the dog in rough conditions.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to the steward.
- The dog shall immediately go to the steward, grasp the tow line by mouth, immediately tow the steward to shore.
- The Judge shall signal the handler when the steward's shoulders are past the shallow water mark or the swimmer is grounded.
- The Judge shall then signal the end of the task.

**Canine Tow Work**

**(5 F) Tow Boat Parallel to Shoreline: Travel**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall tow the boat a minimum distance of 50 ft. parallel to the shoreline.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when handler requests the dog to take the tow line and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow distance.

**Time Requirements:** None



**Team Equipment:**

A tow line.

**Site Equipment:**

Two sports cones, as distance markers, shall be placed 50 ft. apart on shore near the shoreline. Marker #1 shall be the starting point and marker #2 shall be the finishing point. A row boat.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The dog shall wade or swim parallel to shore and shall not travel waterward further than 35 ft from the shoreline in the water during the task. The team may begin the tow at either distance marker. The dog shall not leave the water once the tow has begun. The handler may not guide or restrain the dog. The handler shall hand or drop the tow line to the dog. The dog may begin the tow anywhere within the vicinity of the tow line. Only the boat need be placed outside of the first distance marker at the start of the tow, the line does not need to be outside the first marker. The dog shall tow only the line, grasping it at any point by mouth, and towing by mouth until the boat's bow has crossed a point in line with the second distance marker. At the discretion of the handler a steward may steady the boat in the water to the outside of the first marker until the dog begins the tow. It shall be the dog's job to keep the boat moving until the distance has been reached. If the boat becomes entangled or grounded during the tow the handler shall direct the dog to dislodge the boat, if conditions make it unlikely that the dog can dislodge the boat the judge may order a steward to dislodge the boat and the dog shall continue the tow. The handler may move with or at a distance from the towing dog, but shall not interfere with the dog's movement or guide the boat.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall hand off or drop the tow line for dog and cue the dog to tow the boat.
- The dog shall immediately take the tow line by mouth and move the boat in a direction that is parallel to the shoreline until the bow of the boat is in line with the second marker.
- The judge shall signal the handler when the bow of the boat is in line with the second marker.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

### Canine Tow Work

#### **(5 G) Tow Boater 60 ft Sea to Shore: Retrieve**

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall swim to a boater 60/35 ft from shore, take the boat's tow line and tow the boat to shore.

**Time limit:**

4 minutes. Timing shall begin when the dog is sent to the boat and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A tow line.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline and two markers set at 35 ft. A small row boat. Boater (steward) must be the same for all teams.

**Classification of Standards:**

Group 1 shall retrieve at 60 ft. Group 2 shall retrieve at 35 ft. from the shoreline.

**Prescripts:**

A boater shall row a small row boat to a point about 35 ft. (for group two) or about 60 ft. (for group one) from the shoreline. The boater may use the oars to keep the boat in the test zone, but shall ship the oars before the dog arrives at the boat. With the handler's approval, the boat steward may hand off the end of the tow line to the dog or drop it into the water.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to retrieve the boat.
- The dog shall immediately go to the boat, take the tow line by mouth, tow the boat toward shore and continue to do so until the boat's bow beaches on the shoreline.
- The Judge shall signal the handler when the boat is grounded.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Tow Work**

**(5 H) Tow Swimmer 60 ft from Shore to Boater: Delivery**

**Task Summary:**

The dog is sent from the starter box to a swimmer in shallow water. The swimmer grasps the harness line and the dog tows the swimmer to a boater on the 60 ft line before returning to the handler.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog to the steward and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow and the dog has returned to the starter box.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Harness Tow Line (Watersports lead)

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One or two markers set in a depth of water 20 inches deep to indicate shallow water for tow start.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

A steward shall wade to shallow water line the dog's arrival and assume a swim position. The dog shall circle, loop or move so that the swimmer is able to grasp the floating harness line on the dog's harness. The steward may communicate with the dog when the dog is within 6 ft of the swimmer. The judge shall immediately stop the task and disqualify the team if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The Swimmer may assist the dog in getting the tow started by lightly kicking and thereafter may only kick gently to remain balanced or upon direction of a judge, assist the dog in rough conditions. The dog shall bring the swimmer to within such a proximity of the boat that the swimmer is able to grab the boat. The handler shall remain in the starter box.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter box.
- The judge shall cause the Steward to set up in the water before or after the team enter the starter box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to the steward.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately go to the Swimmer and remain with the Swimmer until the Swimmer is able to grab the Harness Tow Line.
- The handler shall direct the dog to tow the swimmer to the boat.
- The dog shall tow the swimmer to the boat and shall remain near or circling the boat until the swimmer is able to grab the boat. The dog will then return to the starter box.
- The Judge shall signal the handler when the steward's shoulders are past the shallow water mark or the swimmer is grounded.
- The Judge shall then signal the end of the task.

### Canine Tow Work

#### **(5 I) Tow Swimmer 60 ft. from Shore to Sea: Retrieve**

**Task Summary:**

The dog is sent from the 60 ft line to a swimmer in shallow water. The swimmer grasps the dog's harness line and the dog tows the swimmer across the 60 ft line and to the handler.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog to the steward and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow and the dog has returned to the handler.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Harness Tow Line (Watersports lead)

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One or two markers set in a depth of water 20 inches deep to indicate shallow water for tow start.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

A steward shall wade to shallow water line the dog's arrival and assume a swim position. The dog shall circle, loop or move so that the swimmer is able to grasp the floating harness line on the dog's harness. The steward may communicate with the dog when the dog is within 6 ft of the swimmer. The judge shall immediately stop the task and disqualify the team if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The Swimmer may assist the dog in getting the tow started by lightly kicking and thereafter may only kick gently to remain balanced or upon direction of a judge, assist the dog in rough conditions. The dog shall bring all of the swimmer across the 60 ft line and to within reach of the handler. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line. The judge may observe the task from shore or sea.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line and remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line.
- The judge shall cause the Steward to set up in the water before or after the team enter the starter box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to the steward.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately go to the Swimmer and remain with the Swimmer until the Swimmer is able to grab the Harness Tow Line.
- The handler shall direct the dog to tow the swimmer to the waterward side of the 60 ft line.
- The dog shall tow the entire swimmer across the 60 ft line and to within arms reach of the handler.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

### Canine Tow Work

#### **(5 J) Tow Floatation 100 ft from Shore to Sea: Retrieve**

**Task Summary:**

The dog is sent from the 60 ft line to a Floatation in shallow water. The dog shall tow the floatation across the 60 ft line and deliver the line to the handler's hand.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog for the float and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of task.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Tow Line (optional)

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One or two markers set in a depth of water 20 inches deep to indicate shallow water for tow start. Large Floatation with tow line.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

A steward shall place the floatation between the shallow water line and the shoreline. The Judge may order the float to be grounded. The dog shall tow the entire floatation across the 60 ft line and release the line into the handler hand. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line. The judge may observe the task from shore or sea.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line and remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line.
- Upon signal from the judge the Steward shall place the floatation in the designated area.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog from the waterward side of the 60 ft line to tow the floatation.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately go to the floatation, grasp the tow line, tow the entire floatation across the 60 ft line and deliver the tow line into the handler's hand.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Tow Work**

**(5 K) Tow Boat 60 ft from Shore to Sea: Retrieve**

**Task Summary:**

The handler leaves the dog in the starter box and travels to the waterward side of the 60 ft line. The dog is sent from the starter box to the boat in shallow water. The dog grasps the tow line and tows the boat across the 60 ft line to deliver the line to the handler's hand.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog for the boat's tow line and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of task.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Tow Line (optional)

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One or two markers set in a depth of water 20 inches deep to indicate shallow water for tow start. Row boat with tow line.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

A steward shall place the boat between the shallow water line and the shoreline. The Judge may order a steward to hold the boat so it remains free floating. The dog need not tow the entire boat across the 60 ft line, but shall bring the bow of the boat over the 60 ft line and release the tow line into the handler hand. The handler shall remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line. The dog shall remain in the starter box until released by the handler. The judge may observe the task from shore or sea.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter box.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall place or hold the boat in the designated area.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall travel to the 60 ft line and remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall begin the task.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately go to the boat, grasp the tow line, tow the bow of the boat across the 60 ft line and deliver the tow line into the handler's hand.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.

**Canine Tow Work****(5 L) Tow Handler 60 by 60 parallel to Shoreline: Travel**

**Task Summary:**

The team shall begin at the 60 ft line in the water. The dog shall tow the handler parallel to shore for 60 ft at a minimum of 60 ft from the shoreline.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler cue the dog to begin the tow and shall end when the judge has observed the completion of the tow.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A Harness Tow Line. (Watersports lead)

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft apart and 60 ft out from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The handler shall remain on the exterior side of the perpendicular line between shore to the 60 ft line and a minimum of 60 ft from shore until the dog has been cued to tow. The dog must remain under the direction of the handler during the task and may only be started for the tow from the exterior side of the perpendicular line between the shore and the 60 ft water line. The dog shall tow the handler on a line that remains parallel with the shoreline and shall not tow the handler to shore. The handler must be towed to within 10 feet of either side of the 60 ft line and the handler must be towed a minimum of 60 ft. The judge may observe this task from shore or sea.

**Task:**

- The team shall enter the starters box
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the 60 ft line and ready themselves on the exterior side of the perpendicular line between shore and the 60 ft water line (Marker).
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall cue the dog to tow the handler parallel to the shoreline along the 60 ft line to a perpendicular line between the shore line and the 60 ft marker on the opposite side.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately begin the tow and follow the course direction of the handler until the handler has reached the required 60 ft.
- The Judge shall signal that the distance has been earned and end the task.

## Canine Boatwork

## **(6 A) Single Novice Retrieve from Boat**

### **Task Summary:**

The dog shall retrieve an article from 60 ft. and return it to the boat.

### **Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog is in the box with the article.

**Time Requirements:** None

### **Team Equipment:**

Any floating article.

### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft apart and 60 ft. out from and parallel to the shoreline.

**Classification of Standards:** None

### **Prescripts:**

The handler may gently restrain the dog by the harness or the life jacket until the dog is released for the retrieve. The handler shall not guide or push the dog forward off the boat. The boat steward shall row the team out to one of the 60 ft. markers and may anchor the boat. The handler may elect to have a steward toss for the team or the handler may toss the article at or beyond the opposite 60 ft marker. A steward may toss from anywhere within or outside the test area. The article shall be a minimum of 60 ft out from the boat when the dog is sent. If the judge is not satisfied with the article's landing the judge may excuse the team while the article is recovered by a steward and made ready for another toss. The dog shall not leave the water before the article has been delivered to the handler.

### **Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall board the boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall remove all hand contact with the dog and cue the dog to retrieve.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the article, grasp the article by mouth, immediately return to the stern of the boat with the article.
- The judge signal the end of the task

## **Canine Boatwork**



## (6 B) Multiple Retrieve from the Water

### **Task Summary:**

The steward shall place three articles in the water a minimum of 60 ft from the boat for group 1 and a minimum of 35 ft for group two. The dog shall leave a boat and complete three 60 ft retrievals and deliver each to the handler.

### **Time limit:**

5 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog shall end when the dog has completed the retrievals.

**Time Requirements:** None

### **Team Equipment:**

Three significantly different (size, weight, shape) floating toys, water articles or other objects.

### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. apart and 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. Two Row boats

### **Classification of Standards:**

Group 1 shall retrieve articles between 60 ft. & 100 ft. from the stern of the handler's boat. Group 2 shall retrieve articles between 35 ft. & 60 ft. from the stern of the handler's boat.

### **Prescripts:**

The handler's boat steward shall keep the boat at a position about 60 ft from the shoreline and 60 ft from the opposite site marker. The article steward shall row out to the 60 ft marker opposite the handler's boat, scatter the retrieve articles a minimum of 10 ft. apart in a water zone of between 60 ft. and 100 ft. from the handler's boat for Group 1 or between 35 ft. and 60 ft. from the handler's boat for Group 2. The article steward shall leave the retrieve area. If natural conditions move the articles a significant distance out of a specific water zone the judge may have a steward quickly move (not throw) the article(s) back into the proper retrieve zone while taking care not to interfere with the dog's work. There shall be no designated retrieve order for the three articles, but dog may only retrieve one article at a time. If an article becomes entangled on the dog, the judge may direct a steward to retrieve the article and place it back in the water zone. The dog shall not leave the water before all the articles have been hand delivered to the handler.

### **Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall board the boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the articles shall be scattered.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog for the first article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, grasp one article by mouth, return to the boat's stern, and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The handler shall then send the dog for another article.
- The dog shall immediately swim to the next article, grasp one article by mouth, immediately return to the boat's stern and release the article into the handler's hand.
- The handler shall then send the dog for the third and final article.
- The dog shall immediately swim to the article, grasp the article by mouth, return to the boat's stern and place the article in the handler's hand.
- The judge signal the end of the task.

## Canine Boatwork

### (6 C) Directed Retrieve from the Water

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall leave the boat and retrieve a designated article among three and deliver it to the handler.

**Time limit:**

90 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog into the water and shall end when the judge has observed the dog's delivery.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Three floating articles, the same in all aspects (size, shape, color, weight, throw lines)

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from the shoreline and about 60 ft apart. Two Row Boats

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall tell the handler which article the dog is to retrieve: "left", "center" or "right" of the handler's boat. The handler's boat steward shall keep the boat at a position about 60 ft from the shoreline and 60 ft from the opposite site marker. The article steward shall row out to the 60 ft marker opposite the handler's boat, toss, drop or place the three retrieve articles in a row, perpendicular with the shoreline, with each article about 30 ft. apart and 60 ft. away from and parallel to the stern of the handler's boat. The article steward shall leave the retrieve area. If natural conditions move the articles a significant distance the judge may have a steward quickly move the article(s) back into the proper retrieve zone while taking care not to interfere with the dog's work. The dog may not grab or mouth a non-designated article. The dog shall not leave the water before the article has been hand delivered to the handler.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall board the boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall toss, drop or place the articles in a row perpendicular to the shoreline and 60 ft from the handler's boat.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog for the designated article.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, go directly to the designated article, grasp the article by mouth, immediately return to the boat's stern and release the article in the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Boatwork

### (6 D) Retrieve from Person on Shore

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall leave the boat, go to the starter's box, take a long line from the steward, and deliver the line to the handler.

**Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the delivery.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

100 ft Long Line.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row boat

**Classification of Standards:** None.

**Prescripts:**

The handler's boat steward shall keep the boat at a position about 60 ft from the shoreline. The long line shall be in the starter's box and the steward shall feed the line out as the dog moves toward the boat. If the line becomes entangled on the dog, the judge may direct a steward to assist the dog. With the handler's approval, the steward may communicate with the dog when the dog reaches the shoreline and is no longer swimming.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall board the boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall enter and remain in the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog to the starter's box to retrieve.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, swim to the starter's box, enter the box, grasp the end of the line by mouth from the steward, take it directly to the stern of the handler's boat and release the line into the handler's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Boatwork

### (6 E) Deliver Long Line to Person on Shore

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall leave the boat, take a long line from the handler to a steward on shore.

**Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the delivery.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

100 ft Long Line.

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers set at about 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row boat

**Classification of Standards:** None.

**Prescripts:**

The handler's boat steward shall keep the boat at a position about 60 ft from the shoreline. The long line shall be in the boat and the handler shall feed the line out as the dog moves toward shore. If the line becomes entangled on the dog, the judge may direct a steward to assist the dog. With the handler's approval, the steward may communicate with the dog when the dog reaches the shoreline and is no longer swimming.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall board the boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward shall enter and remain in the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog off the boat, hand the dog the long line and direct the dog to the starter's box.
- The dog shall immediately enter the water, grasp the end of the line by mouth, go directly to the starter's box, enter the box and release the line into the steward's hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Boatwork

### (6 F) Directed Delivery of Long Line between Boats

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall leave the boat, take a long line from the handler, and deliver it to a designated boater from among two boaters 60 ft. away.

**Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the delivery.

**Time Requirements:**

None

**Team Equipment:**

100 ft. Long line.

**Site Equipment:**

A pair of distance markers set at 60 ft. apart and 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline.  
Three Boats.

**Classification of Standards:**

none.

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall identify, the “shoreward” or the “waterward”, boat as the designated target for the dog. The handler’s boat steward shall keep the boat at a position about 60 ft from the shoreline and 60 ft from the other boats. Two boaters shall position themselves 30 ft apart inside an area between 60 ft. and 100 ft from the shoreline and a minimum of 60 ft. from the handler’s boat. The steward may sit or kneel on the stern platform to receive the line. Delivery to a non designated boat shall be declared if the dog swims within three feet of a non designated boat. The dog shall not leave the water before the delivery.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter’s box.
- Upon signal of the judge the team shall board a row boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal of the judge the two boaters shall set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog off the boat, hand the dog the tow line and direct the dog to the designated boat.
- The dog shall immediately leave the boat, grasp the line by mouth, tow the line to the designated boat’s stern, release the line to the boater’s hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Boatwork

### (6 G) Directed Retrieve of Long Line between Boats

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall leave the boat, and swim to a designated boater from among two boaters 60 ft. away. The dog shall take the end of a long line from the designated boater and deliver it to the handler .

**Time limit:**

2 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the judge has observed the delivery.

**Time Requirements:**

None

**Team Equipment:**

100 ft. Long line.

**Site Equipment:**

A pair of distance markers set at 60 ft. apart and 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline.  
Three Row Boats.

**Classification of Standards:**

none.

**Prescripts:**

The judge shall identify, the “shoreward” or the “waterward”, boat as the designated target for the dog. The handler’s boat steward shall keep the boat at a position about 60 ft from the shoreline and 60 ft from the other boats. Two boaters shall position themselves 30 ft apart inside an area between 60 ft. and 100 ft, on a perpendicular line with the shoreline, and a minimum of 60 ft. from the handler’s boat. The steward may sit or kneel on the stern platform to transfer the line. The line may be dropped or handed to the dog when the dog is within three feet of the boat and the steward may speak to the dog at this point if so advised by the handler. An attempt to retrieve from a non designated boat shall be declared if the dog swims within three feet of a non designated boat. The dog shall not leave the water before the delivery is completed.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter’s box.
- Upon signal of the judge the team shall board a row boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal of the judge the two boaters shall set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog off the boat and direct the dog to the designated boat.
- The dog shall immediately leave the boat, swim to the designated boater, grasp the line by mouth, tow the line to the stern of the handler’s boat and release the line to the handler’s hand.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Boatwork

### (6 H) Deliver to and Tow Swimmer on Life Ring

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall leave the boat, take a life ring from the handler, deliver the line to a swimmer 60 ft. from the handler's boat and tow the swimmer to the boat.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the swimmer grasps the boat.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Life Ring and tow line.

**Site Equipment:**

Pair of markers set 60 ft. apart and 60 ft. from and parallel to the shoreline. One Row boat.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The handler's boat steward shall keep the boat at a position about 60 ft from the shoreline. A swimmer shall swim out to a position about 60 ft. from the shoreline and 60 ft. from the handler's boat. The swimmer shall grasp the life ring when it is within arms reach. The judge shall immediately stop the task if the dog climbs on the swimmer. The dog may not leave the water before the completion of the tow.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal of the judge the team shall board a row boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal of the judge the steward shall enter the water and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall send the dog off the boat, hand the dog the tow line with the life ring and direct the dog to the swimmer.
- The dog shall immediately leave the boat, grasp the line for the life ring by mouth, tow the article directly to the swimmer, remain with the swimmer until the swimmer grasps the life ring, and tow the swimmer to the boat.
- The swimmer shall grasp the boat when it is within arms reach.
- The judge shall signal the end of the task.

## Canine Boatwork

### (6 I) Dive Retrieve from a Boat

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall immediately dive off the boat, submerge its entire body, retrieve the article and bring it to the surface.

**Time limit:**

60 seconds. Timing shall begin when the handler sends the dog and shall end when the dog completes the retrieve.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

Any dive or underwater article. The handler may have two dive articles on the boat.

**Site Equipment:**

A row boat with a stern platform.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The handler shall advise the judge who will make the toss of the article, a steward or the handler. If the steward is to make the toss the handler may consult with the steward and show the steward the placement technique desired by the handler for the dog. The handler's hands shall not be placed underwater for the purpose of guiding, luring or directing the dog. If the dog is having difficulty locating the article due to test conditions the judge may grant permission for a second article to be tossed. The dog may make as many dive attempts as needed to complete the task within the time limit. The dog shall dive directly underwater from the boat platform to make the retrieve. Should the dog surface without the article, the handler may, if time permits, bring the dog back on the platform for another jump. The dog may not make the retrieve from a swim dive unless the dog has first demonstrated a complete underwater dive for the retrieve off the boat platform. The judge shall take into consideration the length of a dog's coat. The judge shall not disqualify a dog's dive if the entire coat on the dog's back or the tail does not completely submerge. The dog shall not leave the water before the completion of the retrieve.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall enter the boat and set up for the task.
- Upon signal from the judge either the handler or a steward shall toss or drop the diving article into the water in front of the dog.
- Without further direction from the judge the handler shall send the dog to retrieve the article.
- The dog shall jump from the boat platform, diving directly underwater, submerging its entire body, retrieve the article and bring it to the surface.
- The Judge shall signal the end of the task.



## **Canine Boatwork**

### **(6 J) Rescue Tow of Handler, Sea to Shore off boat**

#### **Task Summary:**

The team shall board the platform of a row boat. A steward shall row the team to the 60 ft line. The handler shall enter the water off the platform and pretend to be in distress. The dog shall be released by the steward. The dog shall leave the boat from the platform and swim to the handler. The dog shall circle the handler until the handler is able to grasp the harness line. The dog shall tow the handler to shore.

#### **Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler calls the dog and shall end when the dog has completed the tow.

**Time Requirements:** None

#### **Team Equipment:**

A Harness Tow Line (Watersports Lead)

#### **Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft apart and 60 ft. out from and parallel to the shoreline. One or two markers set in a depth of water 20 inches deep to indicate shallow water for tow. Row boat.

**Classification of Standards:** None

#### **Prescripts:**

The boat steward shall row the team out to one the 60 ft. line and shall maintain the boat on the waterward side of 60 ft line without anchoring. The steward shall not communicate with the team until instructed by the judge. The steward shall keep the stern facing the handler once the handler has entered the water. The boater shall row waterward when the dog leaves the boat. The handler may not stand in the boat at any time. The handler may leave the boat by sliding, rolling or sit-diving into the water and shall swim away from the boat enough to allow the dog to jump safely. Once clear of the boat the handler shall splash and move about as if in distress until the dog leaves the boat. Once on board the boat the dog shall not leave the boat platform, especially during the handler's splashing, until signaled by the steward. The handler shall not communicate with or signal the dog until after the steward has released the dog from the platform. The dog may be physically and vocally active, but shall remain on the platform until released. The handler may gently kick to get the tow started or gently kick under conditions pre-approved by the judge, but otherwise shall remain inactive during the tow. The dog shall circle, loop or move so that the swimmer is able to grasp the floating harness line on the dog's harness.

#### **Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall board the boat, the steward shall row the team to the 60 ft line.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall enter the water from the boat platform.
- Once in the water and clear of the boat the handler shall splash as if in distress until the dog enters the water.
- The judge shall signal the steward to send the dog to help the handler.

- Upon signal from the steward, the dog shall immediately enter the water off the platform, swim to the handler, remain with the handler until the handler is able to grasp the dog's harness tow line, then tow the handler to shore.
- The dog shall tow the handler until the handler is grounded or the handler's torso is on the shore side of the shallow water line.
- The judge signal the end of the task.

### Canine Boatwork

#### (6 K) Tow Handler from Sea to Boat/ Dog leaves boater.

**Task Summary:**

The dog shall be left on the boat platform while the handler travels to the waterward side of the 60 ft line. The Steward shall row the dog to a position along the 60 ft line and 60 ft away from the handler. When called by the handler the dog shall leave the boat's platform, swim to the handler, circle the handler until the handler can grasp the harness tow line, and tow the handler to the boat.

**Time limit:**

3 minutes. Timing shall begin when the handler calls the dog and shall end when the handler has grasped the boat.

**Time Requirements:** None

**Team Equipment:**

A Harness Tow Line (Watersports Lead)

**Site Equipment:**

Two markers, placed at or about 60 ft apart and 60 ft. waterward from and parallel to the shoreline. Row boat.

**Classification of Standards:** None

**Prescripts:**

The handler shall travel to and remain on the waterward side of the 60 ft line and the exterior side of the perpendicular line between one of the 60 ft markers and the shoreline. The handler may gently kick to get the tow started or gently kick under conditions pre-approved by the judge, but otherwise shall remain inactive during the tow. The steward shall not communicate with the team unless instructed by the judge. The judge may signal the steward to begin rowing anytime after the handler has left the dog on the boat. The steward shall row the boat with the dog out to the 60 ft. line and shall maintain the boat on the waterward side of 60 ft line and the exterior side of the perpendicular line between the opposite 60 ft marker and the shoreline. The steward may anchor the boat. The steward shall keep the stern facing the handler. The dog shall remain calm and quiet on the platform until called by the handler. The dog shall circle, loop or move so that the swimmer is able to grasp the floating harness line on the dog's harness.

**Task:**

- The Team shall enter the starter's box.
- Upon signal from the judge the team shall travel to the boat, where the handler shall leave the dog on the boat platform and travel to designated position outside the 60 ft line.
- Upon signal from the judge the steward row the boat to the opposite 60 ft marker and hold the stern of the boat facing the handler.
- Upon signal from the judge the handler shall call the dog to come to the handler.
- Upon signal from the handler the dog shall immediately leave the boat platform and travel to within arms reach of the handler. The dog shall remain with the handler until the handler is able to grasp the harness tow line.
- The handler shall grasp the harness tow line and send the dog tow to the boat.

- The dog shall tow the handler close enough to the boat so that the handler may grasp the boat.
- When within arms reach of the boat the handler shall grasp the boat.
- The judge signal the end of the task.